

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley

Greater Lowell Falls Intervention Project

2016-2017 Grant Recipient

GRANT

\$40,000 was awarded to the Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley to reduce falls in older adults.

Four teams comprised of Care Managers and Registered Nurses made referrals to their consumers to the Falls Coordinator at ESMV. The Falls Coordinator also worked with Council's on Aging to present the program to older adults or allow them to meet with the coordinator to receive screening and education.

They also spoke at community events and conferences about the program.

IMPACT

Hands on work for this project began in November 2016. As of September 30, 2017 they have received 264 referrals for a Falls Screening. 96 older adults were screened for falls risk using STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths and Injuries). 14 in home safety assessments were conducted as follow up home visits.

ESMV is continuing to work with their Administration for Community Living (ACL) fund and hoping to put the falls screening program into a package that could be shared nationally.

