New York State Office for the Aging can provide technical assistance to help community empowerment initiatives that support aging in place.

Governor Paterson has provided state funding for start-up grants for this initiative. In 2009, fifteen applicants were funded to promote innovative strategies that will help residents continue to age in their communities.

Technical assistance will be provided to these and other communities to enable older persons to age in the community and stay in their neighborhoods.

The New York State Office for the Aging believes in the value of older adults as a community resource to help solve problems, volunteer, and share their wealth of experience and expertise.

New York's efforts to address the challenges presented by a growing and diverse elderly population are rooted in the central principle of our aging services philosophy:

to promote the independence of seniors by serving them – where they want to be served and where it is most cost-effective to serve them - in their homes and communities.

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Older New Yorkers want to live independently and age with dignity in the community.

Locally developed and directed action plans determine what communities can do to make sure that everyone can be treated with respect and dignity.

The New York State Office for the Aging Technical Assistance for Supportive Communities
will support community efforts to become elder-friendly and livable communities for people of all ages by providing technical assistance to individuals and community organizations from across the state to plan and expand supportive communities

The New York State Office for Aging Technical Assistance for Supportive Communities can provide:

- replicable model practices,
- a model guideline for planning and zoning,
- conference calls and meetings of regional leaders,
- sample talking points to raise awareness on the need for community empowerment,
- help to stimulate discussions among stakeholders that will lead to local action,
- recruitment of retired community leaders and professionals with expertise in non-profit, business or aging related fields to provide local leadership
- support for the development of locally based coalitions that will work towards supporting aging friendly communities, and
- speakers at regional conferences to promote the growth of the community empowerment movement.

http://www.aging.ny.gov/EmpoweringCommunities/BestPractices/BestPractices.cfm