# Filling the Emergency Preparedness Gap for Older Populations

This project seeks to support aging residents and their caregivers in the communities of Stamford, West Haven, and New London. We will assess the status of extreme weather emergency preparedness and provide additional resources to support these communities.

### 1. ROUNDTABLES

Hold discussions with community groups engaged in emergency preparedness and those agencies that support older adults and underserved residents.

### 2. LISTENING SESSIONS

Facilitate community listening sessions at senior living communities, libraries, senior centers, community health centers and shelters.

# **3.SURVEYS**

Survey residents about extreme weather preparedness, risk awareness, individual needs and challenges.



#### 4. PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMMING

Meet the immediate informational needs of older adults and underserved residents with preparedness programming materials and events.



# 5. 'SAFER' AMBASSADORS

Establish long-term preparedness support

for aging community members that can be expanded to other coastal communities facing comparable challenges.

### 6. OUTREACH

Provide periodic newsletters, videos, or posters about emergency preparedness.



# 7. ASSESSMENT

Evaluate if these approaches provide a viable model for other coastal communities.



#### 8. FEASIBILITY REPORT

Generate a report based on roundtables, listening sessions, survey responses and community partner feedback to share best practices.









#### Filling the Emergency Preparedness Gap for Older and Underserved Populations in Select Coastal Connecticut Communities

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