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# ABADANA (Scheme for Welfare & Protection of Senior Citizens)

ABADANA is Odisha's umbrella scheme for senior citizens. It funds old age homes, day service centres, health on wheels, helplines, caregiver training and groups of senior citizens, mostly through NGOs and local bodies.

## What you may get

Support covers old age homes that give food, shelter and care free of cost, day service centres, centres for elderly with disabilities, mobile medicare units, helplines, surgery and assistive devices, and caregiver training. Registered senior citizen SHGs get one-time start-up help of Rs 50,000. Most funds go to the organisations that run these services.

## Who it is for

Registered NGOs, senior citizen associations, Vridha Sanghas, SHGs of senior citizens, local bodies and charitable hospitals or medical institutions, with district offices. Senior citizens gain through the services these bodies run.

## Main conditions

- NGOs, local bodies and senior citizens associations can ask for support to run old age homes in areas that have none or too few.
- An SHG of senior citizens must be duly formed and registered with the District Social Security Officer to get the Rs 50,000 start-up help.
- Health on wheels support goes to agencies with a good record of serving the elderly or giving free medical care, and each unit should reach at least 500 senior citizens a month.
- Day service centre support is meant mainly for NGOs with a good record of working with senior citizens, at strategic locations.

## How to apply

1. NGOs send the request for funds to the SSEPD Department in the prescribed proforma (Annexure C) with supporting documents.
2. Senior citizen SHGs register with the District Social Security Officer of their district so that they can be considered for the start-up help.
3. District Collectors prepare the action plan and budget for their district, so local programmes run through the district office.

## Status

Active

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