



5 Tips for **COUNTY OFFICIALS** to Work Creatively in Tough Fiscal Times

1. **Blend** funding from different funding streams for shared programming and services (e.g., EPA+AAA=older adult environmental health coaches for elementary schools and senior centers)
2. Utilize existing facilities for **additional** functions (e.g., school buildings expanded to become community centers)
3. Encourage **shared** sites and transportation for elders' and children's services, and promote intergenerational programming (e.g. Head Start and senior center co-located activities)
4. Extract **added value** from existing funds for designated populations by infusing an intergenerational approach (e.g., school district funds cover transportation of retired teachers to schools to mentor new teachers and volunteer with students)
5. Get 100+ **more** ideas for solving multiple problems using single solutions at www.viablefuturestoolkit.org. Here you can download the *Viable Futures Toolkit* and learn about what other communities are doing to turn tough fiscal times into opportunities for creative problem-solving.