



## Transforming Data Management for AgeGuide



AgeGuide, an Area Agency on Aging, approached Databridge Solutions to help address a critical challenge in managing their Title III Grantee Financial Status Reports. The agency works with over 50 service providers, each using individual Excel workbooks to track program-specific funding, clients served, units delivered, and more. Some workbooks contained data on as many as 12 different services.

Although the data collected was thorough and valuable, the fragmented format across workbooks and many tabs made it difficult for AgeGuide to gain meaningful insights, hindering valuable reporting and decision making.

### Challenges

#### 1. Data Fragmentation

Information was scattered across over 50 individual Excel workbooks, each containing multiple tabs for various services, making it difficult to consolidate and view the data holistically.

#### 2. Time-Consuming Manual Processes

Staff members spent hours manually combing through data from each provider, significantly delaying their ability to make decisions.

#### 3. Limited Strategic Insight

The absence of an integrated system or unified reporting mechanism made it hard to assess how effectively grant funding was being used across all providers and programs.



# Solutions

Databridge Solutions provided a tailored data integration solution that met AgeGuide's specific needs:

## 1. Data Consolidation

Databridge Solutions combined data from 50 Excel workbooks into a central repository. This allowed AgeGuide to view and analyze information across all service providers at once, providing a comprehensive understanding of how grant funds were being utilized.

## 2. Data Cleaning and Standardization

The team at Databridge cleaned and standardized the data, ensuring accuracy and consistency for future analysis.

## 3. Interactive Dashboard

Custom dashboards were created to visualize key metrics such as funding allocation, persons served, and program outcomes. These dashboards allowed AgeGuide to quickly assess the effectiveness of its service providers and make data-driven decisions about grant funding.

## 4. Seamless Software Integration

During the project, AgeGuide transitioned to a new accounting software. Databridge Solutions ensured a smooth integration of historical Excel data into the new system, maintaining continuity and preventing data loss.

# Results

The implementation of Databridge Solutions' system brought measurable improvements:

## Improved Decision-Making

AgeGuide now has access to real-time data insights through the dashboards, empowering the agency to make informed decisions about resource allocation and program adjustments. This was particularly useful in budget discussions for upcoming funding cycles.

## Increased Efficiency

Where staff previously spent hours manually aggregating and analyzing data, they can now access key insights within minutes. This has freed up time for more strategic initiatives.

## Seamless Transition to New Systems

Databridge facilitated the integration of the old Excel-based data system with the new accounting software, ensuring no learning curve for the staff and preserving continuity in data reporting.

# Conclusion

By partnering with Databridge Solutions, AgeGuide was able to overcome significant data management challenges without disrupting their processes. The custom solution provided by Databridge not only enhanced their ability to manage and report on grant funding but also saved valuable time and resources. AgeGuide is now better equipped to assess their impact and optimize their programs, helping them continue to serve their community effectively.



## Databridge Products and Services Used

- Data Consolidation and Cleaning
- Custom Dashboard Creation
- Data Integration with New Software Systems

## Who We Are

Databridge Solutions, founded by the Watkins Brothers, is dedicated to empowering nonprofit social service organizations and for-profit companies through advanced IT solutions and data analysis. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by these organizations, we offer customized services including data integration, automated process management, and grant compliance and data reporting. Our mission is to enhance operational efficiency, allowing nonprofits to focus on their core missions and maximize their impact, and companies to grow. By bridging the gap between limited resources and the need for sophisticated technology, we help our clients achieve their goals effectively.

Our solutions work alongside your current software solutions, providing comprehensive functionality without complicated integrations. We can work with any existing system and across different platforms to get you the results you need.