American Recovery Act Funding

Funding to be expended by September 30, 2022

The American Recovery Plan Act includes funding for programs serving older adults. The COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affected older adults. Use of ARPA funds will be targeted toward reducing the impact of COVID-19 on high-risk populations. Projects may include food, social engagement, and long-term care services to help older adults forego isolation and get the supports they need. We encourage project applications that address critical needs exacerbated by the pandemic such as, Mental Health Services, Chore Services, Social Isolation, and Food Insecurity. This RFP is open to municipalities and nonprofit organizations serving older adults in South Central CT. Applicants must serve older adults and/or their caregivers. All services must meet the descriptions provided in the current, State Unit on Aging MIS Services guide.

APPLICATION REVIEWS: Applications will be reviewed by an Allocations Committee comprised of AOASCC Board of Directors members and Advisory Council members.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis utilizing the following criteria:
alignment with American Recovery Plan Act funding goals

- level of need for the project as demonstrated by alignment with AOASCCs Area Plan
- ability of the project to serve Older Americans Act target populations
- geographic area(s) served (An effort is made to balance fund distribution throughout the south central CT area based on the population of poor and minority seniors.)
- reasonableness of the project plan
- qualifications of staff assigned to the project
- project budget and proposed unit cost.

The Allocations Committee will provide a list of recommended projects to the AOASCC Board of Directors; the Board of Directors will vote to select the awardees. Funding announcements are expected to be made on or around February 1, 2022 and funding must be expended by September 30, 2022.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Services must target adults aged 60 years and over, living in AOASCC’s 20 town area, with funding preference given to programs serving older persons in greatest economic or social need with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and persons at risk of institutionalization. The number of low income and the number of minority older individuals to be served should be, at a minimum, in the same proportion as represented in the older population of the towns to be served according to the most recent U.S. census.

Title III funds may not supplant Medicaid funds.

Each grantee must offer participants in Title III funded projects the opportunity to contribute voluntarily to the cost of activities. Applications **must** address the method for requesting and securing contributions.

Title III funded projects **must** include matching funds from non-federal sources. Match percentages are calculated on the total project cost. Certification of the availability of the non-federal matching funds must be included in the budget. Match percentages are as follows: Title III B-15% Title III D- 0% Title III E-25% 8. Applicants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with (1) the AOASCC Policy and Procedure Manual for Title III Grants, (2) the Older Americans Act, (3) the current AOASCC Area Plan on Aging.

All grants awarded will be monitored by AOASCC, as required by the federal government. The process includes an annual monitoring visit, monthly claim submissions, a year-end report, and additional reporting when requested by the State Unit on Aging.

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