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Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Funding for Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance for Older Americans Act (OAA) Title VI Native American Programs

Funding Opportunity Announcement and Grant Application Instructions

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Funding Opportunity Title: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Funding for Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance for OAA Title VI Native American Programs

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2023-ACL-MITR-2301

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.071

Key Dates: The deadline date for submission of applications is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday July 27, 2023.

> Applications that fail to meet the application due date will not be reviewed and will receive no further consideration. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application a minimum of 3-5 days prior to the application closing date.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The purpose of MIPPA funding is to enhance efforts to provide assistance to Medicare beneficiaries through outreach activities to beneficiaries likely to be eligible for the Low-Income Subsidy program (LIS) or the Medicare Savings Program (MSP).

Title VI Native American Program can fill an important role in providing valuable support to Native American elders who are eligible for the LIS, MSP, Medicare Part D, Medicare prevention benefits and screenings and in assisting beneficiaries in applying for benefits.

ACL/AoA has a total budget of $600,000 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 funding. The funds will be distributed on a formula basis according to the number of elders each tribe reported having in the FY2023 application for Title VI grants. Each application will receive the award in the amount of at least $2,000.

The purpose of these grants will be **for the coordination of at least one community announcement and one outreach event to inform eligible Native American elders about the benefits available to them through Medicare Part D, LIS, MSP or Medicare prevention benefits and screenings**. All expenditures must be properly documented and allowable under the cost principles.

Performance Goal

Grantees are expected to provide a minimum of one community announcement and one community outreach event to eligible Native Americans about Medicare Part D, LIS, MSP, or prevention/wellness benefit programs and assist them in enrollment.

Collaboration

Where applicable to maximize resources, it is recommended that community collaboration occur with the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Tribal/Indian Health Service and/or the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

Statutory Authority

The statutory authority for grants under this program announcement is contained in the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 – Section 119, Public Law (PL) 110-275 as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Affordable Care Act), reauthorized by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA), reauthorized by section 110 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 reauthorized by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization act of 2015, reauthorized by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 and Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

Award Information

The project period for these awards is 12 months (9/1/2023 – 8/31/2024). The anticipated award date is September 1, 2023.

II. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Only current FY2023-2026 Title VI Native American Program grantees are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing does not apply.

3. Application Screening Criteria

Applications for funding must be received via email (MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov) on or before the date and time as identified in Section III, Item 3, Submission Date and Time stated below (July 27, 2023, 11:59 p.m., ET.). **There will be no exceptions to this application submission deadline**. We encourage all eligible applicants to submit their application for funding well in advance of the date and time specified.

III. Application and Submission Information

1. Application Package

The application for this funding opportunity is the form entitled "Application for FY23 Tribal MIPPA Funding" located in Section VIII of this document.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

a. Letter of Intent

No letter of Intent Required.

b. Application (attachment)

Title VI Native American Programs are required to submit a signed application form. In the application, the applicant will agree to provide a minimum of one community announcement and one outreach event to eligible American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians about the Medicare Part D, LIS and MSP, or Medicare prevention benefits and screenings programs.

3. Submission Date and Time

The deadline for submission of the funding application under this program announcement is July 27, 2023, 11:59 p.m., ET. via email only (MIIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov). **No applications will be accepted after this date.** Applicants are encouraged to submit the application a minimum of 3-5 days prior to the application closing date.

4. Intergovernmental Review

This funding opportunity announcement is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

5. Funding Restrictions

The following activities are not eligible for funding:

- Construction and/or major rehabilitation of buildings
- Basic research (e.g. scientific or medical experiments)
- Continuation of existing projects without expansion or new and innovative approaches.

Note: A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report number 11-43 has raised considerable concerns about grantees and contractors charging the Federal government for additional meals outside of the standard allowance for travel subsistence known as per diem expenses. Executive Orders on Promoting Efficient Spending (EO 13589) and Delivering Efficient, Effective and Accountable

Government (EO 13576) have been issued and instruct Federal agencies to promote efficient spending. Therefore, if meals are to be charged in your proposal, applicants should understand such costs must meet the following criteria outlined in the Executive Orders and 45 CFR Part 75:

- ***Meals are generally unallowable except for the following:***
  - *For subjects and patients under study (usually a research program);*
  - *Where specifically approved as part of the project or program activity, e.g., in programs providing children's services (e.g., Head Start);*
  - *When an organization customarily provides meals to employees working beyond the normal workday, as a part of a formal compensation arrangement;*
  - *As part of a per diem or subsistence allowance provided in conjunction with allowable travel; and*
  - *Under a conference grant, when meals are a necessary and integral part of a conference, provided that meal costs are not duplicated in participants' per diem or subsistence allowances. (Note: conference grant means the sole purpose of the award is to hold a conference)*

6. Other Submissions Requirements

Please include only one application per email. If your organization receives multiple Title VI awards from ACL, please send separate email for each application Signed applications must be submitted via email to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the words "2023 MIPPA Application: State, Name of Tribe, [*Your Title VI Part A Grant Number*]" on the subject line.

For your organization to receive an "Application Received" message from MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov mailbox for tracking purposes, please make sure the keyword "Application" is included on the subject line.

IV. Application Review Information

1. Criteria

Does not apply. All grantees who meet the eligibility criteria will be funded.

2. Review and Selection Process

These applications are non-competitive and will be reviewed internally by Federal personnel for eligibility.

V. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

Eligible applicants will receive an official Notice of Award (NoA), signed by the ACL Grants Management Officer (GMO) that will set forth the amount of the award, the grant project period, and other pertinent information.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS awards under Title 45 CFR Part 75 and the Standard Terms and Conditions.

3. Reporting

Grant recipients must provide to ACL/AoA written documentation of the event(s) funded under this grant within 90 days of occurrence. Documentation may be submitted in any format, but must include a brief description of the event(s), date(s), location(s), number of participants, activities (e.g. speakers, handouts, etc.). The narrative report should be submitted via email to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the words "FY23 Report: State, Name of Tribe, *[Your MIPPA Grant Number]*" on the subject line.

One final Federal Financial Report (FFR/SF-425) must be submitted using the HHS' Payment Management System (PMS) within 120 days after the project period end date.

PMS website is located at https://pms.psc.gov. Information regarding FFR can be obtained at https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/ffr-updates.html.

All funds must be obligated no later than the end of the one-year project period. Funds must be drawn down from the Payment Management System (PMS) within 120 days after the project period end date.

4. FFATA and FSRS Reporting

The Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires data entry at the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (http://www.FSRS.gov) for all sub-awards and sub-contracts issued for $25,000 or more as well as addressing executive compensation for both grantee and sub-award organizations.

For further guidance please see the following link: https://www.acl.gov/grants/managing-grant, click on Terms and Conditions to locate FFATA.

VI. Agency Contacts

Program Office (for programmatic questions):
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Grants Management Office (for fiscal questions):
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Administration for Community Living
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VII. Other Information

1. Application Elements

One-page application is attached.

2. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13)

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The project description and Budget Narrative/Justification is approved under OMB control number 0985-0018. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed and reviewing the collection information.