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TO: Service Providers
FROM: Maureen McIntyre, Chief Executive Officer
DATE: February 5, 2024 (updated 05-22-2024)

RE: OLDER AMERICANS ACT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (NCAAA) is soliciting proposals for programs that serve older persons (age 60 and older) and their families in the North Central Connecticut Region under Title III-B, D, and E of the Older Americans Act (1965, as amended) The project period for proposals being solicited will run from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Proposals are due no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 at 11:59pm EST.
Applications must be completed online and can be accessed from the NCAAA website at www.ncaaact.org. No paper applications will be accepted.

Federal Fiscal Year 2025 NCAAA Title III B, D, E Request for Proposal (RFP) Timetable

RFP Process Opens	February 5, 2024
Technical Assistance Session (Via TEAMS)	February 14, 2024
Application Final Filing Date	March 15, 2024, by 11:59pm
Allocation Committee Review & Applicant Presentations	May (TBD)
NCAAA Advisory Council Recommendations	June 18, 2024
NCAAA Board of Directors Approval	June 26, 2024
Notification of Funding Status to Applicants	July 2024
Title III Project Period Begins	October 1, 2024

Proposals will be accepted for the following service categories for OAA funding streams:

- Title III-B: Supportive Services and Senior Centers.
- Title III-D: Evidence-Based Health Promotion; and
- Title III-E: Family Caregiver Support.

TITLE III-B: SUPPORTIVE SERVICES & SENIOR CENTERS

1. **Access** – Programs that decrease the isolation and alienation of older persons. Programs shall provide older persons access to available services. Services include outreach, transportation, and information and referral. Programs designed to provide enhanced and/or integrated access to community-based health services are also encouraged.
2. **Legal** – Programs that will ensure free or low-cost legal services are available to low income, culturally and/or geographically isolated older persons in the North Central region.
3. **In-Home** – Programs that provide new or expanded services, which may include homemaker, home health aide, chore, and companion. These programs should give preference to older persons with the greatest social and economic need, with particular attention to low-income older individuals, low income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas.

Enhancing the quality of life for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers in North Central Connecticut by ensuring that they have access to quality, cost-effective services.



4. Adult Day Care – Programs that provide a structured program of social, health, and rehabilitative services for frail older adults in an effort to prevent premature institutionalization and provide respite for caregivers.
5. Community Services – Programs that provide opportunities, foster independent action, create intergenerational opportunities, and provide specific services to the older adult community such as economic development, housing and job placement, and health services. Programs providing services that are coordinated and delivered through multipurpose senior centers are strongly encouraged.
6. Community Education/Counseling – Programs that educate communities about issues, services, and products designed to assist seniors their families and caregivers. Programs designed for older individuals with respect to mental health services, including outreach for, education concerning, and screening for such services, and referral to such services for treatment are strongly encouraged.

TITLE III-D: EVIDENCE-BASED DISEASE PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION

Evidence-based health promotion programs, including programs related to the prevention and mitigation of the effects of chronic disease (including but not limited to osteoporosis, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease), alcohol and substance abuse reduction, smoking cessation, weight loss and control, stress management, falls prevention, physical activity, and improved nutrition. Proposed programs must include an evidence-based intervention that meets the highest criteria level, established by the Administration on Aging (AoA), as noted below. The proposal must identify the evidence-based intervention upon which the program is based and describe the intervention and documented outcomes. The proposal must identify the core components of the evidence-based intervention that will be provided through the funded program. All programs using Title IIID funds will have to meet these criteria:

- Demonstrated through evaluation to be effective for improving the health and wellbeing or reducing disease, disability, and/or injury among older adults; and
- Proven effective with older adult population, using Experimental or Quasi-Experimental Design; and
- Research results published in a peer-reviewed journal; and
- Fully translated in one or more community site(s); and includes developed dissemination products that are available to the public.

TITLE III-E: NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Programs that provide new or expanded caregiver support services to grandparents, step-grandparents, or relatives (other than the parent), by blood, marriage, or adoption, who are 55 years or older, and are primary caregivers and legal guardians of a relative child not more than 18 years of age, or the parent, grandparent, or other older relative of an adult relative with disabilities. These services may include, but are not limited to: information about the availability of support services, assistance in gaining access, individual and group counseling to help make decisions and solve problems, direct services such as child care for children while caregivers attend medical appointments, and transportation to medical appointments. These programs shall give priority to caregivers who provide care for children with severe disabilities.

All Older Americans Act, Title III awards are contingent upon NCAAA's receipt of federal and state funding. Not-for-profit, public, and proprietary agencies are eligible to apply.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

If you have questions about completing the grant application, there will be an explanatory session offered on **Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** No further in-person assistance will be available during the grant application period. New applicants are *strongly encouraged to attend this session.* (see **TEAMS link below**) please contact Crystal Bailey at 860-724-6443 ext. 246 or crystal.bailey@ncaact.org with any questions you may have.



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Applications can be accessed from the NCAA website at www.ncaaact.org.

The online application must be submitted.

No other application form will be accepted. No paper applications will be accepted.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

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