

Older Americans Act Title III-B Supportive Services for Tribal Nations and Providers in Minnesota

Timeline

Application period opens:	September 28, 2026
Application Q&A and technical assistance period:	September 28 – October 19, 2026
Last day to submit questions:	October 19, 2026
Applications due:	October 20, 2026
Applicants informed of award decisions:	October 30, 2026
Fully executed contract due:	December 18, 2026
Services begin (as early as):	January 1, 2027

Introduction

Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging (MIAAA) seeks tribal, nonprofits and for-profit agencies (with special approval by MIAAA and the Minnesota Board on Aging) to provide Older Americans Act Title III-B funded supportive services that make community living possible. Delivery of services to begin as early as January 1, 2027, to people 60 years of age or older in the following 9 federally recognized American Indian tribes with reservations throughout Minnesota: Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Prairie Island Indian Community, Lower Sioux Indian Community, and Upper Sioux Community.

The following proposals will not be accepted: joint applications, applications that include subcontracts without prior approval from the MIAAA, applications submitted by individuals, and applicants from agencies who do not have permission from Tribal Nations to provide services on their reservation.

Funding Details

Awarded applicants will be eligible to receive OAA funds for calendar year 2027. MIAAA's next open grant round is to take place for 2028. Services are to be provided from the contract start date of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. Award amounts will be between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

Total 2027 Title III funds available:

- OAA Title III-B Supportive Services - \$94,158

Service Definitions and Priorities

Service	Unit	Service Definition	Registered
Chore	1 hour	Performance of heavy household tasks (including but not limited to washing floors, windows and walls; basic home maintenance; or moving or removal of large household furnishings and heavy appliances) provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings. Tasks may include yard work or sidewalk maintenance in addition to heavy housework.	Yes
Homemaker	1 hour	Performance of light housekeeping tasks provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings. Task may include assistance such as preparing meals, shopping for food and other personal items, managing money, answering or making telephone calls /other electronic communication or doing light housework (including but not limited to laundry).	Yes



Service	Unit	Service Definition	Registered
Assisted Transportation	1 one-way trip	Services or activities that provide or arrange for the travel, including travel costs, of individuals from one location to another. This service includes escort or other appropriate assistance for a person who has difficulties (physical or cognitive) using regular vehicular transportation. Provides a gentle arm for assistance from the first door of the rider's residence, to any type of vehicle and from the vehicle to the first door of the destination. Assistance with mobility devices and other types of assistance to ensure the older individual is supported within this service delivery.	Yes
Transportation	1 one-way trip	Provision of a means for going from one location to another. Does not include other activity.	No
Information Assistance	1 contact	A service that: • Provides the individuals with current information on opportunities and services available to the individuals within their communities, including information relating to assistive technology; • Assesses the problems and capacities of the individuals; • Links the individuals to the opportunities and services that are available; • To the maximum extent practicable, ensures that the individuals receive the services needed by the individuals, and are aware of the opportunities available to the individuals, by establishing adequate follow- up procedures; and • Serves the entire community of older individuals, particularly—older individuals with greatest social need; older individuals with greatest economic need; and older individuals at risk for institutional placement.	No





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		Information and assistance topics include, but are not limited to: Medicare, long- term care insurance, prescription drug programs, forms assistance and pension rights. Information and assistance services can be provided through county coordinators on aging, Senior Linkage Line, or individual advocacy.	
Self-Directed Supportive Services	N/A	Services and supports directly chosen and purchased by an individual through using an individual budget allocation to meet their identified supportive service needs.	Yes
Home Modification	1 project	Home Modification: Physical adaptations to the home that are necessary to ensure the health and safety of an individual or that enables the individual to function with greater independence in their home. Up to \$500 of Title III-B or III-E Supplemental funds may be spent per client at the discretion of the AAA. Proposed projects using between \$501 and \$1,000 may be submitted to MBA through a waiver request. No home modifications above \$1,000 may be considered. See Supportive Services Policy.	No
Consumable Supplies	1 delivery	Provision of consumable supplies or material aid to an older adult to meet basic necessities such as groceries, cleaning supplies, incontinence items or personal protective equipment (PPE) (i.e., masks, disposable gloves, face shield).	No
Consultation	1 hour	Assistance provided to an individual who is seeking support services to enable them to live independently in their own home. May include assistance in setting goals, identifying needs, determining potential sources of support (informal and formal), and determining if private pay for services is an option. This assistance may also include support planning (the development and implementation of a self-directed service option) and/or the development of a risk management action plan.	No





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Counseling	1 session	Via interview, discussion or supportive listening to advise and to enable the other person and/or their family to resolve problems or to relieve temporary stress. May be done on a 1-to-1 basis or on a group basis.	No
Education/ Training	1 session	Providing formal or informal opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge, experience or skills. Includes individual or group sessions designed to increase awareness in such areas as crime or accident prevention; promote personal enrichment, for example, through continuing ed; to increase or gain skills in a specific craft, trade, job or occupation. Does not include wages or stipends.	No
Community Legal Education	1 session	A presentation for older adults by an individual authorized to provide legal assistance, which informs individuals about legal rights or benefits and how to access legal services statewide. A session may include various formats, including the following: • A virtual presentation (if recorded, it only counts the first time it is presented); • An in-person session, with an opportunity for participants to ask questions; or • A newsletter, which counts as one session at the time of publication, provided that readers may pose follow up questions or offer feedback.	No
Outreach	1 contact	Interventions initiated by an agency or organization for the purpose of identifying potential clients (or their caregivers) and encouraging their use of existing services and benefits. [Note: service units for outreach refer to individual, 1-on-1 contacts between a service provider and an elderly client or caregiver. An activity that involves a contact with several current or potential clients/caregivers (what is considered group services) should not be counted as a unit of outreach.]	No



Service	Unit	Service Definition	Registered
Special Access	1 hour	Activities that link elders to community and government services that are not easily accessible due to language and/or cultural barriers. Individual services - information and referral, advocacy, outreach, phone contact, escort, translation, home visit, form completion, and service coordination.	Yes
Technology	1 project	Technology that enables an individual or family caregiver to improve their ability to perform activities of daily living; perceive, control, interact or communicate with their environment; monitor for safety or self- management of chronic conditions; or facilitate safe medication use.	No
Telephone Reassurance	1 call	Regular telephone contacts with isolated older persons or family caregivers to ensure continued well-being of the individual and to provide social contact.	No
Visiting	1 visit	Providing regular visits to isolated, homebound or institutionalized elderly to reduce their isolation and loneliness. Letter writing, reading letters and conversation and typical activities of friendly visitors.	No

Target Populations

Supportive services are not intended to reach every individual in the community. Programs target adults aged 60 and older who are in greatest social and economic need with particular attention to the following groups.

- Low-income older adults
- Minority older individuals
- Older adults in rural communities
- Older individuals with limited English proficiency
- Older adults at risk of institutional care

Reporting Requirement and Service Monitoring

Effective monitoring of provided services is required, including quarterly reporting on persons served and funding expended on the Grant Utility system; quarterly reporting on cases, outreach and education through provided template forms; and an annual report of the services provided by the agency within the previous federal fiscal year on a provided template form.

MIAAA will monitor Title III activities through the following methods, including, but not limited to:

- Monthly reporting for Registered Services, to be submitted and/or entered into PeerPlace no later than the 10th of each month following service delivery.
- Quarterly reporting of financial, program, and statistical reports and data for all programs.
- Periodic on-site visits, conducted annually at minimum.
- Financial reconciliations and requests for special reports/data.
- Review of client satisfaction.

Registered or Unregistered Services

Registered Services require elder service recipients to complete National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) form and data entry of their information into the State's NAPIS reporting database, PeerPlace, for reimbursement under OAA Title III. Each registered service entails an additional license cost in PeerPlace.

Unregistered Services do not require elder service recipients to complete National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) form and data entry of client information into the State's NAPIS reporting database, PeerPlace, for reimbursement under OAA Title III and the number of service units provided may be reported in aggregate by date.

The NAPIS form must be completed for each type of service the elder receives and must be completed annually. For example, if an elder receives both chore services and transportation services, they would need to complete a NAPIS form once a year for each service (2 NAPIS forms total each year).

Financial Stability and Oversight

Applicants will be subject to a Pre-Award Risk Assessment (PARA), completed by MIAAA prior to final award. The purpose of this assessment is to confirm financial stability and ensure adequate internal controls are in place to safeguard public funds and protect the interests of the federal government and the State of Minnesota, in accordance with updates to the Older Americans Act (OAA) Final Rule. Please note that no subcontracts will be allowable for these services without prior approval from MIAAA. All tasks must be completed by organization staff or volunteers, with no third-party participation.

Match Requirements

A non-federal match is the portion of project costs not paid by federal funds, except for Tribal Self-Governance Funds. It represents the grantee's financial contribution toward the total cost of the project and demonstrates shared investment in achieving program goals.

Awarded applicants that receive federal Title III funding must contribute non-federal resources as a match. Allowable match sources can include city or county grants, agency cash, in-kind contributions, Tribal Self-Governance Funds, or other non-federal funding sources as approved by MIAAA in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

III-B Supportive Services match requirement: 15%

Request for Proposal (RFP) Requirements

MIAAA is requesting a proposal from interested providers. Providers should provide a proposal including a detailed workplan and budget addressing the following:

1. Experience and Qualifications:
 - Demonstrated experience in providing supportive services to Tribal Nations.
 - Knowledge of federal, tribal and state laws impacting tribal elders, including the OAA.
 - Understanding of Tribal sovereignty and cultural sensitivity.
2. Proposed Services:
 - A detailed description of the services to be provided.
 - A plan for outreach and education to Tribal Nations to inform them of available supportive services.
 - A plan of outreach and education to Tribal elders and others regarding available supportive services.
 - Capacity for tracking to ensure timely and effective delivery of services and outcomes.
3. Staffing and Resources:
 - A description of the staff assigned to the project, including their qualifications and experience.
 - A plan for allocating resources, including personnel, technology, and funding.
4. Performance Measures and Reporting:
 - A proposed performance measurement system to track the impact of the supportive services provided.
 - A plan for regular reporting on the number of service units provided, unduplicated participants, dates of service, and expenditures.
5. Budget and Cost Rate (Template Available):
 - A detailed budget outlining the costs associated with providing the supportive services, including personnel costs, travel expenses, and administrative fees.

Submission Deadline: RFP must be submitted by October 20, 2026, to
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Questions: For any questions or clarifications, please contact Michelle Reynolds at
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