

Older Americans Act Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support Program 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-E funded range of supports that assist family, friend, and neighbor caregivers to care for Tribal elders at home for as long as 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 next open grant round 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 \$30,000.

Total 2027 Title III funds available:

- OAA Title III-E Caregiver Support Services - \$79,743

Service Definitions and Priorities

Service	Unit	Service Definition	Registered
Self-Directed Caregiver Support Services	N/A	Services and supports directly chosen and purchased by an individual through using an individual budget allocation to meet their identified caregiver support service needs.	Yes
Caregiver Counseling	Hours (partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g., 0.25 hours.)	A service designed to support caregivers and assist them in their decision-making and problem solving. Counselors are service providers that are degreed and/or credentialed as required by state policy, trained to work with older adults and families and specifically to understand and address the complex physical, behavioral and emotional problems related to their caregiver roles. Title III-E funded Caregiver Consultants will conduct a Caregiver Minimum Assessment with caregivers receiving ongoing support. Caregiver Consultants meet the Minnesota Board on Aging Title III-E Caregiver Consultant Standards and Competencies. This includes counseling to individuals or group sessions. Counseling is a separate function apart from support group activities or training.	Yes



Service	Unit	Service Definition	Registered
Caregiver Support Groups	1 session	A service that is led by a trained individual, moderator, or professional, as required by state policy, (moderators should have experience working with family, friends and/or neighbors caregiving and older adults, strong interpersonal skills, and access to regular supervision or consultation from a trained professional with comparable training or experience), to facilitate caregivers to discuss their common experiences and concerns and develop a mutual support system. Support groups are typically held on a regularly scheduled basis and may be conducted in person, over the telephone, or online. For the purposes of Title III-E funding, caregiver support groups would not include "caregiver education groups," "peer-to-peer support groups," or other groups primarily aimed at teaching skills or meeting on an informal basis without a facilitator that possesses training and/or credentials as required by state policy. (See also definitions for training and counseling).	Yes
Caregiver Training	Hours (partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g. 0.25 hours.)	A service that provides caregivers with instruction to improve knowledge and performance of specific skills relating to their caregiving roles and responsibilities and builds caregiver capacity to provide, manage and cope with the caregiving role. Skills may include activities related to health, nutrition, and financial management; providing personal care; disease management; managing risk factors; mental health; navigating long-term care systems and communicating with health care providers and other family members. Training may include use of evidence-based programs; be conducted in-person or on-line, and be provided in individual or group settings.	Yes
Caregiver Respite	Hours (partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g., 0.25 hours.)	A service which offers temporary, substitute supports, care, supervision or living arrangements for care recipients. It provides a brief period of relief or rest for caregivers.	Yes





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Caregiver Respite in Home	Hours (partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g., 0.25 hours.)	A respite service provided in the home of the caregiver or care receiver and allows the caregiver time away to do other activities. During such respite, other activities can occur which may offer additional support to either the caregiver or care receiver, including homemaker or personal care services. Trained volunteers may be utilized to provide companionship respite (e.g., assistance with meals, medication reminders and general supervision). Respite volunteers are screened and trained, per Minnesota State Policy, and matched with older adults and supervised by provider.	Yes
Caregiver Respite Out of Home Day	Hours (partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g., 0.25 hours.)	A respite service provided in settings other than the caregiver/care receiver's home, including adult day care, senior center or other non-residential setting (in the case of older relatives raising children, day camps), where an overnight stay does not occur that allows the caregiver time away to do other activities. This option may be provided on a group or individual basis and includes licensed Adult Day Services, licensed adult foster care, a senior center, services by a family, friend, neighbor, or volunteer in a non-licensed private residence, or escorted transportation to medical appointments or community activities.	Yes
Caregiver Respite – Out-of-Home Overnight	Hours (partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g., 0.25 hours.)	A respite service provided in residential settings such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and adult foster homes (or, in the case of older relatives raising children, summer camps), in which the care receiver resides in the facility (on a temporary basis) for a full 24 hour period of time. This includes services provided in a licensed nursing facility, hospital, or registered housing site that has services provided by a licensed home care agency. The service provides the caregiver with time away to do other activities.	Yes



Service	Unit	Service Definition	Registered
Caregiver Respite – Other Respite	Hours (partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g., 0.25 hours.)	A respite service provided using Older Americans Act funds in whole or in part, that does not fall into the previously defined respite service categories. Services must contain structured activities, facilitated by an experienced individual. Services may include: virtual respite (may include but is not limited to virtual reality (VR) experiences, virtual tours, and virtual concerts, customized experiences, interactive storytelling, music activities).	Yes
Supplemental Services	N/A	Services provided on a limited basis to ease the burden of care or to complement the care provided by caregivers. Domains for “supplemental services” provided under Title III-E include: • Assistive technology/durable equipment/emergency response • Consumable supplies • Home modifications/repairs • Legal and/or financial consultation • Homemaker/chore/personal care • Transportation • Nutrition services • Other	Yes
Caregiver Assistance – Information and Assistance	1 contact	A service that links the individuals to 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. Information and Assistance Caregiver: • Provides the individuals with current information on opportunities and services available to the individuals within their communities, including information relating to assistive technology;	No

Service	Unit	Service Definition	Registered
		- Assesses the problems and capacities of the individuals; and - Serves the entire community of older individuals particularly — caregivers who are older individuals with greatest social need; older individuals with greatest economic need; older relative caregivers of children with severe disabilities, or individuals with disabilities who have severe disabilities; family caregivers who provide care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; and caregivers of "frail" individuals defined as: unable to perform at least two activities of daily living without substantial human assistance, including verbal reminding, physical cueing, or supervision; and/or cognitive or other mental impairment, requires substantial supervision because the individual behaves in a manner that poses a serious health or safety hazard to the individual or to another individual.	
Caregiver Public Information Services	1 activity	A public and media activity that conveys information to caregivers about available statewide services, which can include an in-person interactive presentation to the public conducted; a booth/exhibit at a fair, conference, or other public event; and a radio, TV, or Web site event. Unlike Caregiver Assistance – Information and Assistance, this service is not tailored to the needs of the individual	No

Target Populations

Caregiver Supports – including information to caregivers about available services, assistance to caregivers in gaining access to the services, caregiver consultation, support groups, caregiving education, respite care and supplemental services, on a limited basis - to Tribal elders in Minnesota is provided in accordance with the Older Americans Act (OAA). The selected provider will assist Tribal Nations in supporting family and friend caregivers who are:

- Adult family members or other informal caregivers aged 18 and older providing care to individuals 60 years of age and older
- Adult family members or other informal caregivers aged 18 and older providing care to individuals of any age with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

- Older relatives (not parents) aged 55 and older providing care to children under the age of 18; and
- Older relatives, including parents, aged 55 and older providing care to adults ages 18-59 with disabilities

Services are to be provided to eligible individuals with the greatest economic and social need, as determined through consultation with MIAAA and the Minnesota Board on Aging's National Family Caregiving Supports Administrator. Caregiver consultation services must be provided by a Certified Caregiver Consultant, who has completed the Minnesota Board on Aging's Caregiver Consultation training, and complimentary trainings available at no cost through TrainLink. Qualified providers have or will increase their capacity to provide caregiver consultation services and understand how services can be provided in tandem with Title VI – Part C: Native American Caregiver Support Program.

Reporting Requirement and Service Monitoring

Effective monitoring of provided services is required, including monthly reporting on unduplicated persons served, dates of services and funding expended. The caregiving services provider is expected to report client and service data and financial expenditures in the Minnesota Board on Aging's assigned data management systems and submit quarterly reports on unduplicated persons served and funds expended.

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-E National Family Caregiver Support Program match requirement: 25%

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 caregiving supports to Tribal Nations.
 - Knowledge of federal, tribal, and state laws impacting tribal elders, including the OAA and the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
 - Understanding of Tribal sovereignty and cultural sensitivity.
 - Certified caregiver consultants with expertise in working with family and friend caregivers.

- Working knowledge of dementia, respite, and providing evidence-based caregiving support programs. Caregiving consultation training is available for staff who meet minimum qualifications.
2. Proposed Services:
 - A detailed description of the caregiving supports to be provided, and capacity to deliver services and service area.
 - A plan for outreach and education to Tribal Nations to inform them of available caregiving supports.
 - A plan of outreach and education to family and friend caregivers of Tribal elders and older relative caregivers regarding available education, services and supports.
 - Capacity to track client services and expenses 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 caregiving services provided.
 - A plan for regular reporting on the number of clients served, outcomes achieved, and lessons learned.
 5. Budget and Cost Rate (Template Available):
 - A detailed budget outlining the costs associated with providing the caregiving supports, including personnel costs, travel expenses, and administrative fees.

Submission Deadline: Request for Proposal must be submitted by October 20, 2026, to Michelle_Reynolds@redlakenation.org.

Questions: For any questions or clarifications, please contact Michelle Reynolds at Michelle_Reynolds@redlakenation.org or (218) 542-6145.