

PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

AoA-PI-07-04

TO: STATE AGENCIES ON AGING ADMINISTERING PLANS
UNDER TITLE III AND TITLE VII OF THE OLDER
AMERICANS ACT (OAA) OF 1965, AS AMENDED.

SUBJECT: Reallotment Procedure for the Federal Fiscal Year 2007
OAA Title III and Title VII Mandatory Grant Funds

LEGAL AND RELATED

REFERENCES: Section 304(b) and Section 703(b) of the
Older Americans Act of 1965, As Amended

The purpose of this Program Instruction is to notify State Agencies on Aging that, by September 21, 2007, they must provide to the Administration on Aging (AoA):

- 1) the amount, if any, of Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Title III and/or Title VII funds the state will not use by September 30, 2007, and will be releasing for reallotment; and,
- 2) the request for additional Title III and/or Title VII funds, if any, which could be obligated by the state agency by the end of Federal FY 2008, i.e., September 30, 2008.

Deadline for Obligation of Funds

We would like to remind you that FY 2007 funds must be obligated by a state during the federal fiscal year for which they were appropriated; i.e., funds may not be obligated after September 30, 2007. In addition, we would like you to inform area agencies on aging and the service providers of their responsibility to liquidate obligated funds within two fiscal years after the fiscal year for which these funds were awarded, i.e., this provides a total of three fiscal years (including the year awarded) for liquidation of Federal funds appropriated during a given fiscal year.

States are encouraged to expend allocated funds as intended under the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (October 2006). Under the modernization of the Older Americans Act, states are asked to promote the development and implementation of a comprehensive and coordinated system of long-term care that enables older individuals to receive such care and services in home and community-based settings, in a manner responsive to the needs and preferences of the older individuals and their family caregivers.

Reallotted Funds

Reallotted funds are available for obligation by state agencies during the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. In other words, if a state receives reallotted FY 2007 funds, it must obligate those funds not later than September 30, 2008.

Release of Unused Funds

State agencies not intending to use the full amount of their Title III or Title VII allotments must submit a statement signed by the authorized state agency official releasing Title III and/or Title VII funds for reallocation. This statement must identify from which part of Title III (B, C1, C2, D, or E) or Title VII (Ombudsman or Elder Abuse Prevention) the funds are being released. If a state releases funds for reallocation, AoA will issue a revised grant award reflecting the decrease.

Request for Funds

If additional funds can be utilized, state agencies should submit a brief statement justifying the need for additional funds signed by the appropriate state agency official. The statement must identify the Parts of Title III and/or VII for which funds are being requested.

States must submit an original and one copy of their requests to their AoA Regional Administrator by September 21, 2007. States are reminded that reallotted funds are one-time awards and that there is no assurance that the State will receive additional reallotted funds in future years. Also, reallotted funds do not affect a state's allocation of funds in future years.

DUE DATE: September 21, 2007, for submission to
Regional Administrators on Aging, DHHS
Regional Offices

INQUIRIES: Inquiries should be addressed to
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