

U.S. Administration for Community Living

**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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Administration on Aging (AoA)

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-2021-ACL-MITR-2101

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 August 12, 2021.

Applications that fail to meet the application due date will not be reviewed and will receive no further consideration. You are strongly encouraged to submit your 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 Programs 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 seeks certification from Title VI Native American programs that they will use the funds to coordinate at least one community announcement and at least one community outreach event to inform and assist eligible American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian elders about the benefits available to them through Medicare Part D, the Low Income Subsidy, the Medicare Savings Program or Medicare prevention benefits and screenings and counsel those who are eligible.

ACL/AoA has a total budget of \$600,000 for this funding and will provide a grant of at least \$2,000 to each Older Americans Act Title VI Native American grantee. ACL reserves the right to adjust funding levels subject to the number of applications received and availability of funds. In Federal Fiscal Year 2020, a total budget of \$285,000 was available for Tribes and Tribal Organizations. The funds were distributed on a formula basis according to the number of elders each tribe reported having in the FY2020 application for Title VI grants. The FY20 funding bands were as follows:

Funding Band	Elder Population as Reported on the FY20 Application for Title VI Grants	FY20 MIPPA Award
1	50-100	\$1,780
2	101-200	\$2,020
3	201-300	\$2,295
4	301-400	\$2,585
5	401-500	\$2,860
6	501-1500	\$3,315
7	1501-largest	\$4,350
8	Largest population	\$4,600

Given the increase in the base funding amount (\$600,000 in FY21 compared to \$285,000 in FY20), the individual grant awards will increase as well.

The purpose of these grants will be **for the coordination of at least one community announcement and at least one outreach event to inform eligible Native American elders about the benefits available to them through Medicare Part D, the Low Income Subsidy, the Medicare Savings Program 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 a minimum of one community outreach event to eligible Native Americans about the 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 (AAAs), Tribal/Indian Health Service and/or State Health Insurance assistance Programs (SHIPs).

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

ACL/AoA will award grants of at least \$2,000 to each Title VI Native American grantee for a period of 12 months. The anticipated award date is on or before September 1, 2021.

II. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Only current 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

Requests for funding must be received or postmarked on or before the date and time as identified in Section III, Item 3, Submission Date and Time stated below.

There will be no exceptions to this application submission deadline. We encourage all eligible applicants to submit their request for funding well in advance of the date and time specified.

III. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

Request for funding materials are also available by contacting Leslie Green (Leslie.Green@acl.hhs.gov) or Cecelia Aldridge (Cecelia.Aldridge@acl.hhs.gov).

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

a. Letter of Intent

No letter of Intent Required.

b. Project Narrative (attachment)

Title VI Native American Programs are required to submit a signed request for funding. In the request, the program will agree to provide a minimum of one community announcement and 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. The Request for Tribal MIPPA Funding is attached at the end of this announcement.

3. Submission Date and Time

The deadline for submission of the funding application under this program announcement is August 12, 2021, 11:59 p.m., ET. No applications will be accepted after this 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 fundable:

- 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 HHS Grants Policy Statement:

- **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. Signed applications shall be submitted via:

Email to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the words “2021 MIPPA Application: State, Name of Tribe, [Your Title VI Part A Grant Number]” in 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 funding requests are non-competitive and will be reviewed internally by Federal personnel for compliance with funding requirements.

V. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

Title VI Native American Programs 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 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, included in the Notice of Award as well as implemented through the HHS Grants Policy Statement located at <https://www.acl.gov/sites/default/files/grants/hhs%20grants%20policy%20107.pdf>.

3. Reporting

Grant recipients must provide to ACL/AoA written documentation of the event(s) within 90 days of occurrence. Documentation may be submitted in any format, but must include a brief description of the event, date, location, number of participants, activities (e.g. speakers, handouts, etc.) Grant recipients must provide a final Federal Financial Report on the SF-425 within 90 days following the event. 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 90 days following the event.

Narrative and financial (SF-425) reports should be submitted via email to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the words “FY21 SF-425 and/or Progress Report: State, Name of Tribe, Your MIPPA Grant Number” in the subject line.

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
Administration for Community Living
Administration on Aging
Washington, DC 20201
Leslie Green (Leslie.Green@acl.hhs.gov) and
Cecelia Aldridge (Cecelia.Aldridge@acl.hhs.gov)

Grants Management Office (for fiscal questions):

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Community Living
Office of Grants Management
Washington, DC 20201
Yi-Hsin Yan (Yi-Hsin.Yan@acl.hhs.gov)

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.

VIII. Attachment: Request for FY21 Tribal MIPPA Funding

Application for FY21 Tribal MIPPA Funding

Due Date: August 12, 2021, 11:59 p.m., ET

To: Yi-Hsin Yan, Grants Management Specialist
Administration for Community Living, Office of Grants Management
330 C Street SW, Suite 1204, Washington, DC 20201

From: _____
Grantee/Organization Name

_____ **State**

20 _____ **OATA** (Please send separate email for each application)
(Number) (State Code)

_____ **FY 2020-2023 Title VI Part A/B Grant Number** (e.g. 2001AKOATA)

RE: Application for FY 2021 MIPPA Funding in response to Funding Opportunity Number:
HHS-2021-ACL-MITR-2101

We are requesting FY 2021 funding under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) for Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance in the amount of at least \$2,000. These funds will be used to coordinate at least one community announcement and one community outreach event outreach event to inform and assist eligible American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian elders about the benefits available to them through Medicare Part D, the Low Income subsidy, the Medicare Savings Program, or Medicare prevention benefits and screenings. Where possible, we will maximize resources by collaborating with local providers, the Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Services and others involved with these programs.

We will provide a final SF-425 Federal Financial Report and a narrative report to the ACL Office of Grants Management within 90 days following the event. This narrative report will include a brief description of the event, the date, location and number of participants. Narrative and financial reports shall be submitted via e-mail to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the word "FY21 SF-425 or Progress Report: State, Name of Tribe, and [Your MIPPA Grant Number]" in the subject line. These funds shall not be used for lobbying.

Print/Type Name of Tribal Chair (or designee)

Date

Signature of Tribal Chair (or designee)

(1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

Print/Type ALL E-mail Address(es) to Receive the Notice of Award (NoA) for This Funding