

SPIPA

Tribal MIPPA Grant — FY2026

Program Overview for Nisqually Indian Tribe

Prepared by: Joseph Reyes Date: June 15, 2026

Prepared by SPIPA staff as a planning and communication tool. After funding and before activities begin, this pass-through project requires an executed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SPIPA and the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Funding amounts shown are formula-based estimates, not guaranteed; the exact amount is set by ACL on the Notice of Award.

1. Abstract

Funding agency	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services — Administration for Community Living (ACL), Administration on Aging (AoA)
Program	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) — Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance for OAA Title VI Native American Programs
Assistance Listing (CFDA)	93.071
Funding opportunity #	HHS-2026-ACL-MITR-2501
Funding type	Formula award based on the number of elders reported in the Tribe's FY2026 Title VI application. Minimum award \$4,000. No match or cost-share required.
Application deadline	Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 11:59 p.m. ET (email only)
Project period	12 months — September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027
SPIPA project lead	Debbie Gardipee-Reyes
How it works	Pass-through: SPIPA applies for and administers the award, reimburses the Tribe, and reports to ACL. Nisqually runs the events and spends on allowable costs. MOA required after funding.

What this grant funds

MIPPA helps Native elders learn about Medicare programs that can save them money: Medicare Part D, the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS / Extra Help), the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), and Medicare prevention benefits and screenings. It also supports one-on-one help for elders applying for those benefits.

What Nisqually would do

With this grant, Nisqually would hold at least two community announcements and at least two outreach events for Nisqually elders, sharing Medicare benefit information and connecting elders to help. Where it makes sense, work with partners such as the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the WA State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIBA), and Indian Health Service / Tribal health.

How this works — who does what

- **SPIPA** applies for the grant, administers the award, reimburses the Tribe for allowable costs, and submits the report to ACL.

- **Nisqually** runs the two announcements and two outreach events, spends on allowable costs, and provides SPIPA the event details needed for the report.
- **Together** — after funding and before activities begin, SPIPA and Nisqually sign an MOA.

2. Budget

These are pass-through dollars: SPIPA applies for and administers the award and reports to ACL; Nisqually runs the events and spends on allowable costs, and SPIPA reimburses the Tribe. The exact award is set by ACL by formula and confirmed on the Notice of Award (minimum \$4,000).

On indirect: we are budgeting \$4,000 with no indirect, so the full award goes to the program. SPIPA takes its 16.4% indirect only once an award is large enough to still pass about \$5,000 or more through to the Tribe — for example, \$5,000 to Nisqually plus \$820 indirect = \$5,820. The budget is revised if the award amount calls for it.

The table below is a draft starting point. The real budget is developed with Nisqually and described in the two-page implementation plan that goes with the application.

Cost category	Draft
Event planning & staffing — plan, promote, and run 2 announcements + 2 events; one-on-one help for elders	[\$2,000]
Outreach & advertising — flyers, newspaper/radio notices, printing, educational handouts	[\$1,000]
Event supplies & materials	[\$500]
Local travel / mileage tied to the events	[\$500]
Total direct costs	[\$4,000]
Indirect	\$0
Total (formula; minimum \$4,000)	[\$4,000]

Writer note (delete before sharing): the budget is still a draft. Either Nisqually sends its planned costs or you build it with their program staff, then drop it into the two-page implementation plan; Fiscal confirms before submission.

What MIPPA can pay for

These are allowable when they tie directly to the two announcements and two outreach events:

- Event planning and staffing to promote and run the announcements and events, and to help elders one-on-one with LIS/MSP.
- Outreach and advertising: flyers, posters, newspaper notices, radio spots, direct mail, and social media — these are the “community announcements.”
- Printing and educational handouts about Medicare Part D, LIS, MSP, and prevention benefits.
- Meeting space, event supplies, interpreter/translation, and local travel or mileage tied to the events.
- Speakers or presenters whose role is educating elders about Medicare benefits (for example, the AAA or SHIBA).

What MIPPA cannot pay for

- **Food and meals** — not in this budget. Plan the events without food. (If refreshments matter, SPIPA or the Tribe can cover them with non-MIPPA funds.)

- **Promotional items, gifts, souvenirs, or giveaways** that are just branded swag with no benefit/education message.
- **Entertainment.**
- **Lobbying** — the application certifies funds won't be used for lobbying.
- **Construction or building repair; basic research;** and “more of the same” with no expansion or new approach (see Section 3).
- **Parts of an elder event that aren't Medicare outreach** — for example an IT-security talk, a vision/eye-pressure screening, or vendors not focused on Medicare benefits. Those can still happen at the same gathering, but MIPPA can't pay for them; use other funds or have vendors attend at no cost.

Outreach items — read before you buy

- **Outreach items** (pens, magnets, bags, etc.) are allowable only if they carry the Medicare/benefit message, are reasonably priced, tie directly to the grant, and are used during the grant period — keep a short written rationale. Plain swag with no message is not allowable. NCOA publishes a MIPPA promotional-items guide worth checking before buying.

3. Program Requirements

Must show new or expanded outreach. The plan has to describe outreach that is new or stronger — not the same event repeated. ACL lists “continuation of an existing project without expansion or a new approach” as not fundable. This is the single biggest thing to get right in the two-page plan.

What taking part in the program involves:

- **Activities (the core requirement):** at least two community announcements AND at least two outreach events for eligible Native elders, covering Medicare Part D, LIS, MSP, and prevention benefits/screenings.
- **Stay in touch with ACL:** take part in quarterly check-ins with the AoA Title VI project officer.
- **Gather event details for the report:** Nisqually collects dates, locations, number of participants, activities, speakers, and handouts (no participant names needed) and gives them to SPIPA. SPIPA compiles and submits the report.
- **Reporting (SPIPA submits):** a short narrative report to ACL within 90 days of each event, and one final Federal Financial Report (FFR / SF-425) in the Payment Management System (PMS) within 120 days after the project period ends.
- **Spend on time:** all funds must be obligated by the end of the 12-month project period and drawn down within 120 days after it ends.
- **Compliance & records:** follow 45 CFR Part 75 and the award's Standard Terms and Conditions; keep records of activities and spending.

4. Application Requirements

What's needed at application (a full musts checklist is in the separate Application Requirements document):

- **Signed application form** — the two-page “Application for FY26 Tribal MIPPA Funding,” signed by the Tribal Chair or a designee.
- **Title VI Part A grant number** for the applicant (the number from the Notice of Award, e.g., 2601...OATA — not the funding opportunity number).

- **Implementation plan** (two pages max) describing the objective, the two announcements + two events, and expected outcomes.
- **Submission** by email to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov by July 7, 2026, with the required subject line.

Tribal council resolution

ACL does not require a tribal council resolution to apply — the federal form needs an authorized signature, not a resolution. Whether a resolution is needed depends on Nisqually’s own process. If Nisqually’s process requires a resolution in order to apply, SPIPA needs it by July 6, 2026 to meet the July 7 submission deadline.

5. Summary — Nisqually’s Checklist

What Nisqually needs to do, and by when. Detail for each item is in the sections above.

What Nisqually needs to do	Due by
Confirm participation — reply to SPIPA that Nisqually wants to take part.	<i>Confirmed</i>
Provide the Tribe’s Title VI Part A grant number and name an authorized signer (Chair or designee).	<i>Completed - by SPIPA</i>
If Nisqually’s process requires a resolution for SPIPA to apply and pass through, pass it and send it to SPIPA.	<i>By July 6, 2026</i>
Name a point of contact for the program.	<i>ASAP</i>
Share planned costs, or work with SPIPA to build the budget (goes in the two-page plan).	<i>June 26, 2026</i>
Help set dates/locations for the two announcements and two outreach events.	<i>At MOA review</i>
Sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with SPIPA.	<i>After funding, before start</i>

Set the dates above to give Nisqually enough lead time before the July 7, 2026 application deadline.