

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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Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Administration for Community Living (ACL)

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

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.071

Key Dates: The deadline for submission of applications is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

Applications that fail to meet the application due date will not be reviewed and will receive no further consideration. Applicants are encouraged to submit the 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 Program grantees 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 has a total budget of \$1,200,000 funding available for this opportunity. The funds will be distributed on a formula basis according to the number of elders each tribe reported in the FY2026 application for Title VI funding. Each application will receive an award in the amount of at least \$4,000.

To be considered for funding, applicants must submit a detailed program plan as part of the initial grant application package. Plans submitted after the application deadline will not be accepted. This proactive approach is designed to ensure immediate readiness to initiate funded activities upon award.

The program plan must describe how the tribe intends to use the requested funds to fulfill the following objective, activities and expected outcomes.

Objective:

- Reach as many eligible Native American elders as possible with information and education about the Medicare subsidies and benefits that are available to them.

Activities:

- Organize and promote at least two community announcements and host at least two outreach events aimed at informing eligible Native American elders about the benefits available to them through Medicare Part D, Low-Income Subsidy (LIS), Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), and Medicare prevention benefits and screenings.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased awareness among eligible Native American elders regarding Medicare Part D, LIS, MSP, and prevention benefits.
- Enhanced access to resources and support for elders to navigate their Medicare options effectively.

In addition, the grantee agrees to execute the responsibilities outlined below:

- Fulfill all requirements of the grant project as outlined in this funding opportunity announcement,
- Communicate regularly through, at a minimum, quarterly meetings with the AoA Title VI project officer to improve the effectiveness of the activities carried out under this agreement,
- Collaborate with the AoA in the execution of the work plan and understanding the programmatic issues related to the program,
- Where applicable, track and collect information on project deliverables as it relates to information and assistance, and
- Evaluate the impact of activities carried out under this program and provide recommendations on ways to enhance the efforts.

The ACL/AoA project officer agrees to execute the responsibilities outlined below.

- Perform the day-to-day federal responsibilities of managing a grant initiative and work with the grantee to ensure that the minimum requirements for the grant are met,
- Work cooperatively with the grantee to clarify the programmatic and budgetary issues to be addressed by the grantee project, and, as necessary, negotiate with grantee to achieve a mutually agreed upon solution,
- Assist the grantee project leadership in understanding the strategic goals and policy priorities of ACL/AoA and about other federally sponsored projects and activities relevant to activities funded under this announcement,
- Provide technical advice to the grantee on the provision of technical support and associated tasks related to the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of this grant,
- Attend and participate in major project events as appropriate, and
- Communicate with the grantee project director quarterly.

Request to modify or amend this cooperative agreement may be made by either party at any time during the grant cycle. Additionally, any modifications and/or amendments shall be effective upon the mutual agreement of both the awarding agency and the grantee.

Collaboration

Where applicable to maximize resources, it is recommended that community collaboration occur with the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA), local Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), Centers for Independent Living (CIL), Tribal/Indian Health Service and/or the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for the purpose of specifying trends, challenges, and enhancing better responses to understanding benefit enrollment and assistance.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority for these grants is 42 U.S.C. 1395b-3.

Award Information

The project period for these awards is 12 months (9/1/2026 – 8/31/2027). The anticipated award date is September 1, 2026.

II. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Only current Older Americans Act Title VI 2026 are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing does not apply.

III. Application and Submission Information

1. Application Package

The application for this funding opportunity is the form entitled “Application for FY26 Tribal MIPPA Funding” located in Section VIII of this document.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

a. Letter of Intent

No Letter of Intent is required.

b. Application (attachment)

Older Americans Act Title VI Native American Programs are required to submit a signed application form. In the application, the applicant will agree to provide a minimum of two community announcements and at least two outreach events to eligible American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians about the

Medicare Part D, LIS and MSP, or Medicare prevention benefits and screenings programs.

3. Submission Date and Time

The deadline for submission of the funding application under this program announcement is Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 11:59 p.m., ET. via email only (MIIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov). **No applications will be accepted after this date.** Applicants are encouraged to submit the application a minimum of 4 days prior to the application closing 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 eligible for funding:

- Construction and/or major rehabilitation of buildings
- Basic service (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 instructed 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 45 CFR Part 75:

- **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. If your organization receives multiple Title VI awards from ACL, please send separate emails for each application. Signed applications must be submitted via email to: MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the words “FY26 MIPPA Application: State, Name of Tribe, [*Your Title VI Part A Grant Number*]” on the subject line.

For your organization to receive an “Application Received” message from MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov mailbox for tracking purposes, please make sure the keyword “Application” is included on the subject line.

IV. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

Eligible applicants 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, the grant project period, 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.

3. Reporting

Grant recipients must provide ACL/AoA written documentation of the event(s) funded under this grant within 90 days of occurrence. Documentation may be submitted in any format but must include a brief description of the event(s), date(s), location(s), number of participants, activities (e.g. speakers, handouts, etc.). The narrative report should be submitted via email to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the words “FY26 Report: State, Name of Tribe, [*Your MIPPA Grant Number*]” on the subject line. One final Federal Financial Report (FFR/SF-425) must be submitted using the HHS’ Payment Management System (PMS) within 120 days after the project period end date.

PMS website is located at <https://pms.psc.gov>. Information regarding FFR can be obtained at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/ffr-updates.html>. 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 120 days after the project period end date.

4. FFATA and Subaward Reporting

The Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires data entry at the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) for all sub-awards and sub-contracts issued for \$30,000 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.

V. 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
Kari Benson
mippa.grants@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
Rasheed Williams
AoA.grants@acl.hhs.gov

VI. Other Information

1. Application Elements

Two-page application form 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.

VII. Attachment: Application for FY26 Tribal MIPPA Funding

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2026-ACL-MITR-2501

Due Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 11:59 p.m., ET

To: Administration for Community Living
MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov

From: _____
Grantee Organization Name

_____ State

Title VI Grant Number: 26 _____ OATA
(Number) (State Code)

(FY 2026-2028 Title VI Part A/B Grant No. is on the Notice of Award below the “Date”, e.g., 2601AKOANT. DO NOT ENTER “HHS-2026-ACL-MITR-2501”).

We are requesting FY 2026 funding under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) for Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance in the amount of at least \$4,000. These funds will be used to coordinate at least two community announcements and at least two community outreach events to inform and assist eligible Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian elders about the benefits available to them through Medicare Part D, Low-Income Subsidy, Medicare Savings Program, and Medicare prevention benefits and screenings. Where possible, we will maximize resources by collaborating with local and state agencies, providers, the Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Services and others involved with these programs.

We will submit a detailed implementation plan as part of our initial grant application package. We understand that applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. We are adopting this proactive approach to ensure we are ready to immediately initiate funded activities upon receiving the grant award.

We will submit a narrative report to ACL within 90 days following each announcement and event. This narrative report will include a brief description of the event(s), date(s), location(s), and number of participants, and will be submitted via e-mail to MIPPA.Grants@acl.hhs.gov. Include the word “FY26 MIPPA Report: State, Name of Tribe, and [*Your MIPPA Grant Number*]” on the subject line. We will also submit a final Federal Financial Report (FFR) in PMS within 120 days after the project period end date. These funds will not be used for lobbying.

Print/Type Name of Tribal Chair (or designee)

Date

Signature of Tribal Chair (or designee)

Print/Type Name of Title VI Director

-and-

E-mail Address

Implementation Plan

Please describe your detailed implementation plan below. It must include a description of how you will use the funds to achieve the following. Please limit your workplan to two pages.

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