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SUBJECT: Older Adult Recovery & Resilience (OARR) Funds: Guidance for Legal Services Providers	DATE ISSUED: July 22, 2022
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The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide guidance on the proper use and reporting of Older Adult Recovery and Resilience (OARR) funds.

As described in California Department of Aging (CDA) Program Memo 22-11, the intent of OARR funding for Legal Services Providers is “to expand existing legal services that assist older adults, and older adults with disabilities, with a variety of legal problems concerning housing, consumer fraud, elder abuse, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, Medi-Cal, age discrimination, pensions, nursing homes, protective services, conservatorships, and other matters.”

While the Major Disaster Declaration remains in effect in California, program flexibilities remain in effect. This means any Older Americans Act (OAA) services that are normally required to be provided in person may be provided virtually or through other means that minimize or eliminate direct human contact with individuals with an elevated risk of contracting COVID-19.

Recipients of OARR funds shall be required to submit fiscal and data reports to AAA4, including but not limited to “a description of the Title III B program prior to the OARR investment spending and include a description of what has changed and developed due to the OARR investment spending. Supporting evidence, data and documentation is encouraged, which may be valuable for informing future public investment opportunities.” AAA4 will provide an MFR and an MIS reporting form specific to OARR.

Agency on Aging \ Area 4 (AAA4) has calculated the following tentative allocations for Legal Services Providers (LSPs); they are based upon equal portions of the Title III-B awards for state fiscal year 2021-22.

Legal Services Providers/Offices	Initial Allocation of OARR Dollars	Match Requirement
LSNC: Mother Lode Office Nevada County Placer County Sierra County	\$70,585 \$237,535 \$9,622	No Match
LSNC: Sacramento Office	\$417,067	No Match
LSNC: Yolo Office	\$90,532	No Match
Yuba Sutter Legal Center for Seniors Sutter County Yuba County	\$123,521 \$100,416	No Match
Total Amount	\$1,049,278	

OARR dollars are temporary; therefore, requests for funds should be temporary in nature. The timeframe for spending OARR dollars is July 2022 through December 2024. Programs can request funds for one-time expenditures; programs can also request funds for ongoing expenditures for the entire 30-month time period. Expenditures that are allowable under regular Older Americans Act requirements are allowable under OARR.

OARR dollars for legal services are not transferable to other Title III-B service categories; any unspent funds will be returned to the State. In the event any legal services provider/office declines or is unable to fully expend their initial allocation, AAA4 will seek to reassign those dollars to another provider/office. Providers/offices can request more funding than is initially allocated.

OARR funds are not Older Americans Act funds. OARR funds will be awarded through a separate written agreement (sent via e-mail) which will act as an addendum to the service contract already in effect between AAA4 and the LSP.

Questions should be directed to Will Tift, Assistant Director at wtift@agencyonaing4.org