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AAA4 BULLETIN

TO: AAA4-Funded Programs under Title III-B Supportive Services	NO: A4B2023-02
SUBJECT: Older Californians Act Modernization (OCAM) Requests: Second Survey for Funded Programs	DATE ISSUED: March 28, 2023
REFERENCES: N/A	SUPERSEDES: N/A
PROGRAMS AFFECTED: <input type="checkbox"/> All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title III-B <input type="checkbox"/> Title III C-1/C-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Title III-D <input type="checkbox"/> Title III-E <input type="checkbox"/> HICAP <input type="checkbox"/> MIPPA <input type="checkbox"/> Ombudsman VIIa <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Abuse Prevention VIIb <input type="checkbox"/> OTO <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PURPOSE OF BULLETIN: <input type="checkbox"/> Amend Policy or Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Clarification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Survey	
FOR INQUIRIES CONTACT: Your assigned Regional Services Specialist	

During the prior legislative session, the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) submitted a \$212 million budget request to the State. Ultimately, that request was funded at \$186 million and the effort was dubbed Older Californians Act Modernization (OCAM). C4A has worked with the California Department of Aging (CDA) to set guidelines for how these funds will be dispersed over three fiscal years, as follows:

- **Yearone** – January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025 (OCA/OAA activities and/or Nutrition)
- **Yeartwo** – July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2026 (Nutrition Only)
- **Yearthree** – July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027 (Nutrition Only)

Year one funding will be available for use on Aging in Place, Family Caregiver, Senior Volunteer, and Older Californians Act programs.

Year two and year three funding can only be used on nutrition activities.

Each Agency on Aging has the discretion to utilize the Year One funds as they see fit. To date, AAA4 Staff conversations have focused around three of the five fundable categories: Aging in Place (i.e., Title III-B Supportive Services augmentation, housing navigation, shared senior housing and rental assistance); Senior Volunteer Development, and restoring one or more OCA programs (i.e., Alzheimer’s Day Care & Resource Centers, Brown Bag food commodities and Linkages case management). These interests have been shared with AAA4’s Advisory Council and the Governing Board.

AAA4's share of these funds is as shown in the table below.

Fiscal Year	Original Allocation	AAA4 10% Administration	Dollars Available	Match Requirement
Year One	\$2,964,417	\$296,442	\$2,667,975	None
Year Two	\$4,943,219	\$494,322	\$4,448,897	None
Year Three	\$2,161,082	\$216,108	\$1,944,974	None
TOTAL	\$10,068,718	\$1,006,872	\$9,061,846	

AAA4 recently conducted a brief, online survey of current recipients of Title III-B funds to gauge their interest in utilizing OCAM dollars. Fourteen of the fifteen eligible organizations responded. As indicated in the summary chart below, the total amount requested exceeds the total amount of funding available by 10%.

Title III-B Funded Program	OCAM Dollars Requested	Percent
Home Sharing	\$80,000	3%
Outreach (Sierra County only)	\$100,000	4%
Case Management*	\$150,000	6%
Minor Home Modifications	\$340,000	13%
Legal Services	\$494,500	19%
Senior Information & Assistance	\$738,282	28%
Transportation	\$1,034,382	39%
Total Requests	\$2,937,164	110%

*This is a direct service of AAA4

In an effort to arrive at an equitable solution that includes some designation of funds for Senior Volunteer Development and the possibility of restoring one or more OCA programs, AAA4 is now conducting a second, more detailed OCAM survey with a narrowed focus. Due to the limited availability of funds, AAA4 will no longer consider requests that are beyond the normal scope of the Service Category for which they are being sought. For example, a Transportation provider should not request OCAM funds to offer Senior Information & Assistance (I&A) as that is a separately defined program under the Older Americans Act.

AAA4 will prioritize OCAM requests for products and services that represent prudent investments in Title III-B funded programs that have lasting value for current and future clients, particularly those with the greatest social and economic needs. Organizations are welcome to amend their original requests, as necessary, to align with these goals.

This second OCAM survey is required for all organizations seeking to receive OCAM dollars. Any organization that does not wish to be considered for funding should also complete the survey for the purpose of documenting that intention.

The link to the online survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HB9GLQM>

The survey contains a drop-down list of all eligible, AAA4-Funded Title III-B programs. One program representative from each organization should complete the survey for that program **no later than April 4, 2023**. The information gathered will be used to recommend how AAA4's Governing Board should vote to allocate OCAM dollars on April 14, 2023.

Questions and requests for technical assistance should be directed to your assigned Regional Services Specialist or (for AAA4 in-house programs) to the appropriate Administrator.