

Transportation and Congregate Meal Infrastructure and Modernization Funding Opportunities

About the grants

The Oregon Department of Human Services Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (ODHS/APD) invites organizations to submit Proposal(s) to participate in Transportation and/or Congregate Meal Infrastructure and Modernization Grants for senior centers, congregate meal providers and other eligible entities that serve Oregonians who are older adults and/or people with disabilities.

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, was signed into law. One of the many items in the Act provides a 10% increase to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS). Participating states are required to use state funds equivalent to the amount of the federal funds attributable to the increased FMAP to implement one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS. States have discretion about how to invest the funding, including direct services, eligibility expansions, infrastructure, recruitment and retention activities, and quality improvement.

Oregon will be using state General Funds (GF) to fund a wide variety of initiatives, including these two infrastructure projects aimed at modernizing and improving transportation availability and modernizing congregate meal infrastructure at senior centers, meal provider sites and other organizations offering similar services.

Funding

Up to \$50,000 per single applicant for transportation grants and up to \$25,000 per single applicant for congregate meal provider grants will be made available to modernize and improve access to programming for older adults throughout the State of Oregon.

Who is eligible to apply?

ODHS is seeking applications from senior centers, private non-profit organizations, city and county municipalities, Tribal Governments, and other similar entities whose primary mission is providing social services for older adults and people with disabilities living in

Oregon. Applications must describe specific plans to modernize and improve transportation and/or congregate meal infrastructure. This funding is intended to result in increased or enhanced access for consumers of senior centers, private non-profit organizations, city and county municipalities, Tribal Governments, congregate meal provider sites and OAA-funded sites statewide. Funding must enhance, not supplant, current access or service delivery, and projects must have an infrastructure focus with permanency/sustainability. An application may be submitted by any single eligible organization or by a regional coalition of two or more organizations. Eligible organizations working together as a regional coalition may submit only one application. **No more than one grant will be awarded to any single organization, whether that organization proposes as an individual organization or as part of a regional coalition.**

Additional Information and Dates to Remember

This funding opportunity will be open for submission to the Oregon Department of Human Services in early 2022. Once open, it will run until June 30, 2022. Funds will be distributed first come, first served. The Community Services and Supports Unit within the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities will be reviewing grant applications throughout the submission timeframe or until funding runs out. It is recommended agencies submit applications early, as funding is limited.

Please refer to the APD [Funding Opportunities](#) web page for specific information and updates. Check back often as content will be updated with changes and any additional funding opportunities that may become available.