

FAQ

Transportation and Congregate Meal Provider Infrastructure Funding

Updated: 3/16/2022

What is the purpose of these funds?

There are two separate funding opportunities - both considered infrastructure funding. The first is for senior centers or similar entities to modernize and improve transportation availability. (Limit \$50,000 per center/provider.) The second is to provide funding to congregate meal providers to help modernize infrastructure. (Limit \$25,000 per center/provider.)

- Funding is intended to result in:
 - Increased or enhanced transportation access for consumers of senior centers and other similar entities. Funds may also be used for transportation startup costs.
 - Modernization of congregate meal provider infrastructure for Older Americans Act funded sites.
- Funding needs to enhance, not supplant, current access or service delivery.
- Projects must have an infrastructure focus, with permanency/sustainability.

What is a senior center?

A senior center is an entity that provides services to older adults. It may be called a senior center, adult center, community center, etc., but its purpose is consistent with senior centers as defined in the Older Americans Act (OAA). It may also be a Tribally owned center that serves Tribal elders.

What is a meal provider?

In general terms, meal providers are entities who provide OAA-funded congregate meals to older individuals (OAA Title III or Title VI).

Who is eligible to receive these grant funds?

For the purposes of this funding, an eligible entity:

- Must be a legal entity that can apply for, accept, and utilize grant funding

- Must receive or utilize OAA funding to serve older Oregonians (required only for the congregate meals infrastructure grant)
- May be a Tribal government or city/county
- May currently provide transportation or want to provide transportation
- May be a meal provider that already provides, or wants to provide transportation
- May be a regional coalition of entities described above; however a regional coalition may submit only one application. **No more than one grant will be awarded to any single organization, whether they propose as an individual organization or as part of a regional coalition**
- Must be able to use this funding to increase or enhance, **not supplant**, current services

Can this funding be used for human resources or ongoing operational costs, including volunteer stipends?

No.

Is there an option to apply for just one of these funding opportunities if the agency is not interested in both?

Yes. Agencies will be able to apply for one or both opportunities if interested. More information will be sent out to the network in upcoming months/weeks on how to apply and requirements.

Can multiple agencies apply for the transportation funds collectively and pool their funds to benefit a total service area?

Yes. A single entity can apply on behalf of a region; however, no more than a total of \$50,000 for each participating entity will be awarded for the grant period. For example, if one proposal was submitted on behalf of five entities, the maximum grant amount funded would not exceed \$250,000.