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AAA4 BULLETIN

TO: AAA4-Funded Programs	NO: A4B2022-04	
SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Requests: Survey for Funded Programs	DATE ISSUED: May 20, 2022	
REFERENCES: N/A	SUPERSEDES: N/A	
PROGRAMS AFFECTED:		
[] All [X] Title III-B [X] Title III C-1/C-2 [X] Title III-D [X] Title III-E [] HICAP [] MIPPA [X] Ombudsman VIIa [X] Elder Abuse Prevention VIIb [] OTO [] Other		
PURPOSE OF BULLETIN: [] Amend Policy or Procedure [] Clarification [X] Other: Interest Survey		
FOR INQUIRIES CONTACT: Your assigned Regional Services Specialist		

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law in March of 2021. A portion of the Act was earmarked to supplement existing Older Americans Act programs. In the case of Title III-B Supportive Services, the federal government has also pre-authorized the use of ARP funds for "efforts related to COVID-19 vaccination outreach" and "prevention and mitigation activities related to COVID–19 focused on addressing extended social isolation among older individuals."

Later this month, Agency on Aging \ Area 4 expects to begin receiving its share of ARP dollars which have been allocated as shown in the table below. Please note most Titles have a match requirement. AAA4 will receive ARP funds from the California Department of Aging in multiple batches; therefore, disbursement to Funded Programs will likely occur in batches as well.

Older Americans Act by Title	ARP Dollars	Match Requirement
III-B Supportive Services	\$2,563,835	15%
III-C1 Congregate Nutrition	\$1,672,066	15%
III-C2 Home-Delivered Meals	\$2,508,099	15%
III-D Preventative Services	\$245,236	No Match
III-E Family Caregiver	\$799,942	25%
VII Ombudsman	\$78,464	No Match
Total Amount	\$7,867,642	

While the COVID-19 Major Disaster Declaration (MDD) remains in effect for the State of California, AAA4 has the flexibility to transfer ARP funds between Titles. AAA4 is seeking to

assign (encumber) 100% of these dollars upfront so that transfers can be accommodated. This means programs can request <u>more</u> funding than is currently allocated.

ARP dollars are temporary; therefore, requests for funds should be temporary in nature. The tentative timeframe for spending ARP dollars is July 2022 through September 2024. Programs can request funds for one-time expenditures; programs can also request funds for ongoing expenditures for the entire 27-month time period. In general, expenditures that are allowable under regular Older Americans Act requirements are allowable under ARP.

AAA4 has developed a brief, online survey to gauge interest in requesting ARP dollars. Even if you don't plan to request any ARP dollars, please complete the survey so we can capture that information. Provide your best guess to the survey questions. If your program serves multiple counties, answer on behalf of all them combined. Your responses are not binding, and completion of the survey does not constitute a formal request to receive funds.

The survey link is: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYJ62SB</u>

The survey contains a drop-down list of all eligible, AAA4-Funded programs. One program representative from each organization should complete the survey for that program <u>no later than</u> <u>May 31, 2022</u>. The information gathered will be used to determine whether AAA4 has sufficient resources in the appropriate Titles to fulfill all allowable requests and to use that feedback to plan next steps accordingly.

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