

ADSD Supportive Services for People with Disabilities **NOFO Q and A**

The Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) is seeking partner organizations to provide services and supports for persons with disabilities. This is a new funding opportunity made available through Title XX of the Social Security Act. The goal of these services is to help support community integration and consumer choice. Organizations interested in applying for this competitive opportunity should thoroughly review the NOFO for an overview of the program, organization eligibility, funding, and application instructions.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application materials are available on the ADSD website at: Nevada ADSD: Open Grant Opportunities (nv.gov). Questions regarding this opportunity are being accepted through May 24, 2024, and should be submitted via email: ADSDGrants@adsd.nv.gov. All

Applications are due by 11:59pm, Monday June 10, 2024.

Question: The NOFO notes that the funding aims to expand services for those under 60 who have a disability. Later, the NOFO states that funding priority will be given to support low-income populations and individuals under the age of 60. To clarify, are programs that support low-income individuals with a disability eligible for funding, even if those served will be over the age of 60?

We understand that priority is given to programs that serve individuals under the age of 60, but we want to clarify if that totally excludes programs that serve seniors from consideration.

Answer: Due to the source of this funding, the priority populations to be served are persons living with one or more disability. Individuals with chronic disease may also be considered for services. Programs that support low-income individuals with a disability are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity, even if some of the individuals served are persons with disabilities and over the age of 60.

Question:

1. Are clients in addiction recovery eligible?
2. Can you provide your definition of eligible disabilities, or would using Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) criteria be consistent with the grant's intent?

Answer:

1. Services through this funding can be provided to clients in addiction recovery if the individuals have a disability and/or chronic disease.
2. Using SSDI's criteria for determining eligibility would fall within the intent of this funding. Individuals may be able to present documentation of disability/disability status.

Most importantly is to be aware and provide a proposal that the priority population to be served with this funding are persons living with one or more disabilities. Organizations should be able to define the criteria used to make a determination of eligibility under their proposed project. Organizations should also be able to provide confirmation or verification that services provided through their projects met the needs of individuals with a mild or severe functional limitation as the result of a disability, and/or who are unable to safely and independently complete Instrumental Activities of Daily Living ((IADLs).

Question: The NOFO states that separate applications must be submitted for each service applied for, regardless of the service category.

Would an application for Tenancy Support Services that includes a request for staff and vehicle for transportation of participants be considered two services and should separate applications be submitted for the staff and the vehicle? Or would the vehicle be seen as equipment and part of the Tenancy Support Services program?

Similarly, could an application for just a vehicle to enhance the capabilities/activities of current Tenancy Support case managers be considered?

Answer: At the current time, ADSD does not have a service category for Tenancy Support Services. We would however review and consider such proposal. Personnel needed to support these services can be included in one application/budget.

Transportation is currently a service category and therefore would be a separate application. A request to include vehicle purchase/expenses and/or staff specifically needed to support transportation services can be incorporated into the same application.

In the proposal and scope of work, reference can be made between the applications, especially if one is dependent upon the other.

Question: Does a person need to have proof of a disability, or can it be self-reported?

Answer: The priority population to be served with this funding are persons living with disability/disability status. Individuals with chronic disease may also be considered for services. Organizations must be able to provide confirmation or verification of services provided to meet the needs of individuals with a mild or severe functional limitation as the result of a disability, and/or who are unable to safely and independently complete Instrumental Activities of Daily Living ((IADLs).

Question: Specifically, we are interested in providing Ancillary Services for deaf and hard-of-hearing Nevada residents. We are curious about your vision for this service priority and if you want these services to be structured to serve all individuals with disabilities.

Additionally, to support our planning, we are curious about the number of ADSD offices and where the densest populations of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals are in Nevada. Would you be willing to connect us with regional case managers?

Answer: This funding opportunity is available to organizations interested in providing services to all persons with disabilities. Applications and proposals can also be considered for specialized services, or those designed to support specific populations of individuals such as deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

ADSD has four main offices which are in Carson City, Reno, Las Vegas, and Elko. For additional information on ADSD, please visit our website at <https://adsd.nv.gov/>.

ADSD gathers data from multiple sources, including Census data, to develop information and reports on Nevada populations. Reports can be found here: <https://adsd.nv.gov/About/Reports/Reports/>.

Because this is a competitive funding opportunity, we are able to provide general responses at this time.

Question: Could you please clarify whether funding will be provided upfront to the selected organizations to initiate and implement the program services, or if the organizations will need to cover the start-up costs themselves?

Answer: Start-up costs can be considered as part of funding considerations, in addition to the costs for provision of services and outreach. If approved for funding, reimbursement requests can be submitted at least once per month.

Question: I have a question to add to the FAQ: Can we use staff time as part of the 15% match requirement?

Answer: Donated or volunteer services by professional and technical personnel, consultants, and other skilled and unskilled labor may be used as match. Match must be documented and verifiable.

Per DHHS Grant Instructions and Requirements (GIRS), all matches must directly benefit the program for which the funds are granted. Reported match may not include unallowable expenses, expenditures that have been reimbursed by a federal grant, expenditures that have previously been used for match or maintenance of effort purposes.

Question:

1. Can we apply for funding to provide clients with linkage to services (for transportation, affordable housing, in-home services, and food security) rather than the actual direct services?
2. Does ADSD have a specific definition of disability to be followed for this funding?

Answer:

1. At this time, funding is to be used for direct supportive services and outreach for persons with disabilities. Linkage to services can be part of the overall proposal, in addition to direct services.
2. The priority population to be served with this funding are persons living with one or more disabilities. Organizations should be able to define the criteria that will be used to make a determination of eligibility under their proposed project. Organizations should also be able to provide confirmation or verification that services provided through their projects met the needs of individuals with a mild or severe functional limitation as the result of a

disability, and/or who are unable to safely and independently complete Instrumental Activities of Daily Living ((IADLs).

Question: Pg 4 of the NOFO notes that the funding opportunity aims to expand services for those under the age of 60 who have a disability.

Pg 6 of the NOFO notes; Funding will be given to applicants evidencing service priority to low-income populations; individuals under the age of 60.

- Is it preferred to provide transportation service to those that are low-income under the age of 60 or disabled under the age of 60?
- If disability is the preference, could eligibility be allowed for persons over and under the age of 60?
 - o Currently JAC offers curb to curb for eligible disabled applicants. Fares are \$3.00 each way or free if Medicaid eligible.
 - o If disabled and low-income are the requirements I am not sure we would have many eligible applicants considering most low-income disabled riders are probably eligible for Medicaid.
- If low-income under 60 is preferred, JAC could offer a program similar to the free Senior Bus Pass program but for qualifying low-income individuals under the age 60.
 - o This would be for the regular fixed route, not the curb-to-curb service.
- Do you know if the SSBG funding eligible as federal FTA match?

Answer:

- The priority population to be served under this funding are people living with one or more disabilities. Therefore, preference would be for transportation (or other services) to be provided to people with a disability under the age of 60. Target populations include people with a disability under the age of 60 who are considered to have low-income.
- One of the main goals of this funding opportunity is to increase implementation of timely, high quality, community-based services for individuals with disabilities. Although proposals (applications) to provide services to people with disabilities of all ages will be considered, the service priority for this particular funding is to increase availability of services to people with disabilities under the age of 60. ADSD has other funding opportunities for services to older adults.

- Match must directly benefit the program for which the funds are granted. Reported match may not include unallowable expenses, expenditures that have been reimbursed by a federal grant, expenditures that have previously been used for match or maintenance of effort purposes.

Question: How many awards are you expecting to make for this grant, and is there a maximum ask amount? Are there any non-allowable costs?

Answer: There is not a set amount of subawards to be granted under this funding. Proposals will be evaluated, and funding decisions will be made based upon the scoring criteria outlined in the Notice of Funding (NOFO) instruction document.

There is no minimum or maximum ask. There is approximately \$1,000,000 available to fund projects under this funding opportunity.

Question: Can this funding only be used for disabled individuals under the age of 60? Could it be used to purchase a new van for transportation at a Senior Center for individuals over the age of 60?

Answer: This funding is to be used to prioritize services for persons with a disability under the age of 60. If a vehicle or staffing is needed to provide services, please include information in the project proposal clearly explains how the vehicle will be used to support services to this population.