

ADSD Community Partner Meetings

American Rescue Plan – Older Americans Act Funding

Overview

The Aging and Disability Services Division has received funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in line with the Older Americans Act Title III programs. This includes funding under the following titles:

- Title III-B: Supportive Services
- Title III-C: Senior Nutrition Services
- Title III-D: Evidenced Bases/Health Promotion
- Title III-E: Caregiver Supportive Services

The purpose of the ARP funds is to build capacity and infrastructure in the aging services network. This funding is directly awarded to ADSD as the state unit on aging. It is separate from other ARP funding which includes funding that was received by the Governor's office, county governments, and the Medicaid increased FMAP.

ADSD hosted four Community Partner meetings in July 2021 to help identify priorities for this funding. A competitive notice of funding opportunity will be released in September 2021. ADSD anticipates releasing a second notice of funding opportunity in FY2023.

Below is a summary of the feedback and priorities identified by community partners. ADSD is seeking input on these priorities through September 1, 2021.

Priorities

- **Capital Improvement Opportunities** – startup costs for certain services such as adult day health, equipment purchases, remodeling, etc.
- **Technology** – increase technology infrastructure within partner organizations to support remote and virtual services, technology training and equipment for older adults to use technology to access services, prevent social isolation, etc.
- **Workforce Development** – pay differentials for rural areas, increasing volunteer capacity and support, training and other strategies to address workforce shortages
- **Outreach and Marketing** – one-time investments in marketing of services, strategies to increase awareness and help individuals know what is available in their community.
- **One Time Direct Services** – invest in one-time direct services to address waitlists, one-shot services, specialty services such as hoarding assistance, behavioral health, case management, etc.

Other Challenges

The following are other challenges identified by community partners that cannot be addressed with the ARP – Older Americans Act funds.

- **Housing** – there has been a significant increase in homelessness among older adults and people with disabilities due to the unavailability of affordable and accessible housing. The housing crisis is impacting people across Nevada, which is also impacting health outcomes and capacity within social service agencies.

- **Evictions** – Evictions are increasing dramatically because of the housing boom seen throughout Nevada. Many evictions are no-cause evictions which creates significant barriers for individuals. Legal aid providers are seeing a significant increases in cases.
- **Independent Living Services** – people with disabilities need additional services and supports to meet their goals, there needs to be more choice in services, more training to providers, and increased funding to support the needs of people with disabilities.
- **Medicaid Challenges** – more coordination between waivers, equitability of services available to different populations, extremely low provider rates
- **Other Challenges:** increased demand for services, communication between social and health services, better communication and collaboration, building up partnerships among providers

Next Steps

- Pending Interim Finance Committee approval of funding in August.
- Identify priorities and funding allocations based on available funding.
- Release competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity in September 2021.

Partner Feedback

To provide additional feedback on the priorities and opportunities for ADSD to consider, please complete this short survey: [ADSD – American Rescue Plan Survey](#).