

Opening Minds Through Art (OMA) – Subrecipient Implementation Guidance

Program Overview

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is an evidence-based, intergenerational art program for people living with dementia. The Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) is funding up to five OMA pilot programs. Each program will receive a one-time award of up to \$8,000 to support startup and implementation costs.

Implementation Requirements

Component	Expectation
Program Delivery	2 sessions per year (Spring/Fall or equivalent)
Session Duration	6 weeks per session, 1 hour per week
Participants	Up to 10 participants per session (minimum of 6 recommended)
Volunteer Match	1:1 ratio; trained volunteers (students preferred, others allowed)
Art Show	Required at the end of each session to display and optionally sell artwork
Budget Use	Startup training, art supplies, volunteer outreach and training, art show expenses

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the program only one hour a week?

A: Yes. Each OMA session is designed to be one hour per week over six weeks. Programs must run two sessions per year.

Q: Do the volunteers need to be students?

A: While the program encourages intergenerational relationships with high school or college students, trained adult volunteers from the community are also acceptable.

Q: What are the art show requirements?

A: Each session must end with an art show that displays participant artwork and celebrates their creativity. Public display and community/family engagement are strongly encouraged.

Q: Is there a minimum number of participants?

A: Each session should aim for 6-10 participants with a one-to-one volunteer match.

Q: If fewer than 5 subrecipients apply, is there an opportunity for more funding for those who are selected?

A: If fewer than five eligible applicants are selected, ADSD may consider redistributing remaining funds to approved subrecipients on a case-by-case basis, depending on:

- Availability of unallocated funds within the OMA pilot budget
- Subrecipient capacity and interest in expanding programming (e.g., running more than two sessions per year or increasing participant capacity)
- Compliance with grant and reporting requirements
- Prior approval from ADSD

Subrecipients should apply based on the initial \$8,000 award cap and not assume additional funding will be available. Any redistribution of funds would be at the discretion of ADSD and not guaranteed.