

FAQ

VAC5 Title III B Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines Via the Aging Network_Updated 9/30/2021

1. What is the name and source of the funds?

Name: Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines Via the Aging Network

Enabling legislation: Consolidated Appropriations Act

CFDA: 93.044

2. When will the funds be available?

The funds were available to plan and budget on 8/4. Per the email on 7/28, ICOA will review the budgets and provide any feedback by 9/15/2021.

3. When should the funds be spent?

Funding is available until 09/30/2022.

4. Is there a required match?

No match is required.

5. Is “bucketing” allowed?

No, there is no flexibility available for “bucketing”.

6. What other rules must I comply with?

All Title III rules and regulations apply. In addition, ACL issued a FAQ on 4/9. ICOA provided the FAQ to the AAAs with the budget workbooks on 8/4. A link to the FAQ is also included in this document.

7. What is the scope and intent of the funds?

Scope: Per the ACL issued guidance, expand access to COVID-19 Vaccines

Intent:

- Disseminating credible information about COVID-19 vaccines and help direct those with questions to additional sources of information,
- Identifying people who may need help getting a COVID-19 vaccination, including those who are unable to independently travel to a vaccination site,
- Helping with scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination appointment for those who need help,
- Arranging or providing accessible transportation to COVID-19 vaccination sites,

- Providing technical assistance to local health departments and other entities on vaccine accessibility,
- Providing personal support if needed (e.g., peer support), and
- Reminding the person of their second vaccination appointment if needed.

8. How will we track the services delivered with the funds?

RTZ GetCare tracks Title III B programs and registered client information. As you plan or budget the program, reach out to ICOA if additional data sets are needed. We may also reach out during the budget review and over the funding period. Outside of GetCare, AAAs should be able to report to ICOA for inclusion in the SPR narrative report:

- List of organizations and agencies partnering to provide vaccine access including work with the Veterans Administration
- Anecdotes and narratives regarding partnerships, successes, challenges
- The quantity of mailings or postcards, social media posts, and/or partnering events attend by AAA staff etc.

ICOA will request the additional information during the annual SPR process. It is recommended the AAA assign a single staff member to track COVID vaccine access outcomes.

Update: ICOA has developed an additional reporting form to track outcomes monthly. The data provided by the AAA will be shared with entities monitoring vaccine outcomes.

9. How will we communicate with stakeholders?

ICOA recommends the AAAs craft communication documents for the vendors who will participate in these funds

10. What if my AAA can't utilize the funding for the stated intent?

Please contact ICOA immediately. Funding must be provided to the AAAs via the IFF. ICOA does allow AAAs to transfer funding to each other.

11. Has ICOA identified best practices?

- Utilization of Friendly Caller resources to identify people without vaccinations and reminders for 2nd shot as necessary
- Provision of transportation, especially in rural areas, by informing about programs such as Lyft, providing vouchers for consumer-directed transportation reimbursement or coordinating/supporting other local options
- Collaboration with local health districts to provide accurate, reliable information about vaccines, vaccine access, and related support services
- Collaboration and coordination with other AAAs to efficiently plan, produce and disseminate common messaging statewide

12. Who at ICOA should I contact with Questions?

Erin Olsen is supporting ICOA vaccine efforts. Erin can work with each AAA and their health districts to create locally impactful outreach. Erin can be reached at 208-577-2853 or via e-mail at erin.olsen@aging.idaho.gov.

13. Additional resources

ACL VAC5 FAQ: <https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/about-acl/2021-04/CDC%20AoA%20Expanding%20Access%20to%20Vaccines%20FAQ-4-8-21.pdf>