



**Title III-B Mini Grant Proposal for**

**Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines via the Aging Network (VAC5)**

The Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging (DSAAA) has mini grants available for expanding access to COVID-19 vaccines for older adults, family caregivers and aging network staff and volunteers, under Title III-B VAC5 funding. DSAAA’s service area includes twenty-one counties in northwest Minnesota (see <https://www.dancingskyaaa.org/counties-we-serve>). All services funded by DSAAA must be provided within its service area.

**A. General Information**

Applicant Organization Name and Address:	Contact Person Name, Phone #, Email Address:
Counties in Proposed Service Area:	Period for which Funds are Requested: (Beginning – Ending must be 9/30/2022)  - 9/30/2022
Total Title IIIB VAC5 funds requested: \$	
Type of Organization:  Non-Profit (include documentation of nonprofit status)                      Government	

**B. Proposal and Funds Requested**

Title III-B Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines via the Aging Network (VAC5) funds can be used to serve older adults and their caregivers in the following two service categories:

**VAC5 Service Category:**

- Disseminating credible information about COVID-19 vaccines and/or boosters and help direct those with questions to additional sources of information,
- Helping with scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster appointment for those who need help,
- Arranging accessible transportation to COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster sites,
- Providing personal support if needed (e.g. peer support),
- Reminding the person of their second vaccination and/or booster appointment if needed,
- Identifying people who may need help getting a COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster, including those who are unable to independently travel to a vaccination site,

**VAC5 Transportation Service Category:**

- Providing accessible transportation to COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster sites.

**Title III-B VAC5 funds can be used for:**

- Combatting vaccine hesitancy, disseminating credible information about COVID-19 vaccines and/or boosters and helping direct those with questions to additional sources of information.

- Addressing inequity in COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster access among older adults, family caregivers, and aging network staff and volunteers from communities defined by race, ethnicity, geography, disability, income, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other factors.
- Arranging or providing accessible transportation to COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster sites for older adults and their caregivers is an allowable use of funds.
- Staff time to plan and organize these activities.
- Serve older adults, family caregivers, and aging network staff and volunteers. Priority given to serving older adults.

Describe your proposed project for expanding access to COVID-19 vaccines and/or boosters. Be specific regarding your outreach strategies and proposed activities.



\*Title III-B VAC5 funds cannot be used for food/refreshments. No matching funds are required.

The applicant will submit reports (templates provided by DSAAA) within 10 days of the end of a quarter.

### C. Terms and Conditions

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that; 1) funds granted as a result of this request are to be expended for the purposes set forth herein and in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures of this state, the area agency on aging and the Administration on Aging of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2) any proposed changes in the proposal as approved will be submitted in writing by the applicant and upon notification of approval by the state or area agency on aging shall be deemed incorporated into and become a part of this agreement; 3) the attached Assurance of Compliance (Form AOA-441) with the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation issued pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 applies to this proposal as approved; and 4) funds awarded by the state or area agency on aging may be terminated at any time for violations of any terms and requirements of the agreement.

Name and Title of Individual Authorized to Commit the Applicant Organization to this Proposal:

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Name and Title

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Signature

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Date

1. Applications will be accepted until funds are expended or through June 30, 2022. Email completed applications to: Judi Weiss, Grants Manager, [judi@nwrdc.org](mailto:judi@nwrdc.org)
2. DSAAA Title IIIB VAC5 committee will review and make recommendations for funding to the DSAAA Executive Committee.
3. The DSAAA Executive Committee will make final funding decision.
4. Applicants must also sign General Assurances Agreement.

Direct Inquiries to:  
Judi Weiss, Grants Manager  
Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging

218.745.9119 / [judi@nwrdc.org](mailto:judi@nwrdc.org)

**Compliances:** The Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging agrees to abide by and assures that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of sex, age, race or religion be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination in connection with the operations of the Contract. All contractors, subcontractors, grantees and consultants must be Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employers and support incorporation of the ADA.