

Notice
Request for the Public Review and Comment
on Proposal for Program Development & Coordination Funding

In accordance with Federal Regulation (45 CFR 1321.17 (F) 14), the
Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging

Is allowed to submit a proposal to the Minnesota Board on Aging to transfer Title III-B (Supportive Service) funds to the Area Plan Administration for Program Development and Coordination Activities that will have a direct and positive impact on the enhancement of services for older persons in the Northwest and West Central region of Minnesota. The AAA is required to make the details of such proposals available to the general public for review and comment.

The AAA is proposing to use \$ 125, 206 in Title III-B direct service funds to pay for the Program Development and Coordination Activities during 2022 as a cost of Area Plan administration. The Minnesota Board on Aging policy allows up to **25%** of these funds to be used for this purpose. The proposed amount represents **25%** of the Area Agency on Aging's new Title III-B direct service allotment.

Written comments are encouraged and will be accepted until July 30th, 2021. Please email comments to Darla Waldner at darla@nwrdc.org. The area plan may be viewed at and comments sent to the Area Agency on Aging at the following address:

Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging
Northwest Regional Development Commission
109 Minnesota Ave S
Warren, MN 56762.

Individuals may give oral testimony at the Public Hearing to be held at the Dancing Sky AAA offices at the address above and virtually through ZOOM on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Testimony is limited to 5 minutes per person. RSVP to darla@nwrdc.org by 5:00 p.m. on July 20th, 2021, to indicate your attendance and your intent to speak at the hearing. Staff will provide a ZOOM link to anyone that is interested in speaking at the hearing.

Notice
Request for the Public Review and Comment
on Proposal for Title III Cost Sharing

In accordance with the Older Americans Act (Section 315(c)(1)), the
Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging

Is allowed to submit a proposal to the Minnesota Board on Aging to use Title III funds for the purpose of providing supportive, health promotion and caregiver support services and will employ a cost sharing strategy for allowable services to expand potential of this Title to support older individuals and their families in the Northwest and West Central region of Minnesota. The AAA is required to solicit the views of older individuals, providers, and other stakeholders on the implementation of its cost sharing strategy for review and comment.

The AAA is proposing to use \$326,013 in Title III funds to pay for supportive, health promotion and caregiver support services during 2022 which are subject to cost sharing requirements.

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**2022 Draft Proposal for
Title III-B - Program Development & Coordination**

Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging (DSAAA) will submit a 2022 proposal to the Minnesota Board on Aging for use of 25 percent of its allocated Title III-B (Supportive Services) funds for Program Development and Coordination Activities. These activities will have a direct and positive impact on services for older persons in the northwest and west central region of Minnesota.

The following items detail specific strategies that DSAAA proposes to deploy related to each of four goals set out by the Minnesota Board on Aging. These strategies align with direction from the Board on Aging for Program Development and Coordination Activities. We welcome your review of these strategies and your comments and suggestions.

Goal 1: Leverage the experience, expertise and energy of older Minnesotans

- Build the capacity of Senior Corps to facilitate opportunities to connect older adults in their communities and build social connections.

Goal 2: Equip older Minnesotans with the tools to take charge of their health and make informed decisions about services when they need them

- Pilot one or more sustainable models for offering evidence-based health promotion programs with community-based partners that address disparities and reach unserved or underserved populations.
- Participate in a state-led project to modernize the current nutrition services delivery model to achieve efficiencies, promote sustainability and increase choice.

Goal 3: Support families and friends in their caregiving roles

- Enhance the caregiving support infrastructure to provide family caregivers with on demand access to consultation and resources in person, by phone or online
- Participate in CARE Act partnerships with the State, AARP and Minnesota Hospital Association.
- Develop relationships with nonprofits to expand caregiver consultation services.
- Identify partners to be trained in Powerful Tool for Caregivers, Dementia Education and Respite Education & Support Tools (REST).
- Support family and friends who are caregiving by building a regional respite care coalition.

Goal 4: Support aging in community with access to a range of services and housing options

- Assist low-income homeowners to age in community by leveraging regional/local public-private partnerships to complete home modifications, maintenance and in-home services.

- Coordinate home and community-based services with existing weatherization programs, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) loans, and resources with State Services for the Blind, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.
- Ensure Older Americans Act (OAA) funded Title III providers target outreach and in-home services in senior housing.
- Develop new partnerships to deliver services and supports in senior housing.
- Explore options to improve current OAA core services, Elderly Waiver, Alternative Care and Essential Community Supports.
- Work with cultural and ethnic communities to disseminate information and build awareness of services available through OAA and other public programs.