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ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<https://acl.gov/>

NASUAD Information

Here is a link to news and press releases from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/nasuad-news>



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September 25, 2018

New Grants Support Elder Justice and Independent Living in Indian Country

The [Administration for Community Living](#) has awarded three new grants totaling more than \$700,000 to advance elder justice and independent living in Indian Country.

Elder Justice Innovation Grant

The Orutsararmiut Native Council in Bethel, Alaska, was awarded a \$387,292 [Elder Justice Innovation Grant](#) for a two-year project that aims to reduce harm and maltreatment Yup'ik Eskimo elders. The project will use a multifaceted approach to build resiliency among survivors, support caregivers, and meet the needs of elders with disabilities. It will be holistic on an individual level, comprehensive, culturally-appropriate, and trauma-informed.

The project will employ a model developed by the Maori people of New Zealand that includes an elder-focused, family-centered, community-based intervention for the prevention and mitigation of elder abuse. This model provides the opportunity for the community and family members to come together to discuss (and develop a plan for) the well-being of their elders.

It will create a multi-disciplinary team of several agencies and organizations representing a variety of expertise and disciplines (an evidence-based practice proven to prevent and address elder abuse). Finally, it will provide support services for elders including congregate meals, transportation, and social and cultural activities.

Native American Independent Living Demonstration Grants

ACL also awarded two new Native American Independent Living Demonstration (NAILD) grants to [Centers for Independent Living](#) (CILs) to improve the capabilities of CILs to meet the needs of people with disabilities in tribal areas. The three-year grants were awarded to:



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- The Disability & Legal Services Center, which serves Native American communities in Sonoma, Medicino, and Lake Counties in California with funding at



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Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announces FY 2019 RSVP Funding Opportunity

Notice of Intent to Apply Due: Wed., October 10, 2018, 5 p.m. ET

Application Deadline: Wed., November 7, 2018, 5 p.m. ET

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CNCS seeks to increase the impact of national service in communities nationwide. It intends to fund Senior Corps RSVP program models that address critical community needs by mobilizing volunteers age 55+. Projects should respond to community needs within the focus areas of: disasters, education, economic opportunity, environment, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. CNCS is particularly interested in applications that propose to include one or more of these priorities:

- Evidence-based Program Implementation: projects that focus volunteers to support the implementation of evidence-based program models.
- Opioid Abuse: increase access to care and participation in health education activities designed to prevent or reduce prescription drug and opioid abuse.
- Elder Justice: mitigate the potential that people served by RSVP volunteers will be victims of financial fraud, abuse, or neglect and/or that provide support services to victims.



- Independent Living: address independent living for older adults and individuals with disabilities including activities that ease social isolation and/or give respite to informal caregivers.
- Workforce Development: increase the number of economically disadvantaged individuals receiving job training and other skill development services.
- Intergenerational Programming: increase older adult engagement with young people in the areas of school readiness and K-12 success.
- Disaster Services: improve community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.
- Veterans and Military Families: positively impact the quality of life of veterans and improving family military strength.



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September 26, 2018

[ACL Awards Grants to 14 State Adult Protective Services Systems](#)

ACL recently awarded grants totaling \$4,877,699 to Adult Protective Services systems in 14 states. The three-year grants will be used to enhance statewide APS systems, evaluate and improve practices, and improve data collection and reporting to ACL's [National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System \(NAMRS\)](#).

State APS systems investigate reports of abuse and exploitation of older adults and people with disabilities. They provide support and case-management, and connect people facing abuse to a variety of protective, emergency, and support services.

Find out how each state will use their APS enhancement grant:

- **Arizona** will link data from APS, Aging and Disability Services, and local Area Agencies on Aging; utilize technology to enhance data collection and reporting; and use predictive analytics to improve planning and budgeting for service needs.
- **Arkansas'** project seeks to improve the experiences and outcomes of those served by APS by improving the state's ability to document and report APS cases, clients, and offender characteristics and services in a manner that is consistent with NAMRS. They will also be supporting the education of APS staff, stakeholders, and the community.
- **California** will implement an APS Leaders Institute to increase the capacity of APS managers to coordinate, plan, and implement APS



system improvements. The project includes the development and evaluation of a stipend program for graduate social work education paired with a commitment to work in APS.

- **Idaho** will be evaluating and deploying new resources including new screening and assessment tools, a case management and Goal Attainment Scaling intervention, and new methods to capture APS case, client, and perpetrator data.
- **Maine** will implement and evaluate an evidence-based APS service-planning and intervention model that utilizes practices including motivational interviewing, supported decision making, teaming, restorative justice, and goal attainment scaling. They will also update their information systems in order to report complete case component data to NAMRS.
- **Massachusetts** will use technology to create a common data reporting system that covers APS programs for adults of all ages. They will also partner with stakeholders to create an enhanced technology-based abuse education and reporting system called “Recognize, Report, Respond (R3)” for use by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Minnesota** seeks to improve APS data quality, increase APS case-level reporting capacity, and promote consistency in adult protection assessment and screening response for vulnerable adults. The state will develop new quality assurance environments and implement customized reporting.
- **Montana**'s APS program will integrate the reporting of suspected abuse and exploitation into the licensing and certification process for facilities, standardize risk and safety assessments and data collection, implement new tools to track the outcomes of interventions, work with Montana Tribal entities to improve data reporting, and track cases involving illicit drugs, alcohol, and opioid abuse.
- **Nevada** will expand its Elder Protective Services program into a full APS program that serves adults with disabilities between the ages 18 and 59. They will use the grant to train APS staff, create program



materials, and enhance NAMRS data collection and reporting capability.

- **Ohio** seeks to improve APS efficiency and data quality, increase awareness of elder abuse within the community, and to improve community supports for elders in need of community services or being considered for guardianship. The project will result in products that include a mandatory reporter training and online referral system, public awareness materials and resource guides, and a strategic plan for local teams.
- **Oklahoma** will develop an enhanced self-neglect practice that includes care planning, training, and service coordination. The project will also strengthen technology to improve NAMRS reporting and facilitate interviews and assessments with self-neglect clients, including Native Americans.
- **Pennsylvania** will expand the multi-disciplinary team approach to support older adults experiencing self-neglect, identify and resolve service gaps for older adults in need of protective services, and improve the quality and quantity of data reported to NAMRS. The state will also educate older adults living in the community on how to identify and report abuse and maintain health and wellness.
- **Rhode Island** will partner with the state's behavioral health agency to provide direct services to APS clients in need of highly targeted intervention and utilize statewide APS case management software and assistive technology to make field work more efficient. They will also increase internal training and host APS state conferences.
- **Virginia** will provide improved integrated e-learning to new APS workers and supervisors and proactively review caseload trends and best practice. Virginia will also improve their data collection and increase NAMRS participation with agency, key indicator, and case component level data.

Earlier this week, [ACL awarded an elder justice innovation grant](#) to combat elder abuse in Indian country.



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ACL Webinars on Innovative Nutrition Projects

Join the [National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging](#) for two webinars in October about Innovations in Nutrition Programs and Services grants.

In 2017 ACL issued a funding opportunity for the [Innovations in Nutrition Programs and Services](#) grants for supporting systematic testing and documentation of innovative and promising practices that would enhance the quality, effectiveness, and proven outcomes of nutrition services and programs within the aging services network. A cohort of six grantees from across the nation was selected to receive this funding.

Participants will hear from each of these ACL grantees about their Innovative Nutrition projects in action across the country. Participants will also receive recommendations for potential replication in their own communities, as well as lessons learned from implementing this work.

[Register for Innovative Projects for Nutrition Programs and Services Part 1 on October 17, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm EDT.](#)

[Register for Innovative Projects for Nutrition Programs and Services Part 2 on October 24, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm EDT.](#)



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<https://www.vadars.org/formscabinet/Formscabinet.asp?pass=etl&tl=CIL&pg=>