

**Fund Availability Announcement  
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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS ANNOUNCEMENT  
RE-OPENING FUND AVAILABILITY**

**Overview:** The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) was signed into law by President Biden. Section 2921 of the law appropriated \$1.434 billion to remain available until expended to carry out the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA). Funds must be expended on allowable Older Americans Act activities as defined by the Older Americans Act and State and Local policy.

**Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis and the request for applications will remain open until available funds are exhausted. Applications will be forwarded to SEMAAA's Executive Committee for consideration in the order they are received.** Applications will not be accepted after June 15, 2022.

**Eligibility:** Funding will be available to nonprofit organizations that provide services to older adults in the eleven-county area of Southeastern Minnesota: Dodge, Goodhue, Fillmore, Houston, Olmsted, Mower, Freeborn, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona. Services must meet specifications of one of the following titles of the Older Americans Act:

**III-B – Supportive Services** – ARP III-B funds available will be approximately \$180,794. Funds are intended for programs and services that target frail (at-risk), older individuals to maintain maximum independence and dignity within their own homes.

**Allowable Services:**

- Personal Care
- Chore
- Homemaker
- Adult Day Care/Adult Day Health
- Assisted Transportation
- Transportation
- Legal Assistance
- Nutrition Education
- Information and Assistance
- Self-Directed Supportive Services
- Home Modification
- Consumable Supplies
- Consultation
- Counseling
- Education/Training
- Guardianship
- Legal Education
- Outreach
- Special Access Technology
- Telephone Reassurance
- Visiting

**III-D – Approved Evidence based Health Promotion** – ARP III-D funds available will be approximately \$15,233. These funds are intended for currently approved evidence-based programs, i.e., Matter of Balance, Tai Ji Quan and many others.

**III-E – Caregiver Support Program** – ARP III-E funds available will be approximately \$64,801. These funds are intended for programs that assist caregivers with support in caring for older individuals.

**Allowable Services:**

- Self-Directed Caregiver Support Services
- Caregiver Counseling
- Caregiver Support Groups
- Caregiver Training
- Caregiver Respite
- Caregiver Respite in Home
- Caregiver Respite Out of Home Day
- Caregiver Respite Out of Home Over Night
- Caregiver Respite Other Respite
- Supplemental Services
- Caregiver Info and Assistance
- Caregiver Public Information Services

**Other Considerations:**

- Funding may be available for reapplication up to 2 years.
- Funding is on a reimbursement basis.
- Providers currently funded by SEMAAA can submit proposals for new or expanded services (new geographic location for existing service).
- Work to begin July 1, 2022. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2022.

**ARPA Funding Schedule**

ARP RFP re-released: May 6, 2022
Application Packet/Budget Forms Due: June 15, 2022 @ 4:30PM
Service Delivery Begins: July 1, 2022
Award Notifications – Exec. Committee review approximately two weeks after receipt
ARP funds expended and projects completed by December 31, 2022

**Agencies interested in making application must submit a full grant application to SEMAAA by 4:30PM on June 15, 2022.**