

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS
AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENT
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Overview: On March 11, 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. Effective January 1, 2022, the MBA authorized SEMAAA's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Workplan. American Rescue Plan (ARP) guidelines follow Title III.

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 review and approval in the order they are received. Applications will not be accepted after December 9, 2022, for the first round.

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 \$352,489. 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:

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

III-C1 – Congregate Meals - ARP III-C1 funds available will be approximately \$138,235. These funds are intended for programs that provide a meal by a qualified nutrition provider to an eligible individual in a congregate or group setting. The meal is served in a program that is administered by MBA and/or AAA's and meets all the requirements of the Older Americans Act and State/Local laws and complies with the most recent Dietary Guidelines.

III-C2 – Home Delivered - ARP III-C2 funds available will be approximately \$207,809. These funds are intended to provide meals to an eligible individual in their place of residence. The meal is served in a program

that is administered by MBA and/or AAA's and meets all the requirements of the Older Americans Act and State/Local laws and complies with the most recent Dietary Guidelines.

III-D – Approved Evidence based Health Promotion – ARP III-D funds available will be approximately \$37,606. These funds are intended for currently approved evidence-based programs such as: Matter of Balance, Tai Ji Quan, Bingocize, Aging Mastery, and PEARLS.

III-E – Caregiver Support Program – ARP III-E funds available will be approximately \$118,465. 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:

- Providers currently funded by SEMAAA can submit proposals for new or expanded services (new geographic location for existing service).
- Work to begin January 1, 2023. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2023.
- Reapplication funding may be available for 1/1/2024 – 9/30/2024.
- Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.

ARPA Funding Schedule

Availability of ARP III-B, C-1, C-2, D & E Applications: November 21, 2022
Application Packet/Budget Forms Due: December 9, 2022 @ 4:00PM
Award Notifications: Following SEMAAA Executive Committee review
Service Delivery Begins: January 1, 2023
ARP funds expended and projects completed by December 31, 2023

To apply, please contact the appropriate SEMAAA staff person (either Kim Voth or Laurie Marreel). Indicate which service(s) you are interested in applying for. If you have already created an account in our Smartsimple grant management platform, Kim or Laurie will direct the application to you.

If you have not created an account in Smartsimple and are interested in applying, please contact Kim Voth, Laurie Marreel, or Patti Schad for assistance. SEMAAA staff can also be reached by phone at (507)288-6944.