



Older American Act (OAA) Title III Programs

Background

Passed in 1965, the Older Americans Act (OAA) was passed in 1965 as part of President Johnson's "Great Society" initiative with the goal of supporting older Americans to live at home and in the community with dignity and independence for as long as possible. In addition to outlining the framework for local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), the OAA authorized grants to states for community planning and services programs, as well as for research, demonstration, and training projects in the field of aging. Later amendments to the Act added grants to AAAs for local needs identification, planning, and funding of services.

OAA Title III funding is allocated by the Ohio Department of Aging on behalf of the Administration for Community Living. The distribution of funds, requirements, programs, and services align with the Older American Act Title III-B (Supportive Services) and Title III-C (Nutrition Programs), Title III-D (Evidence-based Programs) and Title III-E (National Family Caregiver Program).

OAA Title III Program Eligibility

Participants are eligible if they are 60 years or older and require a service. However, services should be targeted to older individuals with the greatest social or economic need, with a special focus on low-income minority individuals and individuals living in rural areas. There are no income or asset/resource criteria for eligibility.

Service Provider Requirements

Agencies applying for OAA Title III funds should be capable of providing programs and services to serve older and disabled adults in one or multiple Central Ohio counties (Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union). Private, public, and not-for-profit agencies are eligible to apply. Agencies will be required to produce their Certificate of Good Standing from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office, and proof of commercial liability insurance. In addition, agencies applying to conduct nutrition programs are required to be licensed for food service and delivery (specifics outlined in [OAC 173-4-05](#)).

Providers are responsible for promoting their services to potential clients, identifying those clients, and enrolling them in available services/programming. COAAA will not refer clients to providers.

Application, Contracting, and Program Cycles

Contracts are renewed each year of the 4-year program cycle. The current program cycle began on January 1, 2024 and ends on December 31, 2027. The next RFP for Title III OAA services will be released in Autumn of 2027 for the contracting period that begins January 1, 2028.

Additional information and application materials can be found online at <https://www.coaaa.org/cms/our-agency/requests-for-proposals> or by emailing Grant Ames at games@coaaa.org.



List Fundable Title III-B Supportive Services & Service Units

*Detailed Service Specifications can be found at <https://www.coaaa.org/cms/for-providers/program-rules>

Service	Service Unit	Description
Adult Day Service	1 Day	A regularly-scheduled service delivered at an adult day center in a non-institutional, community-based setting. ADS includes recreational and educational programming to support a consumer's health and independence goals; at least one meal, but no more than two meals per day; and, sometimes, health status monitoring, and skilled therapy services. (OAC 173-3-06.1)
Adult Day Service with Transportation	1 Day	Adult Day Service (as described above) with Transportation to and from the center. (OAC 173-3-06.1)
Home Maintenance and Chore Services	1 Hour	A service providing critical cleaning, maintenance, or repair of elements in a consumer's home or surrounding property which are necessary to preserve the consumer's health and welfare. (OAC 173-3-06.2)
Minor Home Modification and Repair	1 Job	A service modifying elements of the interior or exterior of a consumer's home to increase accessibility and enable the consumer to function with greater independence in the home. (OAC 173-3-06.3)
Medical Assessment	Individual Assessment	A program organized to provide an individual with a basic health screening (including mental and behavioral health screening and falls prevention services screening) to detect or prevent (or both) illnesses and injuries that occur most frequently in older adults. The purpose of such screening is only to identify problems needing more in-depth diagnosis and treatment services. Program services may include blood pressure checks, routine laboratory tests, vision and hearing tests, foot screening or other basic medical examinations.
Personal Care Service	1 Hour	Personal assistance, stand-by assistance, cueing, or supervision for persons having difficulty with one or more of the following activities of daily living; eating, dressing/grooming, bathing/hygiene, toileting, and mobility/ transferring. (OAC 173-3-06.5)
Mental and Behavioral Health Services/ Counseling	1 Hour	Mental health services can include any of the following services: Screening for the prevention of depression, coordination of community mental health services, provision of information to seniors about mental health services, development of "peer" gerontological counseling programs, therapeutic mental health counseling (provided by qualified, licensed mental health professionals or others trained and supervised by another qualified professional) and referral to psychiatric and psychological services.

Service	Service Unit	Description
Supportive Services	1 Hour	Activities that are necessary and enable an individual to live independently and have access to, choice of, and an opportunity to participate in a full range of community activities. Supportive Service helps individuals manage their households and personal affairs, self-administer medications, and retain their community living arrangements. Supportive Service can be furnished through telephone support, in-person support or travel activities, as applicable to the tasks performed.
Homemaker	1 Hour	A service providing routine activities to help a consumer to achieve and maintain a clean, safe, and healthy living environment. (OAC 173-3-06.4)
Grocery Delivery Assistance	1 Delivery	A service for a consumer who needs assistance shopping for groceries that allows consumers to order groceries then the provider delivers the ordered groceries to the consumer's home or vehicle. <u>Note:</u> Service does not include the cost of the groceries.
Kinship Supplemental	1 Hour	A service that offers information, referral, and follow-up services to grandparents (over 60) and other relatives raising children to link them to the benefits and services that they or the children in their care need.
Volunteer Placement	1 Placement	Providing staff support, recruitment, coordination, and training/educational opportunities for volunteers (One placement means one volunteer identified, trained, and assigned to a volunteer position).
Transportation	One-way Trip	A service that transports a consumer from one place to another through the use of a provider's vehicle and driver, and which may or may not include providing the consumer with assistance to safely enter and exit the vehicle. (OAC 173-3-06.6)
Legal Services	1 Hour	Services designed to provide to older individuals legal assistance and other counseling services and assistance.
Housing Assistance Counseling	1 Contact	A service for older individuals that provides current information on opportunities and services available within their communities to address housing needs; assesses the problems and capacities of the individuals; links individuals to the opportunities and services; to the maximum extent feasible, ensures the individual receives the services needed and is able to maintain stable housing.
Financial Navigator Services	1 Hour	A service that provides assistance with financial tasks for seniors who are unable to manage their personal finances (i.e., banking, paying bills, taxes, etc.).

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Financial Literacy Education	1 Session per Participant	A program to promote a better understanding of managing finances, including money management, budgeting, and fraud detection/prevention information and instruction to participants or participants and caregivers in a group or individual setting overseen by a Certified Personal & Family Finance Educator (CPFFE) or individual of comparable expertise or certification.
Financial Assistance/ Material Aid	1 Contact	Limited financial assistance for low-income older adults to cover the cost of housing, utilities, prescription medications, medical, dental, or vision care, or other health needs that are not covered under other programs. COAAA has the final authority on the amount and terms of aid. <u>Note:</u> Applicants must also provide Housing Assistance Counseling, Financial Navigator Services, or Financial Literacy Education to be eligible for this service.
Recreation/ Intergenerational Programming	1 Session per Participant	Activities that promote socialization between older adults and children under the age of 18, including educational, athletic, performing arts, and artistic programs.
Assistive Technology Equipment	1 Device per Participant	Technology that enables an individual or family caregiver to improve their ability to perform activities of daily living; perceive, control, interact, or communicate with their environment; monitor for safety or self-management or chronic conditions; or facilitate safe medication use.
Friendly Visiting	1 Hour	Providing regular visits to isolated, homebound or institutionalized older adults to reduce isolation and loneliness. Letter writing, reading letters, and conversation and typical activities of friendly visitors.

Note: Adult Day Service Transportation and Meals must be provided by the Adult Day Service provider, either directly or by subcontract. It cannot be contracted independent of Adult Day Service or by an agency other than the Adult Day Service provider.