

Vaccine Grant Q&As/ Clarifications

Sub Awards

1. How are subawards able to best identify which option to apply for?

Option A: Increasing vaccine uptake via enhanced partnerships and engagement of aging and disability organizations, particularly Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), No-Wrong Door Systems (NWDS)/Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), Centers for Independent Living (CILs), other ACL-funded disability networks, and other aging and disability community-based organizations (CBOs).

Option B: Increasing vaccine uptake via enhanced partnerships and engagement with senior centers, community centers, and local community and faith-based organizations not included in Option A that serve, support and include older adults and people with disabilities.

The grantees for each Option will be expected to closely coordinate all efforts of their respective projects to ensure activities are complementary and in no way duplicative.

Data reporting:

1. What components are required?

Regularly report data showing the number of community-based *vaccine clinics held*, the number of people who *receive vaccinations*, and the types of *supportive services* provided to assist with vaccine access, such as transportation to vaccine clinics and in-home vaccinations, as well as information on *education and outreach*. This information includes but not limited to vaccinations delivered, number of clinics, age categories of recipients, type of vaccination given (Bivalent COVID-19 booster and/or Influenza vaccination), units and types of other supportive services provided, and zip codes of persons vaccinated.

2. How are data elements defined?

Vaccine Clinics

Vaccines

Age categories

Zip Codes

Supportive Services

Education and outreach

Data Element	Definition	Service Unit
Vaccine Clinics	Community based clinics held to administer vaccinations.	One event

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Vaccine	<p>A preparation that is used to stimulate the body’s immune response against diseases. Vaccines are usually administered through needle injections, but some can be administered by mouth or sprayed into the nose. CDC determines the number of people receiving at least one dose, the number of people who are fully vaccinated, and the number of people with an updated (bivalent) booster dose based on information reported to CDC on dose number, dose manufacturer, administration date, recipient ID, and date of submission.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/imz-basics.htm</p>	One unit per vaccine administered per type of vaccine
Age Categories	<p>Age: 18-49 Age: 50-59 Age: 55 -59 Age: <60 (Older Adult) Age: 60 -64 Age: 65-74 Age: 75 – 84 Age: 85+</p>	Per age group
Zip Code	A ZIP Code is a five-digit numeric code that identifies a collection of mailing addresses within the United States and its territories	NA
Supportive Services		
Transportation	Services or activities that provide or arrange for the travel, including travel costs, of individuals from one location to another. Does not include any other activity. (Source: NAMRS/HCBS)	one way trip
In-home Vaccinations	Service provided for in-home vaccination not at a community based vaccination clinic or location.	One

Data Element	Definition	Service Unit
Information and Assistance	<p>A service that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides the individuals with current information on opportunities and services available to the individuals within their communities, including information relating to assistive technology; • assesses the problems and capacities of the individuals; • links the individuals to the opportunities and services that are available; • to the maximum extent practicable, ensures that the individuals receive the services needed by the individuals, and are aware of the opportunities available to the individuals, by establishing adequate follow-up procedures; and • serves the entire community of older individuals, particularly— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ older individuals with greatest social need; ○ older individuals with greatest economic need; and ○ older individuals at risk for institutional placement. <p>(Source: OAA)</p>	Contact
Other Services	A service provided using funds or in part, that do not fall into the previously defined service categories.	N/A
Education and outreach	Targeted information and materials in support of vaccination	Per activity/ session

Vaccines

1. Can other vaccines be counted, i.e. shingles vaccination?

Yes, other vaccines can be counted, but must be identified and counted separately.

2. Can vaccination clinics held support other vaccinations besides COVID-19 and Influenza?

Yes.

3. Can funding be used to purchase flu vaccines?

After consulting with our General Counsel, influenza vaccinations may not be paid for with the Vaccine grant for individuals who are insured. We encourage subawardees to

resource interested insured people to their local pharmacies and other providers of vaccinations. (Newly added 1/26/23)

Other:

1. Can incentives, i.e. grocery cards, be supported with grant funding?

Yes, please refer to the [OAA guidance for considerations: FAQ on Use of Older Americans Act Funding for Incentives - July 20, 2021](#). The amount/ type of the incentive must be allocable and reasonable, and consistent policies and produces established by both NCOA and USAging in partnership. Incentives should be recorded as education and outreach.

2. Can funding be used to purchase test kits?

No, but we encourage individuals interested in obtaining free test kits to visit <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

3. Can the availability of “no cost to consumer” tests kits be extended to our other subawardees?

Test kits are available to Area Agency on Aging (AAAs), Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), State Developmental Disabilities Councils, Assistive Technology Programs and Protection and Advocacy Agencies through the Administration for Community Living and the HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) partnership to provide at-home COVID-19 tests at no charge to the aging and disability networks through the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). We encourage interested subaward recipients to reach out to the respective organizations above in their local area for potential partnership to receive test kits.

4. Can subawardees utilize funding to purchase vehicle(s)?

The awarding entity may determine the purchase of vehicles as necessary and reasonable for subawardees to provide activities of the grant. The awarding entity must adhere to policies and produces established and provide monitoring and oversight of purchase process, including title, use, management requirements, and disposition. See 45CFR75.320 Equipment.

Any additional requirements that the pass-through entity imposes on the subrecipient in order for the pass-through entity to meet its own responsibility to the Federal awarding agency including identification of any required financial and performance reports. See 45CFR75.352 Requirements for pass-through entities

