

Public Hearing on
American Rescue Plan Act
(ARPA) Waivers &
Title III Direct Service Waivers for
Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging
July 21, 2022

We'll get started in a few minutes.
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comments in the CHAT BOX so we can track participation.**

Welcome!

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Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA)

Mission

The mission of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging is to inform and support people as they navigate the experience of aging or disability.



Vision

The vision of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging is for individuals and families to have knowledge and access to the information and resources they need to live life with dignity and independence.

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Funding Cycles for Title III & ARPA

- Title III proposals and funding cycle is every four years
 - Next Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Title III funding will be released in January 2023
- American Rescue Plan Act proposals and funding schedule not yet been established
 - Only 40% of total anticipated funding has been released to COAAA
 - Unknown when/if balance will be released by Ohio legislators
 - ARPA is one-time funds; must be spent by September 2026
 - Funding will be allocated to COAAA's eight counties using established formula
 - Funding will require Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from potential providers
- Information about RFPs always posted on www.coaaa.org.

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Public Hearing for Waiver Request by AAA

- A public hearing is required by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) when a Direct Service Waiver is requested by an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) “to directly provide services to older individuals in lieu of contracting with local service providers to deliver those services in its planning and service area (PSA).”
- COAAA has 4 waiver requests to retain some of the funding allocated through Title III of the Older Americans Act.
 - Period of service is January 1 through December 31, 2023

Established Justifications for Direct Service Waivers

- provision of such services by the AAA is necessary to assure an **adequate supply** of such services
- such services are directly related to the AAA’s **administrative functions**
- such services can be provided **more economically, and with comparable quality**, by AAA

COAAA Title III Direct Service Waiver Requests

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

- ARPA Title III-B: Supportive Services (Cash Assistance for Housing & Utilities)
- ARPA Title III-D: Evidence-Based Programs

- Title III-B: Supportive Services (Volunteer Placement)
- Title III-D: Evidence-Based Programs
- Title III-E: National Family Caregiver Support Program

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ARPA Title III Direct Service Waiver Requests

American Rescue Plan Act funds are being released incrementally to Area Agencies on Aging as one-time funding. COAAA has received 40% of the allocation as of 6-30-22.

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ARPA Title III-B: Cash Assistance for Housing

- COAAA proposes to retain funds to assure an **adequate supply** of services in service area of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.
- Services will include rent and utility assistance payments.
- Amount of waiver request is \$90,000 for January 1 – December 31, 2023.
- Comments

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ARPA Title III-D: Evidence-Based Programs

- COAAA proposes to retain funds to (1) assure an **adequate supply** of services and (2) such services are directly related to AAA's **administrative functions** in service area of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.
 - provide support and guidance to leaders and coaches
 - complete administrative duties (such as program promotion, workshop scheduling, and data entry into the ODA-required program database, and ordering and tracking training manuals and supplies used by leaders/coaches)
- Amount of waiver request is \$74,237 for 0.5 FTE salary and employer benefits for January 1 – December 31, 2023
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Title III-B: Volunteer Placement

- COAAA proposes to retain funds to assure an **adequate supply** of services in service area of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties for Volunteer Guardian and Friendly Caller Programs
- Volunteer Guardian Program:
 - Continued administration by COAAA will enable the agency to deliver effectiveness and efficiencies in planning, staffing, background checks, and training volunteers while ensuring quality services for consumers.
 - Continued coordination with each county probate court; continued ability to obtain county levy funds; continued provision of administrative and overhead support, which would be costlier if provided in individual counties.
- Volunteer Placement:
 - Continued administration by COAAA will enable the agency to deliver effectiveness and efficiencies in planning, staffing, background checks, and training volunteers while ensuring continuity of the Friendly Caller Program to help increase socialization and combat isolation through engagement of volunteers connected to consumers referred by agency case managers.

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Title III-B: Volunteer Placement

- Amount of waiver request is \$221,829 for staff salaries, employer taxes, and benefits for January 1 – December 31, 2023.
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Title III-D: Evidence-Based Programs

- COAAA proposes to retain funds to (1) assure an **adequate supply** of such services and (2) such services are directly related to AAA's **administrative functions** in service area of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.
 - ensure an adequate number of master trainers, leaders, and coaches are in place
 - master trainers are able to train community leaders throughout the eight-county region and engage in partnerships with community organizations that want to adopt these programs as part of their services
 - monitor leaders/coaches for program fidelity
 - provide support and guidance to leaders and coaches
 - complete administrative duties (such as program promotion, workshop scheduling, and data entry into the ODA-required program database, and ordering and tracking training manuals and supplies used by leaders/coaches)

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Title III-D: Evidence-Based Programs

- Amount of waiver request is \$106,481 for staff salary, employer benefits, trainer contracts, promotion, supplies, and grants to 5 community-based organizations to implement programs for January 1 – December 31, 2023.
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Title III-E: National Family Caregiver Support Program

- COAAA proposes to retain funds to (1) assure an **adequate supply** of such services and (2) such services can be provided **more economically, and with comparable quality**, by AAA in service area of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.
 - ensure that a sufficient number of educational sessions for National Family Caregiver Support Program education and training with a variety of host organizations such as churches, disease-specific agencies, civic groups, and employee assistance programs
 - ensure the development, revision, and dissemination of the locally-focused resource guides containing info for all eight counties
- Amount of waiver request is \$9,600 for staff salary and employer benefits to conduct counseling, support groups, and training.
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Title III-E: National Family Caregiver Support Program

- COAAA proposes to retain funds to (1) assure an **adequate supply** of services and (2) such services are directly related to AAA's **administrative functions** in service area of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.
 - provide 250 individual Trualta online subscriptions for family caregivers
- Amount of waiver request is \$22,500 for January 1 – December 31, 2023.
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Questions or additional comments?

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