



formerly WestMass ElderCare

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:
FFY 2026 & 2027 Older Americans Act Grant Applications
Title III-B Older Adult Support Services
Title III-E Family Caregivers Support**

April 1, 2025

Access Care Partners (ACP) announces the availability of Older Americans Act funds in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2026 and 2027, through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive proposal review process, to support and extend comprehensive and coordinated services enabling persons age 60 and over to remain living in their homes and communities. The ACP Area Agency on Aging service region includes the communities of Holyoke, Chicopee, South Hadley, Belchertown, Granby, Ware and Ludlow.

All interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent ("LOI"). We encourage LOIs from organizations interested in using these funds to offer innovative programming to assist populations in the greatest social and economic need including racial/ethnic minorities; individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP); members of the LGBTQ+ community; older adults residing in rural areas; and other populations living in isolated conditions.

FFY 2026 grant year is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. FFY 2027 grant year is October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. Satisfactory program performance is required during the first year of funding in order to receive the grant for a second year.

Title III-B grant programs require a 15% local match. A single grant award will be approved for one provider of legal services for older adults in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Title III-B proposals must support or extend (1) access to services, (2) in-home services, (3) legal services, and/or (4) community-based services, for minority and lower income older adults (60 years +). Examples of targeted services that will receive priority consideration include programs addressing social isolation, technology supports and training for older adults, caregiver and dementia-related programming, companion services, and other essential gap-filling programs designed to promote the independence of older adults and support caregivers.

Title III-E grant programs require a 25% local match. Title III-E proposals must support (1) Adult family members or other non-paid caregivers aged 18 & older providing care to individuals 60 years of age or older, or to an individual of any age living with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia; (2) Grandparents or other relatives (not parents) 55 years of age and older providing care to children under the age 18; (3) Grandparents and other relatives (including parents) 55 years of age and older providing care to an adult with a disability who is age 18-59 years old.

Letters of Intent must include: A brief program description, projected starting/ending dates, community(ies) to be served, estimated number of unduplicated persons to be served, estimated number of service units to be delivered in each grant year and projected program budget.

Letters of Intent must be received by mail no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025** and addressed to: Access Care Partners, 4 Valley Mill Rd., Holyoke, MA, 01040, Attn: Sarah Aasheim. Submissions received after that time will not be accepted.

A virtual Technical Assistance meeting for applicants will be hosted on Zoom on **Wednesday, 4/9/25, 1:00-2:00. Zoom Access Info** Meeting ID# 858 9377 6407, Passcode: 435663. Additional inquiries may be directed to: Sarah Aasheim, Director of Community Programs: saasheim@accesscarepartners.org or 413-538-9020, ext. 536.

This Request for Proposals does not commit Access Care Partners to award a contract. Any and all grant awards or provider agreements are subject to available funds, compliance with applicable federal and state directives, and review and approval by the Board of Directors at Access Care Partners, Inc. Access Care Partners, Inc. reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, request more information or call for new proposals at any time during the process, and waive any formality in the bidding in the best interest of Access Care Partners, Inc. Bids from Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Business Enterprises (WBEs), Minority and Women Nonprofit Organizations (M/WNPOs), Veteran Business Enterprises (VBEs), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises (SDVOBEs), Disability-Owned Business Enterprises (DOBEs), and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Business Enterprises (LGBTBEs) are encouraged. Information on diversity certification with the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (formerly SOMWBA) is available through Access Care Partners. (AA/EOE).



**FFY 2026-2027 Older Americans Act Title IIIB-E
Request for Proposal (RFP) Timeline**

<u>March 27, 2025</u>	Legal Notice of invitation for Letters of Intent published (distributed through local newspaper(s), social media and Access Care Partners website).
<u>April 9, 2025</u>	RFP Technical Assistance Meeting (Virtual) 1:00-2:00 p.m.
<u>May 2, 2025</u>	Letters of Intent due (no later than 4:00 p.m.).
<u>May 5- June 9, 2025</u>	Submitted Letters of Intent are reviewed by Access Care Partners staff and Citizen's Advisory Council.
<u>June 10, 2025</u>	Access Care Partners Citizen's Advisory Council determines recommendations on Letters of Intent and invitations to applicants.
<u>June 13, 2025</u>	Invitations to submit a complete proposal are sent to selected applicants. Instructions for preparing proposal are provided to applicants and available on Access Care Partners website.
<u>July 11, 2025</u>	Proposals due (no later than 4:00 p.m.)
<u>July 14 – August 29, 2025</u>	Access Care Partners Staff and Board review submitted proposals
<u>September 8, 2025</u>	Access Care Partners Board of Directors votes on approvals for Title III grant proposals.
<u>September 12, 2025</u>	Award letters mailed to applicants.
<u>October 1, 2025</u>	Service delivery begins for FFY 2026.
<u>October 1, 2026</u>	Service delivery begins for FFY 2027.