



Notice of Availability of Title III Older Americans Act Funds for 2013 and Request for Letters of Interest

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®, Inc. (MNRAAA) is seeking grant applications and contract proposals to provide Older Americans Act Title III-B Supportive Services, Title III-D Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services and Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support Program Services in 2013. MNRAAA serves a 27 county area that includes Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley, Swift, Waseca, Watonwan and Yellow Medicine Counties. Title III grant/contract funds are available to local public or private nonprofit agencies and organizations to initiate or expand services to older adults and/or caregivers.

Interested agencies and organizations should review the **2013 Title III-B, D and E Funding Handbook** and the **2013 Title III Funding Schedule** for information on allowable services, targeting, client eligibility, policies, review process, etc. Both of these documents are available at www.mnraaa.org.

The first step in the application process is submission of a Letter of Interest.

Letters of Interest for new projects must include the following information in a concise form:

1. Agency/organization name;
2. Contact name, phone number, e-mail address and mailing address;
3. Title III service(s) proposed;
4. Need for the service(s);
5. Brief description (one to two paragraphs) of the proposed project;
6. Geographic area proposed to be served;
7. Estimated total project cost (including match); and
8. Estimated Title III grant/contract funds to be requested.

Letters of Interest for MNRAAA's existing projects must include the following information in a concise form:

1. Agency/organization name;

2. Contact name and e-mail address;
3. Title III service(s) proposed;
4. Brief description of proposed changes to existing project (if applicable);
5. Estimated total project cost (including match); and
6. Estimated Title III grant/contract funds to be requested.

Agencies/organizations should provide their best estimates of the total project cost and the Title III grant/contract funds to be requested. Agencies/organizations will not be bound to the estimates provided in the Letter of Interest.

Letters of Interest can be sent via e-mail to rhonda@rndc.org including "(Agency/Organization's name)-LOI" in the subject line, via U.S. mail to MNRAAA, c/o Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg, PO Box 3323, Mankato, MN 56002-3323 or delivered to MNRAAA, c/o Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg at 10 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 3, Mankato, MN. **Letters of Interest are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012.**

Agencies and organizations submitting a Letter of Interest will be provided with directions and application/proposal forms for competing in the 2013 Title Funding Cycle. Only those submitting a Letter of Interest will be allowed to compete.

For more information contact Rhonda at 507.389.8862 or rhonda@rndc.org. Successful 2013 applicants/proposers must abide by Minnesota State EOE policies.