

AoA-03-07 I: Older Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians—National Resource Centers

AoA plans to fund two (2) cooperative agreements under this competition. Each Center will be funded at a federal share of approximately \$345,000 per year, for a project period up to three (3) years.

The Centers will focus on issues and concerns affecting individuals who are older Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. The primary goal of these Centers is to enhance knowledge about older Native Americans and thereby increase and improve the delivery of services to them. With this goal in mind, the Centers will concentrate on the development and provision of technical information and expertise to Indian tribal organizations, Native American communities, educational institutions including Tribal Colleges and Universities, and professionals and paraprofessionals in the field. Each Center must have a national focus and direct its resources to one or more of the areas of primary concern specified in the full Program Announcement. In addition, each Center must provide short term applied research, education, and dissemination of information and promote the collaboration between Titles VI and III of the OAA, as amended, as well as with other relevant Federal programs.

This award is a cooperative agreement because the Administration on Aging (AoA) will be substantially involved in the development and execution of the activities of the grantees. The AoA and the Centers will work cooperatively in the development of Center agendas and awarding of subcontracts. The AoA will work with the Centers to develop a system to set priorities for research, training and technical assistance, education, and/or dissemination as well as addressing AoA's priority areas. Whenever possible, AoA will share with the Centers information about other federally supported projects and Federal activities relevant to its areas of primary concern.

AoA-03-07 J: Pension Information and Counseling Projects—Regional

AoA plans to fund two (2) regional pension counseling and information grants through this competition. Each regional project will be funded at a federal share of approximately \$150,000 per year, for a project period up to three (3) years.

The grant awards are to assist older workers and retirees and their families to maneuver their way through the pension maze. The AoA grants are to

develop demonstration projects that will provide counseling and information to better help these individuals understand and enforce their pension rights. The projects should provide outreach, information, counseling, referral, and other assistance regarding pensions and other retirement income benefits from private (pre-, post-, and non-ERISA plans) as well as federal and state government pension systems. The AoA expects these projects to build on the experience of the existing and previously funded projects and demonstrations. Specifically, the AoA expects applicants to propose the implementation and improvement of the most appropriate and effective methods to ensure that Americans eligible for pension and other retirement income benefits have the requisite knowledge, information and counseling to fully exercise their rights and entitlements.

AoA-03-07 K: Pension Technical Assistance Project—National

AoA plans to fund one (1) national technical assistance grant that will strengthen the role of its Pension Counseling and Information Projects and encourage coordination between the projects, State and Area Agencies on Aging and legal services providers for older Americans by providing substantive legal training, technical assistance and programmatic consultation. The project will also design and develop a national Pension Assistance Call Center to provide information and referral services to anyone in the country with pension or retirement income plan questions or problems. The project will be funded at a federal share of approximately \$400,000 per year, for a project period up to three (3) years. The technical assistance project will serve two primary functions. First, the project will provide substantive legal training and technical assistance, as well as programmatic consultation to the Pension Counseling and Information Project network, State and Area Agencies on Aging, and legal services providers for older Americans. Through this function, the project will strengthen the presence and effectiveness of the pension counseling network by coordinating and encouraging close cooperation among the Pension Counseling Projects, government pension agencies, private pension professionals and the media. Second, the project will design and develop a comprehensive electronic database of pension and retirement income-related information, government agencies, private professionals and other resources to serve as the underpinning

of a national toll-free pension assistance call center. The project will also develop and test an expert system to manage the information call center that operators will use in assisting callers. The project will then test these systems for usability and, in conjunction with AoA, staff, market, and initiate the call center service to Americans with pension or retirement income plan questions or problems.

AoA-03-07 L: Retirement Planning and Assistance for Women

AoA plans to award one cooperative agreement to support a National Resource Center on Women and Retirement. The federal share will be up to \$248,376 per year, for a project period up to three (3) years. The Center will incorporate the latest technology to generate and disseminate knowledge in appropriately packaged forms that can assist women, especially low-income women and women of color, to build and strengthen their capacity to plan for their economic security in later life. The Center will serve as a national clearinghouse of tools and information on retirement planning and related financial materials. The Center will tailor its activities and work products to meet the special needs of disadvantaged women and their families, including limited-English speaking individuals.

The award will be made in the form of a cooperative agreement because the Administration on Aging will be substantially involved in the development and execution of the activities conducted by the grantee. Accordingly, under this cooperative agreement, AoA shall carry out the following activities: collaborate with the Center on the development, modification and execution of the Center work plan; provide technical advice on the identification, adaptation and development of financial and retirement planning informational materials for women; and consult on the identification of emerging issues, potential strategies and their impact nationwide.

AoA-03-07 M: Senior Legal Services—Enhancement of Access

AoA plans to fund approximately three (3) to four (4) new statewide grants through this competition. Each project will be funded at a federal share of approximately \$100,000–\$150,000 per year, for a project period up to three (3) years, the amount roughly proportionate to the state's senior population and the availability of federal funds.

These grants provide states with a cost-effective way to increase the number of seniors who receive legal