



FFY 24 Title III RFP QUESTIONS

Question: The proposal describes under the section of Affordable Housing Resources that Mystic Valley is looking to partner with agencies that can: help individuals acquire and retain affordable and decent housing and avoid eviction. Could you please elaborate on the specific qualifying activities you're seeking with this RFP?

Response: Service activities that focus on homelessness prevention and support long term housing stabilization for older adults could be varied and numerous. The mission could be addressed through education, case management, information and assistance, counseling, legal assistance, advocacy, financial assistance, and general housing support services like application assistance or social services that enhance long term housing stability. Any or all of these activities align with the Older Americans Act Title III funding priorities and advance the objective.

Question: Is there a maximum or minimum number of older adults that organizations should assist in a 12-month period if applying for \$15,000 in funding?

Response: There is no maximum or minimum for the number of older adults that an organization should assist in a 12-month period based on the total award they are seeking. The proposed number of people served can range among grantees based on each grantee's specific proposal. The level of effort and essential resources required to conduct the proposed activities will be considered when evaluating the proposed program, number of individuals served, and requested funding.

Question: Is there any option to report quarterly rather than monthly? Monthly reports and invoices are quite burdensome administratively

Response: In order to meet our existing fiduciary responsibilities, MVES will continue to require all Title III awardees to submit monthly invoices for payment. We will also continue to ask grantees to submit monthly activity reports. Monthly activity reporting is a best practice, particularly for new organizations, as they enable MVES to track progress and provide necessary technical assistance to grantees. However, during subsequent years, individual grantees, who have been issued a renewal for an additional year of funding, may submit a written request to MVES requesting the ability to submit their monthly activity reports on a quarterly basis (3 monthly reports to be submitted at one time). This written request must include a detailed justification to support this exemption request. More details on this process will be shared with successful bidders.

