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Mr. Percy Devine III, Regional Administrator
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Mr. Devine:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Aging Services Bureau, seeks approval to amend its FFY 2023-2027 State Plan on Aging. This amendment, which is necessary to implement revisions to its Intrastate Funding formula and the relinquishment of an Area Agency on Aging, is a testament to our unwavering commitment to improving our services for the aging population in Montana. Montana's revision process, which is in full compliance with the Older Americans Act, as amended, and the State Unit on Aging Directors Letter #01-2021, issued by ACL on August 5, 2021, has been a thorough and comprehensive undertaking. We have collaborated with the Area Agencies on Aging as part of a task force group, published the revised formula for public comment per ACL guidance, and obtained all necessary approvals and signatures for the Verification of Intent. The required documentation is attached to this transmittal letter, demonstrating our readiness to implement these changes.

We understand the importance of your time and the many responsibilities you manage. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this amendment request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerrie Reidelbach".

Kerrie Reidelbach, Bureau Chief
Montana Aging Services Bureau

Included:

- Verification of Intent
- Public Hearing and Publication
- Purpose of State Plan Amendment
- Appendix C: Intrastate Funding Formula
- Appendix D: Updated DPHHS Aging Services Organizational Chart
- Appendix E: List of Area Agencies on Aging in Montana (revised)
- Appendix F: Public Notice Affidavits

Verification of Intent

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Aging Services Bureau, hereby submits this State Plan on Aging amendment, effective July 1, 2024, amending the FFY 2023-2027 State Plan on Aging as required under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The Plan and amendment were developed in accordance with all rules and regulations specified in the Older Americans Act, 45 CFR 1321 regulations, and the Montana Administrative Code.

As of July 1, 2024, the Aging Services Bureau hereby designates Hill County to be added to the counties included in the North Central Area III Agency on Aging (NCAAA) planning and service area (PSA). NCAAA will serve the newly designated PSA. The Plan and amendment include all required assurances to be directed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, Senior and Long Term Care Division, Aging Services Bureau, which is the state unit on aging and has been given authority to develop and administer the State Plan on Aging in accordance with all requirements and purposes of the Act. The amendment to the State Plan includes the following changes:

- Updated Intrastate Funding Formula
- Updated AAA designation map
- Updated Organizational Chart
- Updated AAA contact information

The Governor hereby approves the Montana State Plan on Aging Amendment. This authorization to proceed with activities under the Plan will be granted upon approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary on Aging.

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Public Hearing and Publication

Intrastate Funding Formula Revision and PSA Reduction: Public Review and Comment

The Aging Services Bureau held a hybrid public hearing titled "Redesignation of Hill County - Older Americans Act Services" in Conrad, Montana, at the Senior Citizen Center on March 21, 2024. Public announcements were placed in the local newspapers, advertising the hearing in all counties and reservations affected in the North Central AAA PSA and Hill County planning and service areas (PSA). All Area Agencies on Aging in Montana were invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing, allowing statewide representation. A designated page was created on the state's website to house the public hearing information, which includes the public notice, agenda, proposed AAA Designation Map, Montana Intrastate Funding Formula proposal, and the 2024 Update to ACL's Older Americans Act Regulations.

Following the public hearing, slides from the public hearing presentation were added to the website. Public comment was in effect from March 11, 2024, through April 10, 2024. Public comments with SUA responses are available for review on the state website (www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/hearings). The Department reviewed and considered the comments from the public and interested parties before submitting the amendment to the Administration for Community Living.

Public Notices are attached in Appendix F.

Purpose of the State Plan Amendment Effective July 1, 2024, SFY 2025

During the past five years, Area X Agency on Aging (Hill County) experienced a lot of turnovers in its leadership and did not complete the most recent required Area Plan. On September 14, 2023, the SUA issued a letter to Hill County Commissioners regarding the relinquishment and an interim plan that would take effect on October 1, 2023. North Central Area III Agency on Aging (NCAAA) was requested to step in as the pass-through for funding as well as provide the following support and oversight:

- Monitoring for the implementation of Older Americans Act service provision
- Ensure program and expenditure reporting is following compliance with the Older Americans Act
- Training to the new Senior Center Director and be available to answer questions and provide support and guidance as needed

During the interim, NCAAA was required to allocate the entire funding to Hill County that they would have received as an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) through the Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) for SFY24.

A task force group was created to review the Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) due to moving from ten to nine AAAs, as well as to review the updated census data. This group included three multi-county area agency directors, the Senior and Long Term Care Division Administrator, Governor's Coordinator on Aging, a representative of the Department of Commerce Census Bureau, a representative of the Snowy Mountain Economic Development Council, Aging Services Budget Analyst, and the Aging Services Older Americans Act consultant. The group was educated on the ACL guidance related to the IFF and the updated census data. The three AAA representatives shared discussions with the other AAAs and brought their feedback to the meetings for consideration. After a review of several scenarios, the task force agreed that the current formula must be adjusted to better meet the needs of the state. The factors on which the formula was initially built were kept the same for the 60 plus (age/low income/minority). However, the percentages were adjusted from 70/20/10 to 60/30/10.

Other changes to the IFF included increasing the base funding amount for Title III-B (Supportive Services) and Title III-C-1 (Congregate Meals). Montana's responsibility for Title III and Title VI coordination was a priority for the IFF task force. Montana is predominantly a rural/frontier state, reflected in the IFF's rural base. Extra consideration (more money) is given to the planning and service areas with reservations. Historically, the SUA utilized county data to account for elders in the affected PSA; the task force worked to obtain more accurate data from the tribal organizations on the number of elders living on reservations in the PSAs. The new data was utilized for the development of the IFF. The Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention funds were removed and will no longer be part of the funding formula; these funds will be divided equally between the nine AAAs to support

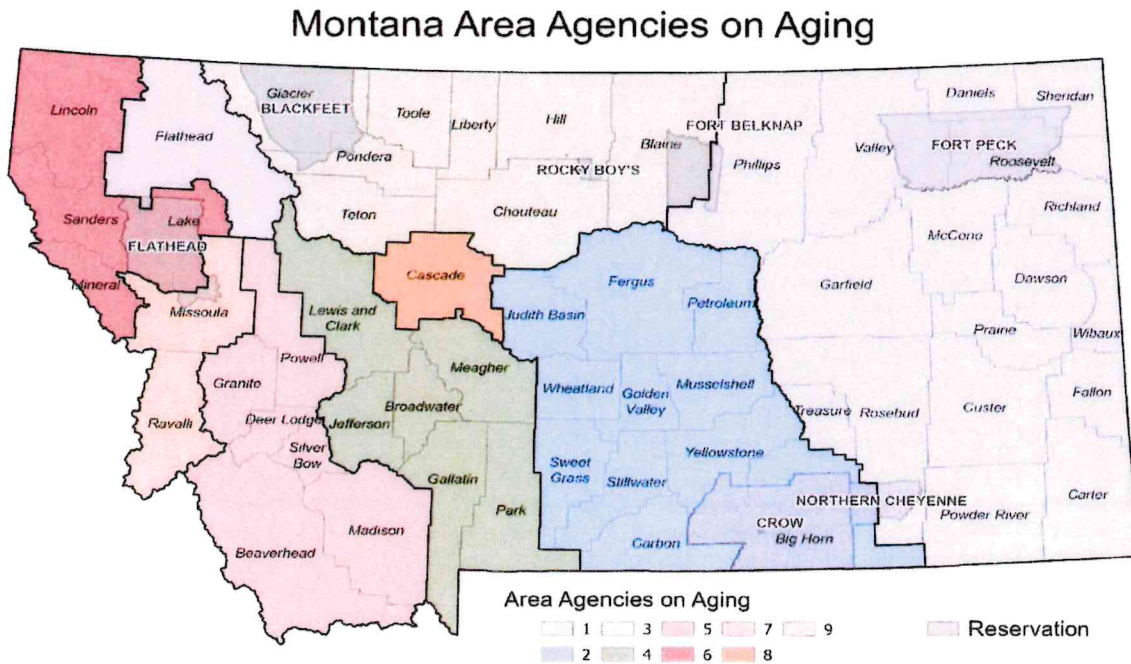
outreach and education campaigns to increase public awareness of elder abuse and how to prevent it and/or training for AAA staff and their service providers.

State administration funds were set to \$698,682 to help support the Legal Services Developer program. Changes to the IFF increased the total funding associated with rural populations from \$919,600 to \$938,650 (Appendix B: Information Requirements pg. 55-56 Section 307(a)(3).)

The North Central Area III Agency on Aging Board of Directors met on April 23, 2024, and approved the addition of Hill County to the Area III PSA. This is documented in a letter sent to the State Unit on Aging on April 25, 2024, to be effective July 1, 2024, SFY25.

Montana Area Agencies on Aging Proposed Redesignation Map (Pg 8 of the current plan)

This map indicates Hill County is now included in the Area III Agency on Aging/North Central Area Agency on Aging PSA.



Montana considered the greatest economic and social need definitions when reviewing the IFF with the updated census data.

APPENDIX C: Montana - Intrastate Funding Formula with SFY25 AAA projections

Montana's revised Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) will better meet the needs of older adults throughout the state. The funding formula will accomplish this by focusing on our rural/frontier state with a rural base that includes all 56 counties. The formula reflects a 60/30/10 method (age 60 plus, low-income, minority). While evaluating the most up-to-date census data, the task force noticed the migration of older adults to more urban areas of the state. With the population shift, the rural areas would have had negative consequences if the factors/weights were not adjusted. One of the goals of the IFF is to ensure that vulnerable older adults have continued access to services; this includes Tribal elders on and off reservations.

The State defines the greatest economic need as resulting from income levels at or below the Federal poverty level and those living alone on limited incomes, putting them at high risk of losing their independence.

The State defines greatest social need as non-economic factors, which include:

- a. Physical and mental disabilities;
- b. Language barriers; and
- c. Cultural, social, or geographic isolation, including isolation caused by racial or ethnic status, that
 - i. restricts the ability of an individual to perform routine daily tasks or
 - ii. threatens the capacity of the individual to live independently.

Section 305(a)(2)(C) and (D) of the OAA of 1965, as amended, requires Montana to:

- (C) in consultation with area agencies, the guidelines issued by the Assistant Secretary, and using the best available data, develop and publish for review and comment a formula for distribution within the state of funds received under this subchapter that takes into account
 - i. the geographical distribution of older individuals in the state; and
 - ii. the distribution among PSAs of older individuals with greatest economic need and older individuals with greatest social need, with particular attention to low-income, minority older individuals;
- (D) submit its formula developed under subparagraph (C) to the Assistant Secretary for approval;

In accordance with this section, Montana formed an Intrastate Funding Formula Taskforce, consisting of three-Multi-County Area Agency on Aging Directors, Senior and Long Term Care Division Administrator, Governor's Coordinator on Aging, representative of the Department of Commerce Census Bureau, representative of Snowy Mountain Economic Development Council, Aging Services Budget Analyst, and Aging Services Older Americans Act Consultant.

The Formula utilizes the 2018-2022 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) Estimates using the following tables:

1. Aging Population by County - County population 60+ all races from ACS 5-year Table S0101.
2. Aging Low Income Population by County - County population 60+ all races with income below poverty from ACS 5-year Table S1701.
3. Aging Low Income Population by Reservation – Reservation population 65+ Native American alone with income below poverty level from ACS 5-year table B17001C. ACS 5-year race-level estimates are not available for ages 60+.
4. Aging Minority Population by County - County population 65+ total from ACS 5-year Table S0101 minus county population 65+ white alone from ACS 5-year Table B01001A. ACS 5-year race classes other than white alone are considered minority. ACS 5-year race-level estimates are not available for ages 60+.
5. The IFF utilizes 60+ tribal elder data requested directly from the Montana Tribal organizations membership census data. Written agreements have been established with all the Tribes to provide this information (including updating of the data as need in the future) and all of these agreements have been executed on behalf of the Tribes by authorized members of Tribal leadership. This data includes:
 - Aging and Native American Population by Reservation – Population 60+ Native American from Tribal membership census data. This data is used for both the 60+ factor and the Minority/Native American factor.

The SUA may update the ACS and Tribal organization membership data used in the IFF from time to time.

OAA budgets for FFYs 2025 through 2027 will be developed annually.

The Formula is used to determine the distribution of the following:

- Title III B (Supportive Services)
- Title III C1 (Congregate Meals)
- Title III C2 (Home-Delivered Meals)
- Title III D (Preventive Health) (administration costs are not applied)
- Title III E (Family Caregivers)

The IFF Taskforce determined that the following percentages of Title III-B funds would be mandated to meet the requirements of the Older Americans Act.

- Access Services -10% of each Area's total Title III-B program allocation
- In-Home Services - 10% of each Area's total Title III-B program allocation
- Legal Assistance - 4% of each Area's Title III-B program allocation

The following is the procedure used by the Department of Public Health and Human Services' Aging Services Bureau in allocating Federal funds to the nine (9) Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) for FY2025, FY2026, and FY2027.

Funds are distributed to the nine (9) AAAs in a state fiscal year. Projections are based on the final federal awards from the previous year and used by the AAAs to set an annual budget for their PSA. Once the final awards are received, contract amendments with the final amounts are completed.

Prior to the distribution of funds:

1. First, SUA Administration Funds: the SUA will take up to the maximum amount allowable for state plan administration. This is subject to review annually. This includes support for the Legal Developer Program, and AAAs have access to refer people to this service.
2. Next, in coordination with the Long Term Care State Ombudsman, an agreed upon portion of the Title IIIB funds are appropriated for the Ombudsman Program. This amount shall not be less than the minimum amount required under the Older Americans Act.
3. Next, for the nine (9) Area Agencies on Aging, a program base for III-B (Supportive Services, \$70,000) and III-C1 (Congregate Meals, \$70,000), for a total program base of \$140,000 to be deducted prior to the distribution of funds.
(total program base \$140,000)/(9 PSAs)=(total program base for each of the nine (9) PSAs)
4. Rural Base: Montana is a rural/frontier state. To recognize the cost of providing services in rural/frontier areas, a rural base, with set dollar amounts, was established to be applied to the county and reservation age 60 plus population, which is provided in the following chart:

60+ Co/Reservation Population	Class	III - B	III - C1	III - C2	III-D
0 - 100	A	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$ 500	\$ 50
101 - 500	B	3,000	3,000	1,000	100
501 - 2,000	C	6,000	6,000	1,500	150
2,001 - 5,000	D	7,500	7,500	2,000	200
5,000 +	E	8,500	8,500	2,500	250

Using the ACS census data for county population and the tribal enrollment census data for the reservation population age 60 plus. The amounts in the above chart are added to the IFF for each county and reservation based on 60+ population for the

OAA Titles III-B, C-1, C-2 and D. Each county and reservation is added for a total rural base for each of the nine (9) Area Agency on Aging planning and service area.

5. Numerical Formula: Includes all 56 counties and seven reservations.

$(\text{County age 60+}) / (\text{State total age 60+}) = (\text{Percentage by county age 60+})$
 $(\text{Reservation age 60+}) / (\text{State total age 60+}) = (\text{Percentage by reservation age 60+})$
 $(\text{County age 60+ low income}) / (\text{State total age 60+ low income}) = (\text{Percentage by county})$
 $(\text{Reservation age 65+ low income}) / (\text{State total age 60+ low income}) = (\text{Percentage by reservation low income})$
 $(\text{County age 65+ minority}) / (\text{State total age 60+ minority}) = (\text{Percentage by county minority})$
 $(\text{Reservation age 60+ Native American}) / (\text{State total age 60+ minority}) = (\text{Percentage by reservation Native American})$

The term "State total age 60+" as used above for each factor means the total of all county populations for that factor plus all reservation populations for that factor. "County minority" and "Reservation Native American" together constitute a single factor. "60+" is a single factor, and "low income" is a single factor.

The distribution of funds follows the formula 60/30/10 method (factors and weights):

- a. Individuals at or above the age of 60: 60%
- b. Individuals at or above the age of 60 low income (county) and 65+ low income (Reservation): 30%
- c. Individuals at or above the age of 65 minority (county) and 60+ Native American Population by Reservation: 10%

Once the deductions in 1-4 above are completed the remaining available funds will be applied to each of OAA Title III-B, C1, C2, D, and E funds:

$.60 * (\text{OAA Title III allocation amount}) = (\text{state funding total Age 60+})$
 $.30 * (\text{OAA Title III allocation amount}) = (\text{state funding total low income})$
 $.10 * (\text{OAA Title III allocation amount}) = (\text{state funding total minority and Native American})$

$(\text{State funding total age 60+}) * (\% \text{ by county age 60+}) = (\text{amount by county})$
 $(\text{State funding total age 60+}) * (\% \text{ by reservation age 60+}) = (\text{amount by reservation})$
 $(\text{State funding total low income}) * (\% \text{ by county low income}) = (\text{amount by county})$

$(\text{State funding total low income}) * (\% \text{ by reservation low income}) = (\text{amount by reservation})$

$(\text{State funding total minority and Native American}) * (\% \text{ by county minority}) = (\text{amount by county minority})$

$(\text{State funding total minority and Native American}) * (\% \text{ by reservation Native American}) = (\text{amount by reservation Native American})$

Therefore, the sum of Title III amounts by each factor, rural base and program base for each county and reservation equals the Title III allocation per PSA. The reservation allocations are part of the total PSA allocation and are not required to be spent by the AAAs within the reservation areas.

6. Area plan administration is calculated following the determination of the total allocation amounts for Title IIIB, C-1, C-2 and E. 10% of the total allocation amount for Title III-B and C-1 is allowed to be used for area plan administration.
 - a. *A base administration amount of \$86,400 for each of Title III-B and C-1 for a total amount of \$172,800:
 $(\$12,000 * 7 = \$84,000 * 2 = \$168,000) + (\$1,200 * 2 = \$2,400 * 2 = \$4,800) = \$172,800$
 *Note: \$12,000 for the seven multi-county PSAs and \$1,200 for the single county PSAs.
 - b. For Title III-B and C-1 the base admin amount for age 60+, low-income and minority is determined:
 $.10(\text{total allocation}) + 172,800 \text{ (admin total)} * .60 = (\text{state total for age 60+})$
 $.10(\text{total allocation}) + 172,800 \text{ (admin total)} * .30 = (\text{state total for age 60+ low income})$
 $.10(\text{total allocation}) + 172,800 \text{ (admin total)} * .10 = (\text{state total for age 60+ minority})$
 - c. For Title III-B and C-1 to determine each PSA area plan administration amounts:
 $(\text{State total}) * (\text{total PSA census \%}) = (\text{total PSA amount for age 60+})$
 $(\text{State total}) * (\text{total PSA census \%}) = (\text{total PSA amount for age 60+ low income})$
 $(\text{State total}) * (\text{total PSA census \%}) = (\text{total PSA amount for age 60+ minority})$

Example: The total allocation amount Title III-B is \$1,500,000*.10= \$150,000 is allowable for area plan administration.

Area Agency on Aging PSA Example: Area I has a Title IIIB allocation amount of \$197,139. Their base admin is (\$12,000). Age 60+ (60%) is (\$2,806); Age 60+ Low-income (30%) is (\$1,813) and Age 60+ minority (10%) is (\$688) for a total of (\$17,308). Area I may use this total (\$17,308) out of the \$197,139 Title IIIB allocation amount for area plan administration.

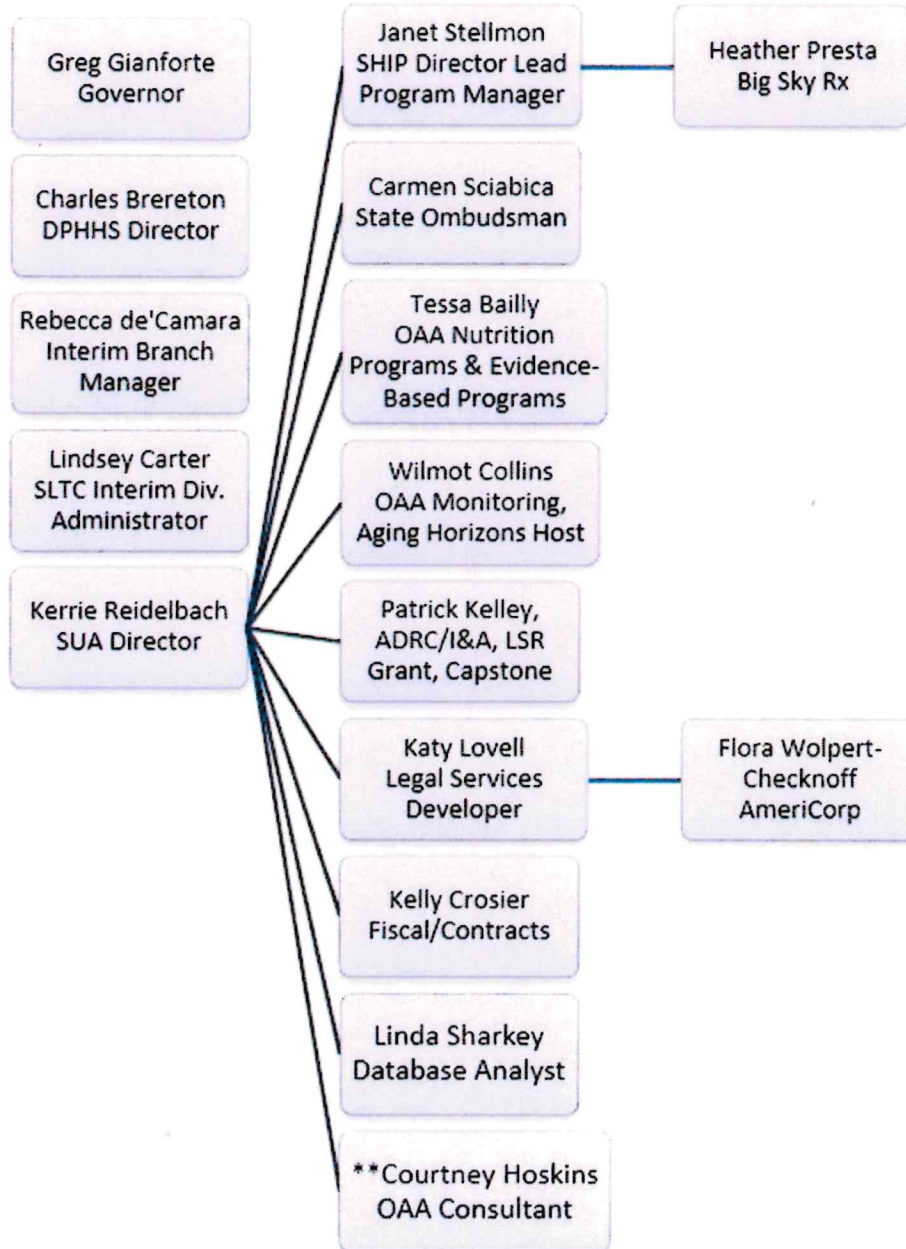
- d. Title III-C2 and Title III-E funds are distributed at 10% of allowable funds for area plan administration.
(PSA Title III-C2 allocation total*.10)=(Amount allowed for area plan administration)
(PSA Title III-E allocation total*.10)=(Amount allowed for area plan administration)
7. The Ombudsman program is an area of focus for Title III-B and Title VII Ombudsman funds. The SUA coordinates with the Long-Term Care State Ombudsman in making the determination, and the amount shall not be less than the minimum amount required under the Older Americans Act. The allocation is based on the number of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities for each PSA.
 - Effective SFY24, the legislative session added additional state funding to the base for the Ombudsman program. Up to \$3,000 of this new funding may be used to cover local and regional ombudsman training costs, and the remainder will be allocated based on facility counts.
8. The State Unit on Aging (SUA) shall promptly and equitably disburse Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) funding. Such disbursements shall only be used by recipients of grants or contracts to purchase American-grown or produced foods for their nutrition projects. NSIP is specifically for home-delivered and congregate meals. NSIP shall not be used for administration.
 - Federal allocation for NSIP is based on the total number of NSIP eligible meals served statewide for the previous federal fiscal year. The SUA determines each area's NSIP allocation by the combined congregate and home-delivered meal counts of eligible meals reported in Capstone (statewide database) for the previous federal fiscal year.
 - Annually, AAAs can participate in the USDA commodity program with cash or only take cash instead of commodities. If commodities are used, the total amount is taken off the top of their total allocation amount. This balance will be allocated over nine months (October through June) for the FFY ending September 30. For projections, the SUA will use the final awards for the previous FFY for budgeting purposes.
9. Based upon FFY 2024 funding levels, the following allocation schedule (page 11) identifies how funds will tentatively be allocated to the nine (9) Area Agencies on Aging for SFY 2025, effective July 1, 2024.

State Fiscal Year 2025 Projections-Revised										
Date: 07/16/2024										
AREAS PROGRAM										
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	TOTALS
(Staff Training related to OAA programs, not to exceed 5% of the III-B fund amounts above without approval).										
III-B	196,973	289,663	147,079	211,992	124,531	142,160	150,082	88,446	109,604	1,460,528
III-B Local Ombudsman	29,963	55,432	12,734	35,207	20,225	13,483	23,222	0	17,229	207,496
III-B Subtotal	226,936	345,095	159,813	247,199	144,756	155,643	173,304	88,446	126,833	1,668,024
III-C1 Subtotal	288,066	500,051	226,791	376,758	200,015	243,373	280,988	163,840	207,103	2,486,985
III-C2 Subtotal	167,452	344,733	138,967	266,140	127,470	167,001	206,120	118,333	152,294	1,688,510
III-D Subtotal	13,331	26,588	10,909	20,438	9,918	12,906	15,705	9,007	11,575	130,378
III-E Subtotal	78,650	181,649	68,824	142,258	65,172	87,388	113,025	65,095	84,181	886,242
VII Ombudsman Subtotal	14,462	26,755	6,147	16,993	9,762	6,508	11,208	0	8,316	100,152
VII - Elder Abuse Subtotal	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	23,626
NSIP Subtotal	57,759	79,996	53,514	60,834	55,661	37,101	69,272	37,766	36,733	488,636
TOTAL	\$849,281	\$1,507,493	\$667,590	\$1,133,245	\$615,379	\$712,546	\$872,247	\$485,112	\$629,660	\$7,472,554
SHIP-Grant Award 4/1/2024	33,321	76,959	29,158	60,270	27,611	37,023	47,885	27,579	35,664	375,470
MPPA SHIP- Grant Award 9/1/2022	7,795	18,004	6,821	14,100	6,459	8,661	11,202	6,452	8,343	87,838
MPPA ADRC	362	836	317	654	300	402	520	299	387	4,077
MPPA AAA-Grant Award 9/1/2022	7,173	16,566	6,277	12,974	5,944	7,970	10,308	5,937	7,677	80,824
TOTAL	\$48,651	\$112,364	\$42,573	\$87,998	\$40,314	\$54,056	\$69,914	\$40,267	\$52,072	\$548,209
ALLOCATION TOTALS	\$897,932	\$1,619,857	\$710,163	\$1,221,243	\$655,694	\$766,602	\$942,161	\$525,379	\$681,732	\$8,020,762
NEW STATE OMBUDSMAN (General Fund)	36,100	66,784	15,342	42,417	24,367	16,245	27,977	0	20,757	249,990
OMB REGIONAL (General Fund)	5,000	5,000			11,000					21,000
GENERAL FUND										
total of per approp	998,692	1,393,925	763,018	890,525	658,423	630,850	716,972	398,514	482,465	6,933,383
2. reduction	(19,974)	(27,878)	(15,260)	(17,811)	(13,168)	(12,617)	(14,339)	(7,970)	(9,649)	(138,668)
GF Total	978,718	1,366,046	747,757	872,715	645,255	618,233	702,633	390,544	472,815	6,794,715
AAA ADMIN										
III-B	(17,294)	(24,227)	(16,633)	(21,575)	(16,387)	(17,882)	(19,608)	(5,582)	(6,866)	(146,053)
III-C1	(26,403)	(45,266)	(24,604)	(38,052)	(23,935)	(28,003)	(32,698)	(13,121)	(16,616)	(248,699)
III-C2	(16,745)	(34,473)	(13,897)	(26,614)	(12,747)	(16,700)	(20,612)	(11,833)	(15,229)	(168,851)
III-E	(7,865)	(18,165)	(6,882)	(14,226)	(6,517)	(8,739)	(11,302)	(6,510)	(8,418)	(88,624)
TOTALS	(\$68,307)	(\$122,131)	(\$62,015)	(\$100,467)	(\$59,586)	(\$71,324)	(\$84,220)	(\$37,045)	(\$47,130)	(\$652,227)

2022 Census 2/21/24	AGE 60+	LOW INCOME	MINORITY	Percentage	AGE 60+	LOW INCOME	MINORITY
2022 Tribal census 06/30/2024 Source: Tribal Leadership							
STATE TOTAL	297,145	29,255	20,826	STATE TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
CARTER	571	95	24	CARTER	0.19%	0.32%	0.12%
CUSTER	3423	359	147	CUSTER	1.15%	1.23%	0.71%
DANIELS	605	28	51	DANIELS	0.20%	0.10%	0.24%
DAWSON	2636	167	34	DAWSON	0.89%	0.57%	0.16%
FALLON	822	128	14	FALLON	0.28%	0.44%	0.07%
FORT PECK RESERVATION	810	138	810	FORT PECK	0.27%	0.47%	3.89%
GARFIELD	287	24	3	GARFIELD	0.10%	0.08%	0.01%
MCCONE	698	29	40	MCCONE	0.23%	0.10%	0.19%
PHILLIPS	1347	61	88	PHILLIPS	0.45%	0.21%	0.42%
POWDER RIVER	650	93	75	POWDER RIVER	0.22%	0.32%	0.36%
PRAIRIE	476	151	1	PRAIRIE	0.16%	0.52%	0.00%
RICHLAND	2764	444	139	RICHLAND	0.93%	1.52%	0.67%
ROOSEVELT	1875	324	505	ROOSEVELT	0.63%	1.11%	2.42%
ROSEBUD	2040	444	343	ROSEBUD	0.69%	1.52%	1.65%
SHERIDAN	1203	142	30	SHERIDAN	0.40%	0.49%	0.14%
TREASURE	254	31	0	TREASURE	0.09%	0.11%	0.00%
VALLEY	2436	260	91	VALLEY	0.82%	0.89%	0.44%
WIBAUX	362	41	3	WIBAUX	0.12%	0.14%	0.01%
AREA I TOTAL	23,259	2,959	2,398	AREA I TOTAL	7.83%	10.11%	11.51%
BIG HORN	2529	370	766	BIG HORN	0.85%	1.26%	3.68%
CARBON	3958	289	160	CARBON	1.33%	0.99%	0.77%
CROW RESERVATION	1791	117	1791	CROW	0.60%	0.40%	8.60%
FERGUS	3902	479	179	FERGUS	1.31%	1.64%	0.86%
GOLDEN VALLEY	359	90	6	GOLDEN VALLEY	0.12%	0.31%	0.03%
JUDITH BASIN	661	123	19	JUDITH BASIN	0.22%	0.42%	0.09%
MUSSELSHELL	1898	221	45	MUSSELSHELL	0.64%	0.76%	0.22%
NORTH CHEYENNE RESERVATION	517	47	517	NORTH CHEYENNE	0.17%	0.16%	2.48%
PETROLEUM	147	17	2	PETROLEUM	0.05%	0.06%	0.01%
STILLWATER	2939	278	93	STILLWATER	0.99%	0.95%	0.45%
SWEET GRASS	1192	83	32	SWEET GRASS	0.40%	0.28%	0.15%
WHEATLAND	749	132	7	WHEATLAND	0.25%	0.45%	0.03%
YELLOWSTONE	40056	3450	1398	YELLOWSTONE	13.48%	11.79%	6.71%
AREA II TOTAL	60,698	5,696	5,015	AREA II TOTAL	20.43%	19.47%	24.08%
BLACKFEET RESERVATION	1584	284	1584	BLACKFEET	0.53%	0.97%	7.61%
BLAINE	1503	209	371	BLAINE	0.51%	0.71%	1.78%
CHOUTEAU	1690	172	133	CHOUTEAU	0.57%	0.59%	0.64%
FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION	316	67	316	FORTBELKNAP	0.11%	0.23%	1.52%
GLACIER	2567	681	923	GLACIER	0.86%	2.33%	4.43%
LIBERTY	532	49	0	LIBERTY	0.18%	0.17%	0.00%
PONDERA	1786	140	113	PONDERA	0.60%	0.48%	0.54%
TETON	1876	123	31	TETON	0.63%	0.42%	0.15%
TOOLE	1259	122	38	TOOLE	0.42%	0.42%	0.18%
HILL	3478	281	339	HILL	1.17%	0.96%	1.63%
ROCKY BOYS RESERVATION	446	86	446	ROCKY BOY	0.15%	0.29%	2.14%
AREA III TOTAL	17,037	2,214	4,294	AREA III TOTAL	5.73%	7.57%	20.62%
BROADWATER	2355	271	122	BROADWATER	0.79%	0.93%	0.59%
GALLATIN	22166	1392	586	GALLATIN	7.46%	4.76%	2.81%
JEFFERSON	3798	155	137	JEFFERSON	1.28%	0.53%	0.66%
LEWIS & CLARK	18928	1729	718	LEWIS & CLARK	6.37%	5.91%	3.45%
MEAGHER	910	108	16	MEAGHER	0.31%	0.37%	0.08%
PARK	5566	601	196	PARK	1.87%	2.05%	0.94%
AREA IV TOTAL	53,723	4,256	1,775	AREA IV TOTAL	18.08%	14.55%	8.52%
BEAVERHEAD	2838	306	83	BEAVERHEAD	0.96%	1.05%	0.40%
DEER LODGE	3151	573	164	DEER LODGE	1.06%	1.96%	0.79%
GRANITE	1364	139	44	GRANITE	0.46%	0.48%	0.21%
MADISON	3639	255	104	MADISON	1.22%	0.87%	0.50%
POWELL	1945	102	39	POWELL	0.65%	0.35%	0.19%
SILVER BOW	9660	1039	238	SILVER BOW	3.25%	3.55%	1.14%
AREA V TOTAL	22,597	2,414	672	AREA V TOTAL	7.60%	8.25%	3.23%
LAKE	9773	1286	1055	LAKE	3.29%	4.40%	5.07%
LINCOLN	7916	915	265	LINCOLN	2.66%	3.13%	1.27%
MINERAL	1695	124	63	MINERAL	0.57%	0.42%	0.30%
SANDERS	5202	460	315	SANDERS	1.75%	1.57%	1.51%
SALISH/KOOTENAI-FLATHEAD RESERVATION	1406	192	1406	SALISH/KOOTENAI	0.47%	0.86%	6.75%
AREA VI TOTAL	25,992	2,977	3,104	AREA VI TOTAL	8.75%	10.18%	14.90%
MISSOULA	26202	2160	1021	MISSOULA	8.82%	7.38%	4.90%
RAVALLI	15437	1415	416	RAVALLI	5.20%	4.84%	2.00%
AREA VII TOTAL	41,639	3,575	1,437	AREA VII TOTAL	14.01%	12.22%	6.90%
CASCADE	21,979	2,366	1,016	CASCADE	7.40%	8.09%	4.88%
FLATHEAD	30,221	2,798	1,115	FLATHEAD	10.17%	9.56%	6.35%
TOTALS	297,145	29,255	20,826				

Appendix D: DPHHS Aging Services Organizational Chart

Aging Services Bureau Organizational Chart



**Contract

APPENDIX E: List of Area Agencies on Aging in Montana FY 2024 – 2027 State Plan on Aging

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APPENDIX F: Public Hearing Notice Affidavits

Public Notice:

Redesignation of Hill County Older Americans Act Services

Date: Monday, March 11, 2024

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) intends to submit Montana's Re-designation for Hill County Older Americans Act Services to the Administration for Community Living by April 30, 2024. DPHHS is conducting a hybrid public hearing to gather comments on this redesignation.

Background

On September 14, 2023, the State Unit on Aging (SUA) notified Area X Agency on Aging (AAA) in Havre, Hill County, Mont., that it would lose its designation due to not fulfilling the Area Plan requirement of the Older Americans Act (OAA). The SUA, under the DPHHS Senior and Long Term Care Division, Aging Services Bureau, aims to ensure uninterrupted OAA services.

Consequently, the Director of Area III, North Central Agency on Aging, agreed to allocate OAA funds to the Hill County Senior Center to continue service provision upon receiving Board approval. Area III, which includes the neighboring Blaine County, approximately 20 miles east of Havre, will manage the funding until June 30, 2024, as DPHHS works to officially expand their AAA designation to include Hill County.

A task force has reviewed the Intrastate Funding Formula for OAA funds allocation to AAAs in light of recent census data updates. The hearing will cover these revisions and provide a platform for public feedback.

Public Hearing and Comment Process

Details on the Hill County Older Americans Act Services Redesignation are available for review online at dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/hearings. The DPHHS Senior and Long Term Care Division office, located in Helena's Armory Building at 1100 N Last Chance Gulch, 4th floor, Helena, Montana 59601, also offers paper copies of this information.

A hybrid public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Conrad Senior Center Hall, 311 S Virginia Street, Suite 3, Conrad, MT, 59425. Interested parties may attend the hearing in person or via Zoom.

[Register online](#) to attend online. Instructions on how to participate will be provided upon registration.

For special accommodations, please contact the Aging Services Bureau at (406) 444-7788 or email kreidelbach@mt.gov.

The public comment period opens Monday, March 11, 2024, and closes April 10, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (Mountain Time). To direct questions or comments about the re-designation for Hill County OAA Services, Aging Services Bureau, visit the above address, call (406) 444-7788, or email kreidelbach@mt.gov.