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## **OAA Title IIID: Upcoming Teleconference and Changes**

As you know, funding from Title IIID of the Older Americans Act must be used for evidence-based (EB) programs only. We currently operate under a three-tier definition of EB, with minimal, intermediate and highest-level criteria, and programs that meet any of those standards are considered EB. However, we have been working with the aging network to move to a single, higher set of criteria.

We greatly appreciate and carefully considered the input the aging network provided on the feasibility and timetable for when to move to this higher standard. Responses to our direct requests to SUAs and AAAs complemented the information you provided following the *Moving on Up! OAA Title IIID Funds - Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Webinar on the Evidence-Based Requirement* held on June 4th. We received comments from every State via their regional liaison.

Beginning October 1, 2016, the current three-tier definition will be replaced with a single standard all programs must meet. To learn more, please join us for an **OAA Title IIID Teleconference on Wednesday October 22, 2014 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EST**. The call in information is: 800-988-9478; passcode: 1180233.

More information will be provided during the teleconference, but if a program meets the current "highest-level" criteria, it will meet the new standard. Specific requirements include:

- Demonstrated through evaluation to be effective for improving the health and wellbeing or reducing disease, disability and/or injury among older adults; and
- Proven effective with older adult population, using Experimental or Quasi-Experimental Design; and
- Research results published in a peer-review journal; and
- Fully translated in one or more community site(s); and
- Includes developed dissemination products that are available to the public.

How to Determine if a Program Meets the Future Definition

There are two ways to determine if a program meets the future definition (and therefore also meets our current highest-level criteria); either one is acceptable. As

always, check with your State Unit on Aging for any State-specific Title IIID requirements.

1. Document whether the program meets each of the 5 bullets in the future definition. If it does, then it meets the future definition of EB and can be supported with Title IIID funds.
2. Check to see whether the program is considered to be “evidence-based” by any operating division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). If it is, then it meets the future definition of EB and can be supported with Title IIID funds.

All programs that are considered “evidence-based” by any operating division of HHS will meet the future definition. For example, this would include programs listed on:

[ACL’s Aging and Disability Evidence-Based Programs and Practices](#)

[Title IIID Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs Cost Chart](#)

[CDC’s Compendium of Effective Falls Prevention Interventions](#)

[SAMHSA’s National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices](#)

[NIH’s Cancer Control Evidence-based Portal](#)

For additional information visit the [AoA Title IIID webpage](#).

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## **NCST Ladders of Opportunity Grant Announcement: Connecting Seniors to Public Transportation**

The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) is inviting applications for Connecting Seniors to Public Transportation, a new Ladders of Opportunity Grant Program. This competitive grant program will provide funding to communities to develop and test interventions designed to encourage and facilitate increased access and usage of public transportation and mobility options by older adults to support successful aging. [Click here](#) to read the RFP.

### *Important Dates:*

October 16, 2014: Teleconference for interested applicants. Call in information will be posted on the [NCST website](#)

November 7, 2014: All proposals must be submitted on-line or by email at [ncstgrant@n4a.org](mailto:ncstgrant@n4a.org) by 11:59 p.m.

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