

Title VI Assurances

What do you agree to in your Title VI application?

- (1) **Conduct a Needs Assessment:** provide that the eligible tribal organization will evaluate the need for supportive and nutrition services among older individuals who are Indians to be represented by the tribal organizations;
- (2) **Administer your Program Efficiently:** provide for the use of such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the program to be assisted;
- (3) **Complete Reports:** provide that the tribal organization will make such reports in such form and containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary may reasonably require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to assure the correctness of such reports;
- (4) **Evaluate your Activities:** provide for periodic evaluation of activities and projects carried out under the application;
- (5) **Establish Program Objectives:** establish objectives consistent with the purposes of this part toward which activities under the application will be directed, identify obstacles to the attainment of such objectives, and indicate the manner in which the tribal organization proposes to overcome such obstacles;
- (6) **Provide Information and Assistance:** provide for establishing and maintaining information and assistance services to assure that older individuals who are Indians to be served by the assistance made available under this part will have reasonably convenient access to such services;
- (7) **Provide Hiring Preference for Older Indians:** provide a preference for older individuals who are Indians for full or part-time staff positions whenever feasible;
- (8) **Provide Nutrition Services:** provide assistance that either directly or by way of grant or contract with appropriate entities nutrition services will be delivered to older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization substantially in compliance with the provisions of part C of title III, except that in any case in which the need for nutritional services for older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization is already met from other sources, the tribal organization may use the funds otherwise required to be expended under this paragraph for supportive services;
- (9) **Ensure Legal and Ombudsman Services Comply with Title III:** provide that any legal or ombudsman services made available to older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization will be substantially in compliance with the provisions of title III relating to the furnishing of similar services;
- (10) **Assure Fiscal Control:** provide satisfactory assurance that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under this part to the tribal organization, including any funds paid by the tribal organization to a recipient of a grant or contract; and

- (11) **Coordinate with Title III:** contain assurances that the tribal organization will coordinate services provided under this part with services provided under title III in the same geographical area.

Additionally, 45 CFR 1326.19 requires that the application shall provide for:

- a) Program objectives, as set forth in section 604(a)(5) of the Act, and any objectives established by the Commissioner.
- b) A description of the geographic boundaries of the service area proposed by the tribal organization.
- c) Documentation of the ability of the tribal organization to deliver supportive and nutrition services to older Indians, or documentation that the tribal organization has effectively administered supportive and nutrition services within the last 3 years;
- d) Assurances as prescribed by the Commissioner that:
 - (1) A tribal organization represents at least 50 individuals who have attained 60 years of age or older;
 - (2) A tribal organization shall comply with all applicable State and local license and safety requirements for the provision of those services;
 - (3) If a substantial number of the older Indians residing in the service area are of limited English-speaking ability, the tribal organization shall utilize the services of workers who are fluent in the language spoken by a predominant number of older Indians;
 - (4) Procedures to ensure that all services under this part are provided without use of any means tests;
 - (5) A tribal organization shall comply with all requirements set forth in Sec. 1326.7 through 1326.17; and
 - (6) The services provided under this part will be coordinated, where applicable, with services provided under title III of the Act.
- e) A tribal resolution(s) authorizing the tribal organization to apply for a grant under this part; and
- f) Signature by the principal official of the tribe.