

## NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

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### PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

**Number:** 21-PI-07

**Supersedes:** N/A

**Expiration:** N/A

**DATE:** May 13, 2021

**TO:** Area Agencies on Aging, Regional NY Connects Grantees

**SUBJECT:** ADRC/NWD COVID-19 Vaccine Access Supplemental Funding Program  
Instruction for the **Period 04/01/21 to 09/30/22** for AAAs and ILCs  
Implementing NY Connects.

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**BACKGROUND:** The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) was awarded a discretionary supplemental grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to support Aging and Disability Resource Centers/No Wrong Door Systems (ADRC/NWD) to focus on COVID-19 vaccine activities, including current vaccination activity that the NY Connects NWD system may already be providing. This funding is a result of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021. ACL and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are partnering to increase access to vaccines for older adults and people with disabilities.

**PURPOSE:** This funding will enable local NY Connects systems to mitigate the adverse effects of the pandemic by supporting the provision of COVID-19 vaccination information, assistance, and access to older adults and individuals with disabilities of all ages who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. Special emphasis is to be given to homebound individuals and enabling in-home vaccine capability. The funding will also allow local NY Connects to provide education to their communities about the importance of receiving the vaccine. Partnerships with local public health departments and community organizations are also encouraged to help identify need and coordinate vaccine access.

Notwithstanding any provisions in the NY Connects Program Standards to the contrary, funds under this award may be used in providing direct services, including transportation to vaccination locations. Specifically, use of funds include but are not

limited to the following activities:

- Coordinating with local health departments and/or other entities to increase access to vaccines and in-home vaccine options. Any additional activity related to increasing vaccination access, including forging partnerships with state or local agencies.
- Education about the importance of receiving a vaccine.
- Identifying people unable to independently travel to a vaccination site.
- Helping with scheduling a vaccine appointment.
- Arranging or providing accessible transportation.
- Providing companion/personal support.
- Reminding people of the second vaccination appointment if needed.
- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to individuals for the purpose of receiving the vaccine/going to a vaccination site.

**BUDGET DIRECTION:** Grantees will receive a Notification of Grant Award (NGA) that will enable claiming against the full allocation. At the end of the program period, final NGAs reflecting actual expenditures will be provided. No formal budget modification will be necessary. The program period is for the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. This funding can only be used to support activities during the grant period. This funding cannot be used towards activities prior to the start date of this grant. Funds from the previous ADRC COVID grant can also be used for vaccine related activities; however, funds from this grant are restricted to vaccine related activity only.

**REPORTING:** The use of these funds is to be in association with NY Connects. Service units are to be recorded as part of NY Connects and NY Connects ILC. Any other reporting that may be required under these grant funds.

**NEXT STEPS:** NGA will be issued to participating NY Connects AAA and ILC partners.

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED:**

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New York State Office for the Aging  
New York State COVID-19 ADRC Vaccine Access  
Final Allocation Schedule  
Program Period - 4/1/21-9/30/22

<u>Area Agency on Aging</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Albany	\$19,725
Allegany	12,574
Broome	21,959
Cattaraugus	14,941
Cayuga	11,799
Chautauqua	22,076
Chemung	15,098
Chenango	11,909
Clinton	15,138
Columbia	8,031
Cortland	12,574
Delaware	9,656
Dutchess	24,730
Erie	32,755
Essex	12,574
Franklin	12,143
Fulton	12,536
Genesee	12,536
Greene	12,536
Herkimer	15,177
Jefferson	9,897
Lewis	12,614
Livingston	11,049
Madison	9,804
Monroe	35,823
Montgomery	10,793
Nassau	24,877
Niagara	15,183
Oneida	24,690
Onondaga	36,293
Ontario	15,138
Orange	24,533
Orleans	10,716
Oswego	14,091
Otsego	9,609
Putnam	13,405
Rensselaer	16,003
Rockland	24,690
St. Lawrence	12,868
Saratoga	22,037
Schenectady	22,076
Schoharie	12,574
Schuyler	7,829
Steuben	11,804
Suffolk	34,803
Sullivan	15,138
Tioga	7,829
Tompkins	15,177
Ulster	13,971
Warren/Hamilton	11,057
Washington	12,536
Wayne	15,138
Westchester	35,509
Wyoming	9,555
Yates	9,925
New York City	203,894
Seneca Nation	6,633
St. Regis	3,429

Total \$1,113,457

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<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Award</u>
Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York, Inc.	C16018GG	\$143,020
Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.	C16016GG	36,997
Living Independently is for Everyone at RCIL, Inc.*	C19027GG	39,591
Self Initiated Living Options	C16019GG	44,919
Western New York Independent Living, Inc.	C16014GG	63,438
Westchester Independent Living Center, Inc.	C16017GG	43,188
	TOTALS	<u>\$371,153</u>

\* contract assignment from Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc.