

What is Title VI

Administration for Community Living (ACL) funds programs that support American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities in nutrition and supportive services.



History of Title VI

In 1978 the Older Americans Act was amended to include Title VI which established programs to support Native American, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian. Since then **eligible tribal organizations received grants** to support services for their elders



Its Purpose

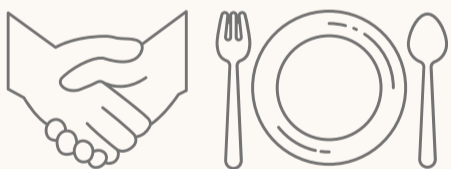
Services for Native American programs provide grants to eligible tribal organizations to promote the delivery of home and community-based supportive services. **Cultural diversity in Native American communities is reflected** in these programs aimed at reducing the need for costly institutional care and medical interventions.

Eligibility for Grants

The tribal organizations are allocated grants based on their share of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian populations aged 60 and over. To be eligible for funding, tribal organizations of federally recognized tribes must represent at least 50 Native American elders. **A separate formula grant is awarded for nutrition, support, and caregiver services.**

In FY 2011 grants for nutrition and supportive services were **awarded to 254 tribal organizations that represented more than 400 tribes.**

Types of Services



Nutrition and Supportive Services

This service grant includes congregate and home delivered meals, information and referral, transportation, personal care, chores, health promotion and disease prevention as well as other supportive services



Caregiver Support Services

This service grant assists American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian families for older relatives who have chronic illnesses or disabilities, helps grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren, provides information and outreach, and arranges access to assistance with individual counseling, respite care, and other supplemental services. Tribal organizations coordinate with VISTA to **create a sustainable caregiver program for Native American communities.**

“These programs **should not replace** the traditions of families caring for their elders but rather provide the support that **strengthens a family's caregiver role**”

