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Editor's note: The informational conference call passcode has been corrected to 3818865#.

Grants will support implementation of the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers.

ACL is excited to announce <u>\$20 million in new funding</u> for our first major initiative in support of the <u>2022 National Strategy to</u> <u>Support Family Caregivers.</u> ACL will award five cooperative agreements for projects to foster advancements in two programs authorized by the Older Americans Act — the <u>National</u> <u>Family Caregiver Support Program</u> and the <u>Native American</u> <u>Caregiver Support program</u>.

Each project will receive up to \$1.1 million annually for four years to develop, test, and disseminate new approaches to

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supporting family caregivers. Using the <u>caregiver strategy</u> as a roadmap, and with technical assistance from ACL, each project will focus on one of the five priority areas of the strategy:

1. Improved awareness of and outreach to family caregivers.

2. Inclusion of family caregivers in the care team.

3. Services and supports for family caregivers.

4. Financial and employment protections.

5. Data, research, and best practices.

This initiative creates an unprecedented opportunity for the aging and disability networks to build new partnerships with organizations in other fields that can help drive innovation in these areas. A wide range of public and private organizations are eligible and encouraged to apply, so please share this announcement broadly.

Awardees will be expected to collaborate with ACL on all activities and to align their work with the strategy and its companion document, <u>First Principles: Cross-Cutting</u> <u>Considerations for Family Caregiver Support.</u>

The initiative is in keeping with President Biden's <u>Executive</u> <u>Order on Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting</u> <u>Caregivers</u>, signed April 18. This executive order directs federal agencies to take more than 50 actions making affordable, quality childcare more available to working families; expanding access to home and community-based services; growing and strengthening the direct care workforce; supporting family caregivers; and more — giving us a unique opportunity to transform our long-term care systems and mitigate the challenges that family caregivers face.

Complete details and application instructions are <u>posted on</u> <u>Grants.gov.</u> Applications are due Monday, June 26, 2023.

ACL will host an informational conference call this Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 2:00 PM ET.

- Call-in number: 800-779-3216
- Passcode: 3818865#

A downloadable recording and transcript will be posted on Grants.gov soon after the call concludes. If you need accommodations to participate in the call, please contact <u>Greg</u> Link.

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