Native American Programs

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It is that time again: Needs Assessments and Program Evaluations!!!!

It is time to begin planning and conducting your needs assessments and program evaluations for the upcoming grant application (Fall 2013) as the Older Americans Act requires that you conduct a needs assessment prior to completing your application and use the information from the needs assessment in developing your program plan. You may conduct a needs assessment any way you want. However, to make it easier and more uniform, the National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) at the University of North Dakota has developed a needs assessment for Title VI grantees to use. They help you plan for your survey, teach you how to conduct the survey, and do the analysis for you. For more information, contact the NRCNAA at http://www.nrcnaa.org/needs-assessment/ or by calling Ann Miller at (800) 896-7628.

This is a good time to evaluate your program as well to see if you are meeting the needs of your community. This can be done several ways to include: 1) evaluating program activities according to objectives stated in your grant application; 2) pre- and post-evaluations of specific activities; 3) program outcome evaluations; and 4) client satisfaction evaluations. To find more information on the UND survey instrument and program evaluations please refer to the Title VI Resource Manual found on this site under For Directors on pages 51 – 53. www.olderindians.aoa.gov

Any questions? Contact ACL Region IX at (415) 437-8780.
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