Administration for Community Living

Policy Review of ACL Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)

2018

The purpose of this review process is to promote a clear and consistent message through our FOAs in terms of how each funding announcement promotes the overarching [ACL mission and vision](https://acl.gov/About_ACL/StrategicPlan/docs/ACL_Strategic_Plan.pdf). While program staff will use their expertise to ensure that the FOA meets the intent of the appropriation from which it comes, CPE will examine whether the overall language reflects ACL’s policy priorities and emphasis on measuring progress toward FOA goals.

Based on mission, vision, and goals of ACL here are seven questions that the policy review team will use as guide in reviewing FOAs. These questions will be applied only when appropriate as we recognize statutory, regulatory, and funding restrictions within which ACL programs operate.

**Five Pillars**

Does the FOA address one of the Assistant Secretary’s five pillars?

* Connecting people to services
* Protecting rights and preventing abuse
* Expanding employment opportunities
* Strengthening the networks
* Supporting families and caregivers

**Person-centeredness/Self-direction and Consumer Control**

Does the FOA promote choice and control for older adults and persons of any age (including children) with a disability?

**Community Living**

Does the FOA promote community integration and community living for older adults, persons of any age (including children) with a disability, and their families?

**Quality**

Does the FOA promote evidence-based, high quality services and systems?

**Sustainability**

Does the FOA require grantees or contractors to use their learnings to develop a business case, and sustainability and dissemination plans for successful programs and services?

**Performance**

Does the FOA provide enough detailed information to help applicants think critically about the measures they should include in their applications to effectively measure their progress towards meeting the goals outlined in the FOA?