



**Developmental
Disabilities
Planning Council**

Vaccine Access Collaboration

DDPC

April 15, 2021

ACL and CDC will provide nearly \$100 million to Increase Access to COVID-19 Vaccines to help older adults and people with disabilities get vaccines

- Approximately \$5 million will fund national hotlines to connect older adults and people with disabilities with local disability and aging agencies
- An additional \$93 million will be distributed as follows:
 - State Aging Offices and Area Agencies on Aging (\$50 million)
 - Aging and Disability Resource Centers (\$28 million)
 - Centers for Independent Living that receive funding directly from ACL (\$5 million)
 - University Centers of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (\$4 million)
 - Protection and Advocacy systems (\$4 million)
 - **State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (\$ 4 million)**



The purpose of this funding is to breakdown barriers and unequal access in communities to vaccinate older adults and people with disabilities.

Examples of activities consistent with the purpose of this funding are:

- 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 technical assistance to local health departments or other entities on vaccine accessibility.



Anticipated Funding

- The projected award for the NYS DD Council is \$219,085
- Estimated start date is April 14, 2021
- Estimated end date is September 30, 2022
- There is not a match requirement with these funds
- There will be reporting/documentation of impact requirements

