

OAA Title III (Federally Funded) vs. Kupuna Care (City/State Funded)

OAA Title III (Older Americans Act Services – Federally Funded)

- **Funding Source:** Federal funds through the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL).
- **Administered by:** Local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).
- **Age Requirement:** 60 years or older.
- **Residency:** Must live in Hawai'i.
- **Eligibility:** Open to all older adults 60+, with priority for those with greatest economic or social need, minorities, rural residents, and those with limited English proficiency.
- **Cost:** No cost for services; voluntary contributions are encouraged.

Kupuna Care (City/State Funded – Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging)

- **Funding Source:** State of Hawai'i general funds (supplemented by county/city contributions).
- **Administered by:** County Area Agencies on Aging (e.g., Elderly Affairs Division on O'ahu).
- **Age Requirement:** 60 years or older.
- **Residency:** Must be a Hawai'i resident.
- **Eligibility:** Must have functional needs (frailty or limitations in activities of daily living [ADLs] or instrumental activities of daily living [IADLs]). Does not qualify for Medicaid or other comparable programs.
- **Cost:** Cost-sharing may apply, based on income and ability to pay.

Key Distinction

- **OAA Title III** is **federal funding** meant to ensure basic access to supportive services for all kupuna (priority given to those most in need).
- **Kupuna Care** is **state/county funding** designed to provide community-based long-term care services to older adults with the goals of remaining at home for as long as possible.