

2027 Area Plan Year 4 Rollout & Training Matrix

Date	Milestone or Trainings
April 15, 2026	DARS Releases FY2027 Area Plan <u>Program</u> Forms & Instructions
Monday, May 11, 2026 2pm-3:30pm	DARS Hosts Area Plan <u>Program</u> Training for Year 4 of Area Plan Click Register Here to sign up for the Area Plan Program Training:
May 15, 2026	DARS Releases FY 2027 Area Plan <u>Budget</u> Instructions
Monday, June 1, 2026 2pm-3:30pm	Tentative: DARS Releases FY 2027 Area Plan <u>Budget</u> Forms DARS Hosts Area Plan <u>Budget</u> Training for Year 4 of Area Plan Click Register Here to sign up for the Area Plan Budget Training:
July 1-31, 2026	Time for AAAs to Solicit Public Input and Approvals (as needed)
August 3, 2026	Deadline for AAAs to Submit Area Plan Program & Budgets to DARS via SharePoint two-way portal
August 1-31, 2026 (Round 1) September 1-30, 2026 (Round 2)	DARS Reviews AP Program & Budgets (Round 1) DARS Reviews AP Program & Budgets (Round 2)
October 1, 2026	Area Plan Contracts Begin
1:1 Consultations with DARS Staff If your AAA would like to schedule one-on-one technical assistance with DARS staff, please complete a 1:1 Consultation Request Form . DARS offers 1:1 Consultations for AAAs on the Area Plan Program or the Area Plan Budget. AAAs can start booking 1:1 Consultations for the Area Plan Program on Friday, May 1, 2026, and AAAs can start booking 1:1 Consultations for the Area Plan Budget on June 1, 2026.	
Area Plan Inquiries If you have questions about the general Area Plan process, instructions, or forms, please complete the Area Plan Inquiries Form . DARS Staff will provide a direct response in a timely manner and use these questions to populate a <i>Frequently Asked Questions</i> document that will be updated periodically and available to the AAAs on the Providers Portal .	