



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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This resource has been prepared by the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) to provide answers to questions posed about the Behavioral Health Initiative grant opportunity. Questions have been consolidated and adapted for clarity, and questions pertaining to specific proposed programs ideas are not included. Additional questions will be added to the document up until Wednesday, November 30th. If you have a question that is not covered by the Application Guide or this FAQ document, you may email BuildingHealthyCommunitiesOpenCall@cookcountyhhs.org Please note that you may not receive a response, as we are unable to answer program-specific questions.

Category	Question	Response
Application Portal	Are we using the same grant portal as the last CCDPH application?	No, please go to BHCopencall.com and apply there.
	Are there character/word limits for the narrative sections?	For narrative sections, there is a maximum 4,000 character limit.
Capacity Building Meetings	Will the information session slide deck and recording be shared?	Yes, recordings and slide decks from the information sessions and workshops will be posted on BHCopencall.com.
Eligibility – Org Type/Service Line	Are Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) that are part of a larger health system eligible to submit for the MH and/or Youth Dev strategy?	Yes, as long as the center is a registered 501(c)(3) at the time of submission.
	As a skilled home health agency serving mental health patients, are we eligible for this?	Yes, as long as the center is a registered 501(c)(3) at the time of submission.
	Are institutions of higher ed eligible to apply? [specified as universities]	Higher education institutions are eligible to apply provided they maintain 501(c)3 status.
	For-profit CBO - can they apply?	No. We value the work that all community-based organizations are doing, but only not for profit organizations can apply for this grant opportunity.



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Eligibility – Partnerships	Can a 501(c)(3) entity have a for-profit entity as a partner as part of the program design?	Yes, organizations must be established as a 501(c)(3) at the time their application is submitted. Organizations that are NOT a 501(c)(3) may partner with an eligible organization who serves as lead applicant.
	Can two non-profits 501(c)3 partner as one entity with a wider range of expertise apply as one with one leading and primary organization.	Yes, we encourage collaborations.
Eligibility – Geographic Scope/Population	Want to be 100% sure that an Oak Park based 501c3 CAN apply for funding used to served other suburban residents (outside of Oak Park)	An Oak Park based 501(c)(3) can apply for funding to serve suburban Cook County residents who do not reside in Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park, Skokie, and Stickney Township.
	If Chicago office but we do a lot of work in suburban Cook county, we are eligible?	Only work done in suburban Cook County with suburban Cook County residents will be eligible.
	Is this grant solely for suburban cook county not Cook County population?	Correct, this grant is only for suburban Cook County, not Cook County.
	Are subset populations eligible?	Subset populations of suburban Cook County may apply.
	Can non-south Cook agencies apply?	Eligible non-south Cook agencies may apply, but only work serving suburban Cook County residents will be eligible for funding.



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Grant Application – Timeline/Project Period (Dates)	Can you more clearly define the 4 year project period?	We expect the awards to be announced the week of January 16 th 2023. Awardees then will work with the BHC, Behavioral Health Initiative team to solidify scope(s) of work and budget(s) for agreements, and complete the Cook County Risk Assessment and supporting materials. For awards of \$1,000,000 or more, the will presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval in February 2023. We expect agreements to proceed, executed and for the project period to begin in March of 2023 and end November 30, 2026.
	What is the program period over 4 years?	We expect the project period to be from March 1, 2023 to November 30, 2026.
Grant Application – Outcomes	Are there outcome measurements including in the grant offering application, are there other key outcomes that are required to fulfill?	Yes, please see pages 16 and 17 of the open call for the deliverables and metrics.
Grant Application - Budget	So, how do we identify Year 1 and so on for budgeting purposes?	Provided the program launches as planned, year 1 will be from March 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023. Future years will be from December 1 – November 30.
	Will funding be reimbursement based?	No, it is not a reimbursement grant. Awardees can receive an advancement between 25% to 50% of the estimated budget per fiscal year, multiple times a year.
	Does the CBO need to plan reserves for a 45-day-payments?	Organizations should plan for 4-week payments.



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Grant Application – Opioid-involved Overdose Prevention specific	In terms of mobile services, are you considering funding for mobile services that provide medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder as well as distribution of naloxone?	Funding for this opportunity can support operation and maintenance of the mobile unit, but cannot pay for MOUD services themselves. However, this does not mean MOUD services cannot be provided on the mobile unit, just that BHC funding cannot be used to pay for them.
	Would the funding for the opioid project count towards providing the mobile vehicle?	Yes. Purchase and maintenance of a mobile vehicle is included in this funding opportunity.
Grant Application – Mental Health and Positive Youth Development specific	What is the difference between Track 1 and Track 2 programming?	There are no programmatic differences between Track 1 and Track 2. The only differences are monetary, with Track 1 awarding up to \$250,000 over four years and Track 2, awarding up to \$1,000,000 over four years.
	How do you identify Track 1 & Track 2?	Applicants will identify Track 1 and Track 2 in the application.
	Is the only difference how much you are requesting or are there programmatic requirements attached to the separate tracks?	The only difference between Track 1 and Track 2, is the amount you are requesting. There are no programmatic differences between the tracks.