
Shop Talk Open Call

Response to Questions Submitted by Email July 6, 2026

Question: My organization has been looking at the Shop Talk grant, and has a question regarding the applicant requirements. Our organization is based in City of Chicago, but partners with a suburban mental health organization to expand the impact of our program.

We are looking for clarity on if submitting a joint application allows us to qualify or if our partner organization will need to be the lead? Any insight on this would be greatly appreciated.

Response: The Cook County Shop Talk lead applicant must be a municipality located within the South and West geographic regions of Suburban Cook County (excluding Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park, Skokie and Stickney Township). To see whether a municipality falls within South or West suburban Cook County, please see this webpage:

<https://cookcountypublichealth.org/suburbs-served/>

If your organization partners with an eligible municipality that serves as the lead applicant and fiscal agent, your organization may participate as a partner organization providing services under a contractual agreement supporting the proposed program. The youth and/or young adults participating in the program must be residents of south and west suburban Cook County.