

Answers to Questions Re: COVID Impact Grant

Q: Are you hoping to have fewer awards for the full \$100K or are you open to receiving applications for less than \$100K and giving out more awards?

A: We are planning on providing fewer grants for larger amounts, but are open to considering applications for less than \$100K.

Q: In terms of the mental health-related outcome, it has to address mental health issues that stem from COVID, correct?

A: The mental health need can be a direct result of COVID-19 OR the need for mental health services may pre-date COVID but increased due to the pandemic and resulting shutdowns. Either would be accepted.

Q: What would be ineligible costs?

A: Awardees would need to follow 45 CFR 75 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for HHS Awards, which can be found [here](#). If you are unfamiliar with those requirements but follow 2 CFR 200 requirements for another award or awards, note that they are very similar. CSBG-specific ineligible costs include the following:

- Purchase or improvement of land or the purchase, construction or permanent improvement of any building or facility. Regular maintenance and repair costs are allowable.
- Political activity such as:
 - Any partisan or nonpartisan activity or any political activity associated with a candidate or contending faction or group, in an election for public or party office,
 - Any activities to provide voters and prospective voters with transportation to the poll or provide similar assistance in connection with an election, or
 - Any voter registration activity
- Any service to an individual or household over 125% of the most current federal poverty guidelines, found [here](#).
- Purchase of an individual piece of equipment worth over \$5,000, or a subgrant or subcontract worth over \$25,000, without prior IHCDCA approval provided via email. Both may be allowable, but both require prior review and approval by IHCDCA staff; that approval will need to be submitted as supporting documentation when submitting for reimbursement.

If you are unsure if a cost you are considering would be eligible, please email ekrauser@ihcda.in.gov to discuss. If you are considering purchasing a vehicle with CSBG funds as a part of your proposal, please email about that as well, prior to submitting your application.

Q: How long is the grant period?

A: The grant period will be one year: September 2021 – August 2022.

Q: Will pre-award costs be allowed?

A: Grant funds can only cover activities occurring during the grant period, and the funds must be spent

by the end of the grant period (you will have 45 days to claim final reimbursement of those claims). How the program is laid out within those 12 months, and where clients are at in that program within those 12 months is up to you, as long as you can spend the funds in those 12 months and can illustrate the flow of the program in your application.

Q: Can we use these funds to support an ongoing program?

A: Yes, but you will need to show how these funds would lead to an outcome that would not otherwise be achieved, either in size (number served) or scope (depth of impact). We want this funding to add value and fill gaps in the communities that other funding sources are not currently filling.

Q: Is the intent of this grant opportunity to prompt the creation of new ongoing program or service delivery, or to specifically address and identify short-term needs in the community?

A: We are open to both. We expect to see at least some applications for needs that have been addressed prior to this grant opportunity and for programs that are already developed, only because we recognize that our 1-year timeline is short for our expectation that outcomes be achieved by the end of the grant period.

Q: In terms of the limit on only applying for one outcome, is it okay if our project includes work that impacts one or more of the other outcomes? Ex: we have chosen one of the family-based outcomes, but our work often includes systems and partner coordination (another listed outcome). Our application will focus on the family-based outcome, but is it okay to include in our budget costs associated with systems and partner coordination?

A: Yes! Please make clear which is your chosen and primary outcome, but definitely include systems coordination if that is a part of your regular work and fits with this project. This funding source looks favorably on coordination activities to help avoid duplication of services and to fill serve gaps.