

HB19-1287 Grant Program Q&A

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The following questions were submitted to each MSO relating to the HB19-1287 grant program. They are presented together in the event they are useful to all potential applicants.

Signal MSO (SSPAs 1 and 4) Rural Expansion Grant questions

1. May funds be used to purchase real property and/or remodel property in which to provide social detoxification and/or short-term residential services?

Yes. The link must be back to the service priorities indicated in the grant documentation. Also, if there is mixed use of the facility for other non-grant related purposes, then, it will be important to consider what percentage or ratio of costs should be attributed to the grant request.

2. Is other funding available through Signal [or other MSOs] which could be accessed long-term to support the sustainability of detoxification services?

Medicaid is the largest payer for withdrawal management services in Colorado and it is critical to account for all other revenue sources in any program budget. At an MSO level, this grant program's funding may also supplement and support services (operational expenses), in addition to other sources like State and Federal Block grant, SB202, Federal SOR grant funding, etc., which is available via the MSO system. Each MSO will work to support ongoing services in the event that 1287 funding is reduced, eliminated, or repurposed, and we expect that will be something that can be managed. But it will be critical to ensure that there is a proper accounting of other revenue sources, chief among them Medicaid.

3. Would it be possible to submit a "feasibility" study for a portion of the dollars and a more fully-defined proposal for a portion of the total funds requested?

You would need to submit a full proposal that can include both a feasibility study and a estimated project and a full cost for both. This would present as a multi-year program.

4. Could client transportation costs (vehicles) be funded in this project?

Yes, relating to access to services included in the scope of the grant program.

5. Can some of this funding go toward telehealth opportunities and partnerships? Can a metro area provider explore a partnership with providers along the Eastern Plains to

apply? Similarly, does the provider (applicant) have to have a physical presence in the rural county?

Yes, this can go towards telehealth services. Services must be dedicated to rural and frontier regions. Also, note that any telehealth services must be in compliance with appropriate regulations.

6. The eligibility criteria says, "Eligible applicants, (local governments, municipalities, counties, schools, law enforcement agencies, and primary care or substance use disorder treatment providers)" and doesn't mention Recovery Community Organizations are these organizations available to apply?

Yes, many organizations can apply. The most important eligibility is the relationship to services provided, which include recovery services.

7. This a question is regarding the locations of service. Does an application need to cover all counties within a region or can an applicant apply to service a portion of the region (For example 6 counties)?

The application can cover a portion of the region (SSPA).

AspenPointe MSO (SSPA 3) Rural Expansion Grant questions

1. As the available funds are not tied to the Block Grant, is it correct that capital construction in order to expand SUD treatment capacity is an allowable cost?

Yes. The link must be back to the service priorities indicated in the grant documentation. Also, if there is mixed use of the facility for other non-grant related purposes, then, it will be important to consider what percentage or ratio of costs should be attributed to the grant request.

2. Table 4a on page 9 requires original signatures from key stakeholders. May we reference signatures in letters of support, provided as an appendix? Or, do we need to both complete the table with original signatures plus include all letters of support as an appendix? Please offer additional guidance/clarification.

Because your key stakeholders may not necessarily be all the same people who offer letters of support, we suggest you obtain the signatures both on the letters of support and on Table 4a.

3. Does the MSO reserve the right to negotiate final award amounts with selected applicants, for example, offering a greater or lesser funding amount than was requested in an application?

The Grant Committee, comprised of two members appointed by the county commissioners, two representatives appointed by the MSO, and two members representing the Office of Behavioral Health, will review and discuss any necessary modifications to proposal budgets. Yes, grants may be approved for amounts lesser or greater than what is requested.

West Slope Casa MSO (SSPAs 5 and 6) Rural Expansion Grant questions

1. Mind Springs Health is interested in submitting a proposal to the Building Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity grant to construct a new building and expand services for The Women's Recovery Center, a 90 day residential substance use disorder treatment center for women that allows children ages 0-10 with no behavioral issues to stay with their mothers during treatment Will a request to fund a capital project qualify to receive this grant? Thank you.

Proposals for capital projects are not ruled out. However, please see next question.

2. Since Mesa County is not a rural or frontier county, will proposals from Mesa County organizations be accepted?

Yes. Mesa County is included in the proposal eligibility list. However, proposals will only be considered if they meet all other criteria – specifically, for services in rural or frontier areas. While all funding decision are ultimately up to the select committee, it is not likely that proposals for Grand Junction services would meet selection criteria

3. May I please get confirmation on the total pool of grant money available for the Building Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Rural and Frontier Colorado?

There is a total of \$10 million authorized under the legislation. \$5 million this fiscal year and \$5 million next fiscal year. Of that amount, \$1 million is available for SSPA 5 and the same for SSPA 6 (see maps in application package) this year.