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.

Compiled MSO Rural Expansion Grant questions

Q: Can you define rural/frontier for us? What counties/regions are you targeting? Also can we apply with another organization?

For Signal rural regions include the following counties: Larimer, Weld, Logan, Morgan, Washington, Yuma, Sedgwick, Phillips, Washington, Elbert, Lincoln, Kit Carson, Cheyenne, Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, Pueblo, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, Bent, Prowers, Las Animas, and Baca.

For Diversus rural regions include the following counties: Park, Lake, Chaffee, Teller, El Paso, Fremont, and Custer.

For Rocky Mountain Health Plans rural regions include the following counties: Moffat, Routt, Jackson, Grand, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, Mesa, Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale, Dolores, San Juan, Hinsdale, Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta.

Yes, organizations can apply in collaboration with another organization, although one organization must be the primary contracted partner.

Applicants can submit more than one project in a region/MSO.

Q: Can this funding be used for construction/capital expenses and projects?

Yes, this funding can support capital expenses, construction, and renovations. Please see the : Behavioral Health Accounting and Auditing Guidelines

Q: If an applicant has other funding or agreements with Signal in play currently, are they still eligible for this funding opportunity?

Yes, current partners of Signal and other MSOs are encouraged to apply.

Q: Does the facility location have to be in one of the listed rural areas? Or can the facility just serve residents from those areas and still be eligible?

Typically the services must be offered in the proposed rural area, however, innovative approaches to rural access such as mobile access are encouraged to apply.

Q: What are the reporting and monitoring requirements for funded proposals?

All recipients of the 1287 grant will need to submit invoices on a monthly basis and reporting on a quarterly basis. Additional reporting requirements may be required depending on the service level. For example if the service requires DACODS then there would be required DACOD submission.

Q: I am writing to inquire if there is a maximum or suggested request amount for the Building Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Rural and Frontier Colorado grant, Round 5. I see there is $950,000 available for the grant funding cycle, but wanted to confirm if there is a maximum or suggested request amount for applicants.

Yes, $950,000 is the maximum amount that is available for this grant cycle. There is no suggested amount, the budget request should be comparable to the scope of the project.

Q: Will you fund capacity building?

Yes, this funding can support an organization's ability to increase capacity and serve additional individuals.

Q: What will you fund? Programming? Personnel?

Programming, personnel, capital expenses, and services are all eligible expenses.

Q: Does it have to be new programming or can it be a continuation?

The programming can be a new project or a continuation of an existing program as long as grant funding increases capacity or enhances rural services.

Q: Would this include bringing additional recovery residence beds online?

Yes, adding beds to any level of service is considered capacity building and would be an eligible project.

Q: Would it include subsidizing recovery support services for the recovery residents?

This funding is paid via a capacity-based budget, meaning total expenses for the program minus offsetting revenue are covered. Recovery support services costs would be an eligible expense in compliance with the Behavioral Health Accounting and Auditing Guidelines.

Q: Would it include subsidizing the housing cost to residents?

This funding is paid via a capacity-based budget, meaning total expenses for the program minus offsetting revenue is covered. Housing costs within a recovery living community would be an eligible expense.

Q: Would it include subsidizing the cost of clinical care to the residents?

This funding is paid via a capacity-based budget, meaning total expenses for the program minus offsetting revenue are covered. Recovery support services costs would be an eligible expense in compliance with the Behavioral Health Accounting and Auditing Guidelines.

Q: Can our organization propose projects that involve providing our sober living home participants with employment opportunities? (at a location not at the sober living home)

Yes, any project that supports programming in rural areas for SUD clients would be eligible.

Q: Is it possible to use the funds to create a social enterprise that teaches clients job skills, such as growing plants using indoor hydroponic techniques, tending to livestock, and building furnishings for other sober living homes?

Yes, any project that supports programming in rural areas for SUD clients would be eligible.

Q: Will the grant support employment-related economic advancement for clients? (I don't think it's listed under the continuum of support)

Yes, any project that supports programming in rural areas for SUD clients would be eligible.

Q: Can we replicate a past project that was successful under House Bill 19-1287?

Yes, replicating a past project in an area with need would be appropriate.

Q: Can we use funding to improve upon a past House Bill 19-1287 project?

Yes, if the funding request expands capacity or services then this would be an appropriate request.

Q: Is it possible to use funding to both create a new project and support a past House Bill 19-1287 project simultaneously?

Yes, depending on if these projects are not related to each other or are occurring in different regions then it would need to be two separate applications but both projects could be submitted.

Q: I am emailing on behalf of Pueblo Rescue Mission to confirm whether or not applicants in Pueblo county are eligible to apply for the upcoming Signal grant for SUD treatment. I see Pueblo listed as an eligible county, but I am unclear about whether it is considered a rural county. Because of its population density, I know it won't be considered a frontier county, but I just want to make sure that our application will be considered as rural before we move forward.

Pueblo County is eligible to apply for the 1287 grant. This funding is intended to support rural and frontier regions of the state; areas with the most need will be given priority.

Q: Albertson's pharmacies are expanding access to substance use disorder in rural areas of Colorado by partnering with organizations to provide long-acting injectable medications for SUD within our pharmacies. My question is whether a pharmacy network is eligible for this type of grant?

Signal will manage the contracts for SSPA Regions SSPA 1 and SSPA 4. Signal seeks applications from local governments (including Indian tribal reservations), municipalities, counties, schools, law enforcement agencies, and primary care or substance use disorder treatment providers within or outside of the managed service organization's network of providers to provide services.

Q: Is peer-based recovery support and services an eligible capacity under HB 19-1287?

Yes, peer services and recovery support are eligible operational costs and staffing costs in the capacity-based budget template.

Q: Is the cost to train peers with lived experience in SUD and Co-occurring mental health disorders covered under this grant?

Yes, staffing costs and trainings are eligible expenses.

Q: Are peer-based support and services for a local recovery residence covered in this Bill?

Yes, peer-based support and services would be eligible expenses**.**

Q: In Southwest Colorado Region 5, La Plata County does not have certified recovery residences which CCO's RESST Program will provide peer support and services:

    a. **We need to hire additional peers (trained and/or trainees): Are these salaries and training costs over the first 3-6 months covered in this Bill?**
Yes, additional staffing to support building capacity in a rural area would be an eligible expense.

    b. **Are certification costs for eligible Peer Support Professionals covered which provides staff opportunities for promotions?**
Yes, certification costs for Peer Support Professionals would be an eligible expense.

Q: Are materials for training peers in accordance with IC/RC and Colorado Providers Association criteria covered in this grant?

Yes, peer-based support and services would be eligible expenses.

Q: Does the text in tables and footnotes need to be in 12-point font or may it be a smaller font?

Proposals must use 12-point Times New Roman font, single spacing, and one-inch margins for all text.

Q: If applying for expansion support in both of RMHP's regions, should applicants submit one application or two?

If you are applying for expansion support in multiple regions then one application is needed for each region. For example, if you are applying in region 5 and region 6, two applications would be necessary. Multiple applications can also be submitted to different MSOs. For example, an application for region 3 should be submitted to Diversus and an application for region 4 should be submitted to Signal.

Q: Can you clarify if signatures from key stakeholders are expected in the business proposal in Section 2.2, 4.a?

No, signatures are not necessary in the business proposal section.