Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Nevada State Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Funding Application (Last Updated: 05/27/2025)

Subject MHBG Questions and Answers

Question: What is the maximum amount of funding that organizations are allowed to request?

Answer: Please submit the budget with the anticipated funding amount needed for the program.

Question: Hello, I was wondering what the allocation amount and the average award amount for this grant would be? Thank you.

Answer: Please submit the budget with the funding amount needed for the program(s). Applications will be determined by the amount of the federal grant(s) awarded and how many applications are funded.

Question: Is the letter of intent still due by May 15, 2025, which is now the same day as the training?

Answer: Yes, the letter of intent is due by May 15, 2025.

Question: If our application aligns with both funding priorities (programs for adults with SMI and programs for children with SED) and includes peer recovery services, do we submit 2 different applications, 1 for adults and 1 for children?

Answer: One application could include both adults and children if it was the same type of programming or service being offered to both Targeted Populations. If the type of programming or services being offered to the two Targeted Populations are different or delivered separately based on the Targeted Population, two applications would be needed. In addition, each application will need to align with two or more Priority Areas.

Question: I noticed that the link for the RFA notice brings up the RFA application, and the link for the RFA application brings up the RFA notice. Also, when working on the RFA application form, I noticed that the Roman Numerals are misnumbered starting on page 4 of 16. Both Project Goals and Objectives, and the subsequent Organizational Capacity sections are both numbered. VI. The numbering continues in order after Organizational Capacity, which should actually be VII. Thank you

Answer: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The mentioned errors have been corrected and will be reflected on the website within 3 hours.

Question: Will the LOI be due still on 5/15 or will this be moved based on the change of date for the webinar.

Answer: The letter of intent will still be due May 15, 2025.

Question: When using the link noted below to access the application, etc., I receive a page not found. Is there an alternate link I can use to access these documents. Thank you! Application The announcement, application, budget template, and Funding Acknowledgement Form will be available on the DPBH webpage here: https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BHWP/Mental_Health_Programs/CMHS_RFA

Answer: Thank you for brining this to our attention. The link provided on the RFA Announcement form has been updated. The changes will reflect online within three (3) hours. Here is the correct link for your convenience. https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BBHWP/Mental_Health_Programs/CMHS_RFA/

Question: I'd like to confirm that a completely new letter of intent, full applications etc. are required for all mental health block grant recipients despite previous and continued awards.

Answer: Thank you for your question. Previous and current organizations that had or have subawards will need to re-apply for funding through the current Request for Application (RFA) process, to be considered for funding in the next fiscal year, FY26. Thank you.

Question: If we have been awarded grant funds in previous years for the same programs, do we need to submit all items again as a new application and letter of intent or only submit new budget requests?

Answer: Thank you for your question. You will need to submit a full application, including all required attachments, to be considered for continued funding, regardless of previous awards.

Question: If a provider has three locations, but only one out of the three locations has the required minimum 2 years of relevant experience to receive funding, can we apply?

Answer: Yes, you may apply for funding since the organization as a whole has the required minimum 2 years of relevant experience.

Question: What is the maximum request amount for each year of the grant?

Answer: Thank you for your question. There is no set maximum request amount for each year of the grant. Subaward budget parameters will be based on the number of subawards funded and the projects approved.

Question: It says online that the Letter of Intent was due May, 15 (the same day as the training). Today, May 23rd we got an email announcing the RFA and promoting the RFA. Can you please provide the deadlines to apply and explain if there has been an extension?

Answer: Thank you for your question. The Letter of Intent for the Community Mental Health Services RFA was due by Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 11:59PM. The Letter of Intent was not mandatory. In addition to the Listserv email about this funding opportunity that was sent on May 23, 2025, Listserv emails were sent out about this funding opportunity on May 2, 2025 and May 8, 2025. The deadline to apply for this funding is Sunday, June 15, 2025 by 11:59PM. Additional information can be found here

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BBHWP/Mental_Health_Programs/CMHS_RFA/. Thank you.

Question: Hello. Great Basin College (GBC) has three questions regarding this grant: 1) With regard to the "experience" requirement, GBC has never provided its own mental health services but rather, due to its small size, has helped connect students with UNLV and now BetterMynd practitioners to provide services. Do we still qualify to apply without personally meeting that requirement? 2) If awarded, GBC would not be providing direct mental health services, but would connect students with a platform where they can receive services. Would the "data collection and reporting requirements" still apply? 3) I see that "advertising" is not an allowable expense; however, could we ask for funding to help "advertise" that the mental health services are available to our students? This might include flyers, social media outreach, etc. Thank you in advance for your guidance.

Answer: Thank you for your questions. 1) The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) requires mental health organizations have at least 2 years of experience providing relevant services to receive Community Mental Health Services Block Grant funding. If your proposed project consists of connecting students to mental health services, assuming your organization has at least 2 years experience doing so, this would be sufficient. However, if your proposed project consists of anything beyond previous experience of at least 2 year, it would not meet SAMHSA criteria. 2) Data requirements would apply to all projects that have a direct link to people they are providing services to, including demographic information about who is receiving those services. 3) Advertising and public relations costs are generally unallowable except under the instances allowed by federal regulations such as program outreach and other specific purposes necessary to meet the requirements of the federal award. Please include in your budget the anticipated costs for program outreach. Thank you.

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