

Enhancing Behavioral Health Care Access for Older Adults

Q&A

Q: How does the funding disbursement work?

A: We will disburse funds into two payments. The first payment is after receiving the award, where you will have a grant agreement and invoice to sign prior to the first payment. After the first quarterly report, you will receive a second invoice to sign, which will be disbursed after the first report and signed invoice are submitted. Last year the award was split 70%/30% between the two invoices, which will likely be the case again.

Q: Would non-clinical work, or intergenerational programs be eligible?

A: We are looking for projects that are focused on Behavioral Health and the eligibility criteria outlined in the program information. If you have a multigenerational program, we are looking that the focus of the program is on older adults (55+).

Q: Is this a new grant, or existing? Can you share a list of programs that have been funded in the past?

A: This will be the third year of the grant. Some programs that have received grant funding over the last two grant periods have included: utilizing community health workers to provide behavioral health supports, bilingual speaking licensed clinical providers in communities lacking bilingual clinicians, behavioral health supports for older adults involved in the court systems, behavioral health peer support specialists, agency-wide hoarding disorder trainings and best practices, and mobile behavioral health supports to the community.

Q: Will there be a curriculum requirement that there be evaluated prior to implementation, or are there particular training models you'd like applicants to use?

A: We do not have a specific curriculum. If you feel that your training program would fit this criteria, then we encourage you to apply.

Q: Do you have an average size grant you are thinking of? Or a range?

A: We don't have an average size or range, it depends on the program and proposal. We encourage you to apply for the amount you need to implement the program.

Q: Do you have a certain number of grants you were hoping to fund? Or a range?

A: No, we do not have an average size/range. How many projects we fund depends on the applications we receive and how they align with the goals of the grant program.

Q: Is there a preference for clinical services?

A: There is not a preference for clinical services.

Q: Is this funding only for one year? And can applicants re-apply year after year?

A: This grant period is for one year (June 1, 2025-May 1, 2026). We are open to funding applicants again if they apply in the next grant cycle year.

Q: What are the measures that are acceptable for the proposed program? Are you looking for specific measures to determine the success of the program?

A: Use the measures that feel appropriate for the project you are implementing. You will provide this information when completing your application.

Q: Can funding be used to help residents with Hoarding Disorder who are not eligible for other services?

A: We are not able to specifically answer this question, but if the program aligns with the eligibility criteria we encourage you to apply.

Q: Is this grant focused only to Boston residents

A: Yes, this grant program would need to be serving Boston residents. This webpage has the list of Boston neighborhoods: <https://www.boston.gov/neighborhoods>

Q: Is an agency eligible if it is located outside of Boston, but is serving older adults in Boston?

A: Yes, that is fine, your application should just be clear that you are serving only Boston residents.