

## **Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)**

### **Modification for Existing Clinical Facilities for Mental Health Crisis Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

- 1. If an organization's facility resides inside a non-rural county, but provides mobile crisis services, an allowable program, to multiple rural counties, would it be eligible for the use of these funds?**
  - a. An entity which provides mobile crisis services to rural counties is eligible for the use of these funds. The provider can confidently show all expenses and services are rendered in rural communities.
  
- 2. In reading the RFA, I noticed that the period of performance for this grant is 12/29/2025-10/30/2026. I'm assuming that the actual time period is 12/29/2026-10/30/2027, but since the 2025-2026 dates are listed multiple times within the RFA I thought I should double check.**
  - a. The opportunity for when the activities and funds must be spent is what we have designated as the period of performance. DHHS received the RHTP funds on December 29, 2025. The activities and expenditures related to this RFA must be spent by October 30, 2026, as the next year of RHTP funds will be allocated to Nebraska soon after.
  
- 3. I see that the period of performance is listed as 12/29/2025-10/30/2026. Is this accurate? If so, is the funding intended to operate as reimbursement for equipment purchased/alterations made during that time period?**
  - a. The funds will act as a reimbursement for the approved activities/expenditures made during this time period. If an applicant believes it cannot meet these deadlines, it should not apply for funding under this RFA.
  
- 4. Will we allow Community MH Hospitals vs Community Health Hospitals?**
  - a. Non-profits entities who will use funds to provide acute/sub-acute psychiatric services, crisis stabilization services, substance use withdrawal management services, social detoxification services, or crisis response services, will qualify.
  
- 5. Do we need to attach vendor quotes for each specific piece of furniture/ equipment, or can we put line items into the excel budget?**
  - a. We are not requiring vendor quotes during the application period.
  
- 6. We are interested in updating our inpatient behavioral health unit and are interested in updating our video monitoring camera system– should these be two separate applications?**

- a. If the changes are all within the same scope of the project/ unit, then it can all be included within the same application. If the projects are separate locations, units, or projects, it should be two separate applications.
- 7. Is there a grant range you propose for applicants?**
- a. We do not have a specific grant range for applicants.
- 8. Our organization is setting up a crisis stabilization center that will need a sprinkler system installed. Will that be an allowable cost for this grant opportunity?**
- a. If the costs of the project significantly increases the value of the facility, it will not be an allowable costs in this RFA.
- 9. When do you expect to make awards/send contracts?**
- a. DHHS has up to sixty (60) days to provide a notice or an Intent to Award to applicants of the grant opportunity.
- 10. Can an organization submit more than one application for this RFA 5.3?**
- a. Yes, an organization can submit more than one (1) application for RFA 5.3.
- 11. Will there be additional terms to apply for at a later date?**
- a. Yes, there will be additional terms to apply for at a later date.
- 12. Is there a quantity of funds that makes a project qualify as a significant upgrade?**
- a. The cost of the project does not necessarily determine the project as a significant update. If the project is determined to significantly increase the value of the facility it may be rejected in the evaluation process.
- 13. To be clear, this is federal dollars in pass-through?**
- a. Yes, these are federal dollars that have been awarded to Nebraska.
- 14. It seems nearly any renovation would enhance the value of the space. Can you give some examples that would not?**
- a. A few examples include lighting change, switching to LED lights, or wall painting are examples. As listed in the RFA, minor alterations and renovations such as interior construction work and the expenses for equipment are allowable for this grant opportunity.
- 15. We are looking at modifying a space so that it can be dual usage for a behavioral ED hold and triage space. Is it an allowable project if the space will not always be behavioral in use? This idea allows us to use our limited space appropriately.**
- a. All eligible applicants may apply for this grant opportunity. Awarding of funds will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- 16. We want to purchase vehicles for our crisis response team - I'm assuming that is within scope. Can we also include cost of insurance if it is paid upfront for a year?**

- a. You may purchase vehicles to support the crisis response team. However, insurance costs will be an unallowable under this funding source.

**17. I understand paint is allowable. Is new carpet allowable?**

- a. Yes, carpet is allowable, as long as it does not significantly increase the value of the property.

**18. Can you clarify the double dipping?**

- a. If an organization has already submitted a budget for a project, CCBHC expenses that were included in their PPS determinations or Opioid Infrastructure grant dollars already allocated for equipment and construction, that project is not eligible to be funded for a different allocation of funds.

**19. If we didn't put the vehicles in the cost report, do we need to specifically state that?**

- a. It is recommended that clarification be made in your RFA application if vehicles were not included in your CCBHC cost report/ PPS determination.

**20. Can a Family Practice that would want a provider to start behavior health services, is that something that would qualify?**

- a. If the provider meets the eligibility requirements and provides services identified in the RFA such as acute/sub-acute psychiatric services, crisis stabilization services, substance use withdrawal management services, social detoxification services, or crisis response services, they may qualify for funding.

**21. We want to take all the carpet out and put in vinyl flooring, and put solid surface ceilings in our acute inpatient unit, updating old infrastructure, would that be appropriate?**

- a. If the suggested project increases the value of the building, then it will not be eligible for funding under this RFA.

**22. Would equipment and minor alterations and renovation projects at a provider in Lincoln qualify for funding since we do provide services to rural Nebraskans at that location.**

- a. Entities who meet the eligibility requirements and can explicitly show they are providing services to rural Nebraskans, even if they are located in an urban area, may be eligible for funding under this RFA.

**23. We are considering including a request for secured storage space for a van that will be used for mobile crisis response services in rural areas. Could you please confirm whether this type of expense would be eligible for inclusion in the grant request?**

- a. No, this expense would not be allowable under this funding source.

**24. Can you tell me whether an ECT machine would be considered an allowable expense for this grant? A single machine would be more than \$10k.**

- a. No, as it does not fall within the identified scope of services outlined in this RFA.

Questions regarding the program and applications should be sent to:

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