

Community Health Initiative 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFA)  
– Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

**Technical Assistance Meeting Questions & Answers**

Question: Is there a Match requirement?

Answer: No

Question: Can the funds be used for building projects?

Answer: No, other funding sources are recommended for building and construction projects. The Community Health Initiative NOFA is intended to support service delivery as defined in the NOFA.

Question: Does an Applicant have to have been a 501(c)(3) for a total of three years *and* be operating for three years to qualify?

Answer: No, the Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) with no defined timeframe. But the Applicant must demonstrate expertise in the field and show a minimum of three years of related experience supporting the proposal.

Question: Can the funds be used for project/programmatic expenses such as equipment, and supplies?

Answer: Yes.

Question: If an agency already receives funding from the County for a service(s), could they apply for additional funding through this NOFA for the same service(s)?

Answer: No, projects that describe services that are already being funded by any County programs will not be considered under this funding opportunity.

Question: If an Applicant does not have a Certified Independent Audit because they do not meet the criteria, can they still apply?

Answer: Any charitable organization with a gross annual revenue over \$750,000 must include an audited financial statement prepared by an independent CPA. If the Applying Agency did not have a gross annual revenue over \$750,000, they should certify this on agency letterhead, signed by the authorized signatory.

Question: In addition to turning in the physical copy of the application, is there a portal to submit an online application?

Answer: At this time, we do not have an on-line portal for application submission. Applications should be submitted in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the NOFA Application – Submission Requirements section.

- Question: For attachment K, do we provide those documents before or after we are awarded?  
Answer: All attachments (A-K) are required to be submitted with your application.
- Question: Under the program guidelines, for the housing voucher assistance, are we needing to establish a new program or partnership to satisfy this requirement?  
Answer: You may do either. For the housing assistance portion of the service provision, services should be available for the identified population (including mental health, substance use disorder transitional support, post incarceration and post hospitalization).
- Question: Does the grant cover salaries for participating individuals, or is it strictly covering the cost of services?  
Answer: The cost of salaries for staff who will be performing work under this scope of work is allowed. Salaries should not be included in the budget if they are funded by another source. A portion or percentage of salaries for program staff can be included as an allowed expense.
- Question: Is an agency that attended the mandatory Technical Assistance (TA) meeting allowed to collaborate with an agency that did not attend the TA meeting?  
Answer: Yes. Applicants should collaborate with agencies who are well positioned to provide timely and high-quality services to Seminole residents. The main Applicant must have attended one of the TA meetings. However, all selected agencies (including those who did not attend a TA meeting) will be required to attend a post award conference.
- Question: Can ARPA grant funds can be used for Fentanyl Test Strips (Harm Reduction)?  
Answer: Currently, fentanyl test strips are considered paraphernalia in the State of Florida therefore, fentanyl test strips are not an allowable harm reduction strategy under this NOFA.
- Question: Is the purchase of food for clients an allowable expense under ARPA?  
Answer: Yes
- Question: Is the purchase of medication for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) an allowable expense under ARPA?  
Answer: Yes
- Question: Are administrative costs allowed?  
Answer: Yes, reasonable administrative costs are allowed up to 10%.
- Question: How many awards does Seminole County anticipate making?  
Answer: No cap on awards has been set. It will depend on the applications/proposals.