

2024 Mental Health Cultural Community Continuing Education – Individual Grant Program

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS UPDATED AUGUST 6, 2024

Q1. I have a LMFT License and serve BIPOC and underrepresented individuals but am neither a person of color or underrepresented per Sec. 148E.010 MN Statutes. Why am I not eligible for a grant?

A1. The statute authorizing this grant program, [MN Statutes Sec. 144.1511](#), specifies that applicants must be members of communities of color or underrepresented communities as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148E.010, subdivision 20.

Q2. I am currently in school and expect to become licensed in the coming months. Can I still apply for this grant, knowing that my license will be active shortly after the grant opportunity closes on April 1, 2025?

A2. No, you cannot apply until your license is active. You must have an active license at the time of application. You may submit your application as soon as you receive your license if the opportunity is still available.

Please note: Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants in the order in which applications are received. Once the funding has been fully spent, the MHCCCE opportunity will be closed. The availability of funding for future cycles will depend on actions by the Minnesota Legislature.

Q3. I am licensed as an LISW but not as an LICSW. Why am I not eligible for this funding?

A3. The state statute authorizing this grant funding specifies that MDH shall develop a program in consultation with the relevant mental health licensing boards. Licensing boards were clear that individuals eligible for this funding would need to be able to engage in clinical practice without supervision.

Per MN Statutes [Sec. 148E.110](#), licensed independent social workers may not engage in clinical practice without supervision.

Q4. I am licensed as an LGSW. Why am I ineligible for this grant?

A4. Please see Q3, above. Licensed graduate social workers may not engage in clinical practice without supervision. Please see [Sec. 148E.106 MN Statutes](#) for additional information.

Q5. I am a licensed LP who works in both MN and WI but I live in Wisconsin. Can I apply for this grant?

A. No, this opportunity is only available to Minnesota residents.

Q6. Does this grant pay for supervision hours required to apply for one of the eligible licenses?

A. No. Per the authorizing statute, this funding pays for continuing education only.

Q7. I have my own practice and am not sure if I serve at least 25% of patients who receive services through a sliding fee schedule or who are enrolled in a public state insurance program. Can I still apply?

A7. All applicants must sign an attestation that they will adhere to this requirement if they receive a grant.

Applicants who have their own practice may set up a formal sliding fee schedule meeting the standards established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations, [title 42, part 51c, chapter 303](#).

Applicants will need to track the percentage of patient encounters delivered each year to state public program enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule discounts and ensure that the percentage is 25% or higher.

Q8. My spouse and I are both licensed professionals who live together. Can we both apply for this grant?

A8. Yes. All eligible professionals may apply.

Q9. I received this grant in the past. Can I reapply and use the funds to pay for my supervision hours as I continue to pursue supervision status?

A9. No. The authorizing legislation specifies that this is grant is only for the continuing education coursework required to become a supervisor. Once you have completed your required coursework, you are ineligible for this grant.

Q10. I registered for a SWIFT number but only received a registration number. Can I apply and use all zeroes in the application question that asks for my SWIFT ID?

A10. No. You must have a valid SWIFT Supplier ID to apply. Your application will be returned as incomplete without entering a valid SWIFT Supplier ID. Please see page 14 of the RFP, ‘*Section 3.3, Application Instructions- Step 1*’, for more information. This section includes the contact information for any questions you may have about obtaining your SWIFT ID.

Q11. I am a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner but do not see this licensure included in the list of eligible professionals. Can I apply?

A11. No. The authorizing legislation for the MHCCCE Grant Program, [Sec. 144.1511 MN Statutes](#), states that these funds are for continuing education for the following professional licensees: social workers, marriage and family therapists, psychologists, and professional clinical counselors. At this time there are no plans to expand the eligibility for this program. MDH ORHPC welcomes feedback about our programs, which informs our future planning.

Q12. I have a question about the requirement that I must work in a community mental health provider. How do I know my place of employment is a community mental health provider?

A12. For the purpose of this grant, any care facility that is open to all members of the community and accepts public program enrollees, such as Medicaid and Medicare recipients, or allows patients to pay on a sliding fee schedule that is based on income, are considered to be community mental health providers.

Q13. For how long would I need to deliver 25% of my services to public program enrollees or to patients that pay on a sliding fee schedule?

A13. For the purpose of this grant, awardees must attest that they will meet this requirement for one calendar year after their grant begins, which is the date that the grant agreement is signed by all parties.

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