



NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:

Division of Budget and Analysis

Date of this notice:

May 6, 2021

Working Title of the funding program:

Competitive Grant Process for Non- Profit Grant Funding for State-wide Health & Human Services Initiatives

Purpose:

The purpose of this RFA is to solicit applications for projects that align with the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) responsibility for protecting the health and safety of all North Carolinians, which includes providing essential human services for persons with special needs such as mental illness, deafness, blindness, developmental or other disabilities; older adults; caregivers, children, adults and families at risk or experiencing challenges affecting their health and safety; and other vulnerable populations. DHHS seeks proposals from eligible nonprofit organizations to fulfill these responsibilities and will give priority to programs serving persons experiencing or at-risk for significant health and safety needs.

Description:

The successful nonprofit organization applicant will propose a state-wide plan to accomplish the mandate set forth in NC Session Law 2017 - 57, Section 11A.14 and as amended by Session Law 2018 - 5, Section 11A.14 to provide services on a statewide basis and that support any of the following State health and wellness initiatives:

- a) A program targeting advocacy, support, education, or residential services for persons diagnosed with autism.
- b) A system of residential supports for those afflicted with substance abuse addiction.

- c) A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness, substance abusers, or the elderly.
- d) Supports and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities or mental health diagnoses.
- e) A food distribution system for needy individuals.
- f) The provision and coordination of services for the homeless.
- g) The provision of services for individuals aging out of foster care.
- h) Programs promoting wellness, physical activity, and health education programming for North Carolinians.
- i) The provision of services and screening for blindness.
- j) Provision for the delivery of after-school services for apprenticeships or mentoring at-risk youth.
- k) The provision of direct services for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and those diagnosed with the disease.
- l) A comprehensive smoking prevention and cessation program that screens and treats tobacco use in pregnant women and postpartum mothers.
- m) A program providing short-term residential substance abuse services. For purposes of this sub-division, "long-term" means a minimum of 12 months.
- n) A program that provides year-round training and athletic competition for children and adults with disabilities.

In addition, the authorizing legislation requires:

- o) That nonprofit organizations match a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the grant award.
- p) Priority for those nonprofit organizations that are able to leverage non-State funds in addition to the grant award.

Funding Availability:

Session Law 2017-57, Section 11A.14 and as amended by Session Law 2018-5 Section 11A.14, allows grants to be awarded to nonprofits for up to two years. A minimum of five percent (5%) of the grants must be awarded to new grant recipients who did not receive grant awards during the previous competitive grants process.

The Department of Health and Human Services will make awards based on the state budget allocation for this program in the Appropriations Act currently in effect. All awards are subject to continuing availability of funds and legislative priorities. Projects will be selected for funding for the period of **July 1, 2021 and up to June 30, 2023**.

Awards are anticipated in the following categories:

Grants not to exceed \$3,000,000 for statewide delivery of services reflecting one or more of the defined initiatives listed in the Description above. The Department anticipates making no more than three awards at this level.

Grants not to exceed \$500,000 for state-wide delivery of services reflecting one or more of the defined initiatives listed in the Description above. Applications for regional delivery of services will be accepted in this category if Applicants are willing to collaborate as part of a state-wide network.

Demonstration programs not to exceed \$75,000 for programs demonstrating innovative approaches to a defined initiative listed in the Description above, that are scalable to state-wide implementation. Awards in this category will not exceed 20% of total funds awarded.

An applicant organization may submit no more than one application in each category.

Matching Funds: This program requires grantees to contribute matching funds at a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the grant award.

Eligibility:

Any tribal government, community-based, public or private nonprofit, tax-exempt organization (including faith-based), school system or local government agency that is duly incorporated and registered under North Carolina Statutes is eligible to apply.

Applicants for funding greater than \$75,000 shall demonstrate that the organization has been operational and financially solvent in the last 18 months; and have demonstrated experience working in one or more of the initiatives.

How to Apply:

The Competitive Grant Process for State-wide Health and Human Service Initiatives RFA and required attachments will be posted to the NC DHHS website at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities> on **May 6, 2021**.

Electronic application copy must be received by **Monday, June 7, 2021 no later than 5:00 pm** at the following address: NonprofitRFA@dhhs.nc.gov.

In addition, your original signed application must be received by **Monday, June 7, 2021 no later than 5:00 pm at the following address:**

Mail your application via United States Postal Service to:
NC Department of Health and Human Services
ATTN: bj Avent-Farmer
Mail Service Center 2001
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699 – 2001

Hand Delivery/Overnight Delivery (via FedEx, UPS, DHL) to:
NC Department of Health and Human Services
ATTN: bj Avent-Farmer
101 Blair Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Intent to Apply:

Send Letters of Intent to Apply to:

NonprofitRFA@dhhs.nc.gov

Responses to this notice of intent are not binding and will not impact the review and scoring of your RFA submission. Data from this survey is used by the State PREP Team for planning research purposes only.

Deadline for Submission:

Fully completed and signed applications received by **Monday, June 7, 2021 no later than 5:00 pm will be considered.**

How to Obtain Further Information:

Submit questions to the address below by **Thursday, May 13, 2021 by 5:00 pm:**

NonprofitRFA@dhhs.nc.gov

Responses to questions will be posted to the NC DHHS website following website on or before **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 no later than 5:00 pm:**

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities>