

## **Responses to Question and Answer Process About the CPG Emergency Request for Proposals**

- 1. Applicant Question:** I'm submitting a question about the HSSN funding RFA on behalf of [REDACTED]. We can't totally remember, but we think in the past we were told we are not eligible to apply for HSSN funding because we already receive Health Equity Fund support for our singular program. Is this the case for this funding round? We see the language in the RFA that duplication of services covered by other County funding is not allowed. But we received \$100K from HEF toward a cash budget of more than \$1M, and our HEF funding is covering specific staff salaries, so we could absolutely allocate HSSN funding to parts of our budget (such as purchased food) not funded by HEF. But we are not sure if you would still consider that to be a duplication of services, rendering us ineligible to receive this funding?

**Boulder County Human Services (BCHS) Answer:** You will be required to indicate if you currently receive funding from BCHS (including but not limited to CPG and IDD Mill Levy Programs) and/or Boulder County Community Services. Please see section on “Local Funding Sources” for more information.

- 2. Applicant Question:** I would like to apply for funding under the Emergency Grant for healthcare access and food security. Can you please tell me how to access the application in Formstack? I see the application and budget template, but I am unsure where we submit through Formstack as indicated in the application.

**BCHS Answer:** BCHS uses Formstack to collect applications and related materials. All application materials must be submitted online on the [Formstack](#) website. If you have technical issues, please email [HSCommPartnershipGrant@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:HSCommPartnershipGrant@bouldercounty.gov).

- 3. Applicant Question:** Does funding from this grant support direct legal advocacy regarding appeals of denials and terminations of Medicaid, Medicare, Old Age Pension and other public benefits?

**BCHS Answer:** Thank you for the question, please see section titled “Use of Funds” in the RFA for further information regarding eligible activities and the “Review Process and Evaluation Criteria” section for information about the review process.

4. **Applicant Question:** For the focus area, "Direct financial assistance for community members to help offset increasing costs of health care and food due to impacts of H.R.1.":

Can this direct financial assistance be utilized to support the needs of community members for things like rent assistance, utility assistance, transportation, etc., if by supporting these needs, community members have more available personal funds to offset health care costs?

**BCHS Answer:** Thanks for your question, please see section titled "Use of Funds" in the RFA for further information regarding eligible activities and the "Review Process and Evaluation Criteria" for information about the review process.

5. **Applicant Question:** Does this RFA accept joint applications between two entities while maintaining the minimum funding amount at \$100,000?

**BCHS Answer:** Collaborative applications are allowed.

6. **Applicant Question:** Is this funding opportunity supported by any federal funding dollars?

**BCHS Answer:** No.

7. **Applicant Question:** Would we have to document actual dollars lost in SNAP or Medicaid benefits (on a one-to-one basis) to be able to utilize these funds?

**BCHS Answer:** Applicants should explain the need caused by H.R.1. and how their program will address it. Applicant responses will be evaluated based on the criteria listed in "Appendix A: Post-Award Data Reporting Requirements and

Data Report Templates" section of the RFA.

8. **Applicant Question:** [REDACTED] doesn't currently provide onsite medical care, but could we use funds to hire a contract nurse to provide onsite medical care? If so, would we have to restrict services to specific individuals who have lost Medicaid or other health care benefits?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to the "Use of Funds" section in the RFA. Please refer to the [budget template](#) for the eligible list of expense categories.

**9. Applicant Question:** Can we use any portion of the funding to pay for staff time delivering and/or coordinating these services (distributing food through our food pantry, arranging medical care, etc.)? We understand that these funds are intended to fill a very specific gap in service funding, so we want to be sure we only apply if we're a good fit. Thanks for your help!

**BCHS Answer:** Yes. Please see the "Budget Narrative" section of the RFA and the budget template for additional information regarding eligible activities.

**10. Applicant Question:** Will individuals receiving services have to show or prove that they are impacted by H.R.1 or SNAP benefit changes to receive services through this funding or is it just meant to help organizations/programs that generally anticipate rising need in the community due to these impacts? As in, will we have to ask program participants to prove or say they've been impacted by these changes specifically in order to receive assistance?

**BCHS Answer:** Applicants should demonstrate how their program addresses needs caused by H.R.1. and will be evaluated based on the criteria listed in the RFA.

**11. Applicant Question:** I'm writing to ask whether the CPG program is designed to support only direct service organizations or if it also funds nonprofits who expand capacity for/support direct service providers. We distribute food at no-cost to emergency food providers, who then distribute it to families facing food access barriers. Is our organization eligible to apply?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to "Applicant Eligibility" section for eligibility criteria and "Use of Funds" section for eligible activities.

**12. Applicant Question:** Thank you for making this funding available! We wanted to ask a clarifying question about the third focus area of direct financial assistance. Does this financial assistance need to be used exclusively for health care and/or food or can it be for childcare costs so that the family then can have funds freed up to cover health care and/or food?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to the "Use of Funds" section in the RFA.

- 13. Applicant Question:** Thank you for the new opportunity to inquire into grant funding for our food security programs at [REDACTED]. After reviewing the RFA, I would like to clarify that an application from [REDACTED] is welcome. Our current use of Community Partnership Grant funds supports our overall programs to reduce barriers to healthy food access among Boulder County neighbors.

Specifically, does an application to this RFA require that [REDACTED] create a new or expanded effort to reach a greater number of neighbors, or that reflect a “new” design or implementation of programming to bring free food to community members?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to the “Use of Funds” section in the RFA.

- 14. Applicant Question:** Given our ongoing focus on providing no-cost food to a neighbor demographic that includes SNAP and TEFAP benefit recipients, our goal would be to continue to provide responsive, proactive food security to these families through our ongoing programs and considering frequent and unexpected changes to federal funding of these and related food programs. Would this [REDACTED] intent qualify for the stated: “particularly interested in funding programs that identify and bridge gaps in services by addressing unmet and emerging needs” (p. 7)?

Our intention would be to outline our concerns related to the passing of H.R.1 and our strategies to respond to specific impacts of the Act on the neighbors we serve in Boulder County.

**BCHS Answer:** Successful proposals will clearly identify and address any existing service gaps and align with the priorities identified in the Emergency RFA.

- 15. Applicant Question:** Can current CPG awardees apply for the Emergency Grant Opportunity for Health Care and Food Access?

**BCHS Answer:** Current recipients of CPG funds are eligible if they meet the eligibility criteria listed in the “Applicant Eligibility” section of the RFA and are not requesting duplicate funding (funding for the same service(s) they are currently funded for).

- 16. Applicant Question:** Could you please confirm that funding can be used for personnel?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to the [budget template](#) for the eligible list of expense categories.

**17. Applicant Question:** Can Food Access program funding be used to support or supplement existing programming and salaries? For example, can the funding be used to purchase food for our Emergency Shelter, Transitional/Housing, and Counseling Program clients and their families? That is, in addition to Direct Financial Assistance to clients, could we use the funding to purchase food for clients at our Emergency Shelter, in our transitional housing programs, and families who attend community nights and support groups?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to the “Use of Funds” section in the RFA.

**18. Applicant Question:** Can Food Access program funding be used in addition to other funding that supports our food budget at Shelter?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to the “Local Funding Sources” section for information.

**19. Applicant Question:** Are there any requirements or criteria for clients to receive Direct Financial Assistance? Will there be unallowable expenses or limits to frequency or amount of the payments?

**BCHS Answer:** Please refer to the “Use of Funds” Section in the RFA.