

Boulder County 1B: Mental and Behavioral Health Tax



Request for Applications & Important Dates

- **Request for Applications:** [Click here to view the 1B Mental and Behavioral Health Request for Applications](#)
- Applications must be completed in their entirety no later than **4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2026**. *Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered*, [Click here to access the Boulder County 1B Mental and Behavioral Health Tax](#)
- **2nd Information and Q&A session:** 2:00 p.m. on July 28, 2026. To register and submit questions prior to the meeting, use this link [July 28 Info and Q&A session](#). The link will close at 2:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026.



Tax Background – Updated 7/28

- Approved by voters in November 2025 (Resolution 2025-038)
- Three-year sales and use tax ending December 31, 2028
- ***Address the unmet needs of youth, adults, families, unhoused individuals, and older adults in Boulder County with or at risk of mental health and substance use disorders.***
- Adds—not replaces—existing mental health funding
 - **Boulder County will use these tax revenues to provide additional funding for mental health and substance use services, and not to supplant existing sources of funding.**



Tax Background – Updated 7/28

Revised question in General Agency Information section.

- Original as noted in RFA:
 - If the program you're applying for receives **other Boulder County grants**, identify the funding source and describe how this funding source will not supplant or be duplicative.
- Revised in Application:
 - If the program you're applying for receives **other funds**, identify the funding source and describe how this funding source will not supplant or be duplicative.



Eligible Applicants

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a community-based organization, health care provider, or governmental entity.
- **Requirements for \$100,000+ Requests:**
 - 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) nonprofit in good standing
 - Government entity
 - Licensed Colorado health care provider delivering eligible services outlined in the RFA and aligned with Resolution 2025-038 (DORA license required)



Use of Funds – Grant Programs

Grant Name	Pool Funding Available	Service
<i>Equitable Access Grants: Treatment Services</i>	\$2,000,000	Treatment services for mental health and behavioral health including substance use disorders
<i>Peer Services – Community Providers: Peer Recovery Supports</i>	\$1,000,000	These services provided by peers include case management, sober-living, intensive outpatient services, peer services and other step-down services that support county residents in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders.
<i>Community Prevention Services and Training: Prevention Services</i>	\$1,100,000	Prevention services will fund schools, non-profit organizations, and other groups to support youth and others who have been impacted by adverse experiences, who are experiencing risk factors, or at risk of developing a mental illness or substance use disorder, or at risk of suicide.



Use of Funds

- **Equitable Access:** All services funded through this RFA must be delivered in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner to ensure equitable access and effect
- **Multiple Applications:** Agencies may apply to multiple grant programs; however, due to limited funds, it is recommended that they apply to the program that best aligns with their primary focus. If submitting more than one application, each must be submitted separately.
- **Budget:** Personnel, Client Costs, Operating/Equipment, Subcontractors, Indirect



Prohibited Use of Funds

- **Prohibited Use:** Funds may not be used for general operating budget expenses.
- **Disclosure Requirement:** Disclose any other Boulder County grants you receive or are applying for, and note that duplicated services will not be funded.
- **Duplication Rule:** Duplication of services is prohibited; you cannot receive funding from multiple sources for the same purpose during the same period if it exceeds the documented need.



Review Process

- **Scoring:** Applications are scored by at least two reviewers; averaged scores guide funding recommendations
- **Review Team:** Reviewers may include community members with lived experience, subject matter experts, and County staff
- **Funding Factors:** Funding takes into account applicant pool, BOCC priorities, and available funds
- **BOCC Decision:** BOCC makes final decisions and may fully fund, partially fund, or reject applications based on priorities and available funds



Evaluation Criteria & Application Questions

- **Organizational Capacity (3 questions):** Clear mission, strong history, and ability to respond to community needs
- **Racial Equity (5 questions):** Demonstrates commitment to reducing racial disparities
- **Community Need (5 questions):** Aligns with ballot language, addresses unmet behavioral health needs and demonstrates meaningful impact
- **Target Population (5 questions):** Serves underserved groups with tailored services
- **Impact – Scope of Work:** Shows clear link between activities, outcomes, and required KPIs
- **Financial Capacity & Budget (3 questions):** Provides a reasonable budget and demonstrates strong financial management



Scope of Work – Logic Model

- **Activity** – What your agency will do
- **Outputs** – What your agency will produce or deliver
- **Outcomes & Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** – Expected benefits and how progress will be measured
- **Measurement Tool**

All applicants must address two Outcome Areas:

- ***Increasing Access to Services for Underserved Communities*** – Select all applicable KPIs from the six provided
- ***Improving Outcomes for Underserved Communities*** – Report on all KPIs provided for your specific grant area and add one additional KPI



Post-Award Obligations

- **Funding Agreement:** Effective immediately; renewable through 2028
- **Performance Reviews:** Required for annual renewals
- **Quarterly Check-Ins:** Review performance and determine needed adjustments
- **Payments:** Quarterly installments based on approved budget
- **Data Reporting:** Includes reach, dose, demographics, language access, KPI progress, plus success stories and system barriers
- **Reporting Tools:** Expenditure Report template and data report link provided
- **Report Deadlines:** Quarterly reports due April 20, July 20, October 20, January 20; end-of-year report required
- **Compliance:** Late or incomplete reports may result in suspension or termination of funding



Grant Application System

- Boulder County uses the Foundant online application system:

[Click here to access the Boulder County 1B Mental and Behavioral Health Tax](#)

Foundant How-To Guide on page 18 of the Request for Applications.

[Click here to view the 1B Mental and Behavioral Health Request for Applications](#)





Questions & Answers

I wanted to double check that the deadline for applications is in fact 8/27. That's what it says in the email and on the website, but the cover page of the RFP has an 8/13 deadline. Can you please clarify?

Cover page of the RFP lists a submittal date of 8/13; the press release, website and contents of the RFP show 8/27 due date. Please confirm the submittal due date.

The cover page of the RFA is incorrect. Applications must be completed in their entirety no later than **4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2026**. Corrected RFA is available [1B Mental and Behavioral Health Request for Applications](#)

Areas of emphasis for funding

This is addressed on page 6 of the [1B Mental and Behavioral Health Request for Applications](#)

Maximum and minimum amount we can ask for?

Recommended grant ask per project, or median amount, or range?

This grant has no stated minimum or maximum award amount. Applicants are directed to apply for exactly what they need to operate their proposed programming, without duplicating expenses (requesting funding for something that is already funded through other means). The budget reasonableness of a specific application will be taken into account.

Will underserved populations include the disability population of Boulder County?

Will the funds be available across all age groups / demographics, or will you be targeting a specific population?

This grant does not identify specific target populations at this time beyond the focus on addressing the unmet needs of youth, adults, families, unhoused individuals, and older adults in Boulder County with or at risk of mental health and substance use disorders.

How will high needs be determined? For example, if SOCO requests funds for our school-based programming for youth, will some districts or schools be prioritized over others?

General gaps and needs that have informed this tax funding are documented in [Boulder County's Behavioral Health Roadmap](#). Applicants are asked to highlight the strong need for their programming; whether that is to serve specific populations or underserved geographic areas. Application evaluators may review community data to support applicants' answers to this question of need.

Can funds be used to support volunteer, trained peers who lead NAMI education classes, support groups and make community presentations of their stories?

Funds can be used to support peer-based programming. Questions on specific programming proposed by a potential applicant, is not something we are able to provide guidance on.

Can funds be used to provide administrative support for our programs and collect data and file reports for this grant?

This is addressed on page 7 of the [1B Mental and Behavioral Health Request for Applications](#)

Can funds be used to increase outreach to underserved populations to engage people in our education classes and support groups?

Funds can be used to support outreach.

Our organization provides a comprehensive, community-based mental health support model that includes an Emotional Well-Being Peer Mentor Program as one of its core components. Because our services are delivered in community settings rather than in a traditional office or clinical environment, could you clarify whether our program would be more appropriately submitted under the Peer Services category or the Community Prevention category?

We recognize these funding areas somewhat bleed into each other. And that programming might reflect different aspects of each funding category. We ask applicants to select the funding category that most accurately reflects the majority aspect of their programming, and the most appropriately aligned outcomes for what the programming intends to achieve.

Will treatment and prevention be considered in a group setting, or is only for direct one-on-one treatment?

Treatment, prevention and recovery-based services offered in a group setting are all allowable.

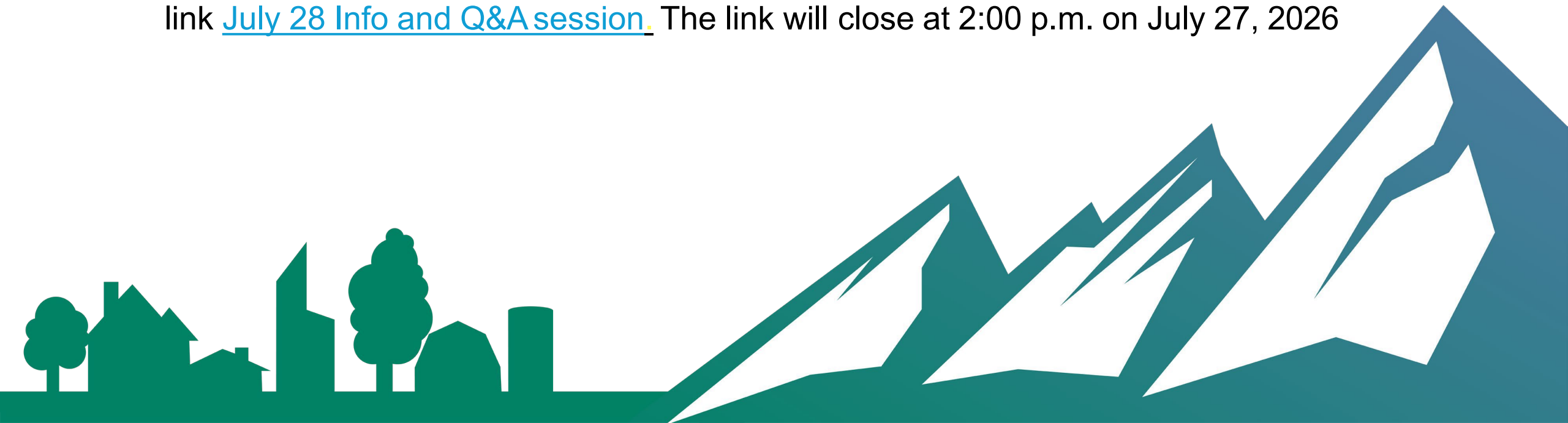
On page 13, Question #21, Outcomes and KPIs: Are A and B each an outcome Area we need to report on? Are we to choose at least one outcome from A and all outcomes from B that relate to the Grant Service Category we select?

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Slides will be emailed to everyone that registered for this meeting and will be posted on the [Behavioral Health Roadmap - Boulder County webpage](#).

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If we receive a grant for a smaller, specific population, can we apply for a larger population but with the same program? If we are funded for 50 people and we use these funds to expand beyond the 50 people.

The answer is a little bit layered because we look at budget and programming. There should be a clear way to separate personnel and expenses. It should align with the clients, services, and budget.

To clarify, this is 3 year funding with an annual renewal, but not an annual application, correct?

You will not need to do a full application for renewal years. But there may be some sort of smaller report or update required if activities have changed, etc.

Is the \$4.1 is to last for the full three years, or is that the annual amount?

\$4.1 million is available for each year through December 31, 2028.

Will there be another application available this time next year?

We don't know currently. It may depend on how much money is available from the tax.
If there are additional funds we could explore additional funding opportunities.

The RFA mentions uploading an audit, is that a firm requirement?

The question itself is required. However, if you don't have a recent audit or any audit for some reason, please upload a document explaining this.

If we apply to Longmont HSF for the specific Longmont population and apply for these funds for the broader Boulder County clients.

There needs to be a clear distinction and paper trail to identify the two funding sources. We would be looking closely at the activities, outputs, and indicators for each source of funding to make sure they are different.

We work really closely with the school district who was provided funds earlier from this tax. There are still needs for the program they are using the funds for. I'm hoping we are still eligible to apply?

Yes. Since you are a different agency than the one who received another award, you are eligible to apply. However, please review questions related to duplication of services to ensure the application is not requesting funding for the same service, staff, programming, etc, within the same time period.

Can you remind me of the legislation? Is it only valid for 3 years or will it go back to the votes for continuation?

We hope and plan to go back to the voters for continuation, but this is ultimately a decision that will be made by the BOCC.

Questions & Answers

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How are community members and subject matter experts recruited to serve on the review team? Is there an opportunity for interested individuals to volunteer or apply to serve?

The BOCC will be reviewing staff recommendations for a review committee in a Work Session held August 4th, 2026. Until then, we aren't able to outline specifics on this group or the evaluator roster. We can say, there is a specific process that will be proposed to seat subject matter experts, community members, and individuals with lived experience within the RFA review committee.



Could you provide an update on the BOCC's plans for allocating the remaining Mental and Behavioral Health Tax funds? Should organizations anticipate additional competitive RFA opportunities this year or in the future?

The funds in this round will result in 3 year funding agreements. Funds will be distributed annually (January through December) upon the successful completion of a Performance Review. So, there is currently no plan to launch additional funding rounds. However, since these funds are based on tax projections, there may be a need to hold additional funding rounds should more funding come in than projected.



Am I prevented from applying the same program for multiple county grants, so long as I disclose those applications and immediately withdraw my application to others if awarded?

No, you are not prohibited from applying. However, this should be noted in the application, as we will not award for the same program in both funding spaces. To avoid complication, we would strongly encourage applicants consider which funding round seems to be the most appropriate space for their programming, their service population, and the intended outcomes the respective grant is seeking from awardees.



If we are a newer organization and have our IRS determination letter for our 501c3-but don't have an audit, can we still qualify?

Yes. If your agency isn't required – or doesn't have an audit – upload a document stating, why.



Do you know if because we are the recipients of the recent \$800K behavioral health tax monies, does this prevent Boulder Valley School District from also applying for the Opioid Abatement Continuum of Care grants or the Mental & Behavioral Health Tax competitive grants?

Please review the prohibitions around supplantation of funds and/ or duplication of funds. If the proposed roles or programming are already being paid for with a sustainable funding source, using either opioid or 1B funds for these roles would be considered **supplantation**. Similarly, if you used 1B and opioid funds to stand up the same programming, without clear distinction around the use of each funding source for nonduplicative work, this would be **duplication of service** and prohibited.



Regarding documentation for why we may not need an audit – The Colorado statute states that organizations under \$100,000 don't require an audit and operate on “no documentation is the documentation. What exactly are we supposed to upload?

The field is required in the application so something needs to be uploaded. You may upload a word document or PDF stating that you are not required by state statute.



We don't have employees so I'm also not sure what we are supposed to upload for the W9.

Sounds like you are referring to a W2 which is different than our request for a W9. You can google the W9 form, the required information, and how to complete it. We are not allowed to provide direct advice on how to complete the form.



In terms of additional funding, I may have misunderstood something that was said during the last public meeting. There was something about \$100,000 that may go towards innovation or something else, and would be brought back up in Q3. Did something happen to this?

We are able to move forward with the decisions made in the meetings thus far and the \$4,100,000 that has been approved. Unfortunately, we can't speak to any decisions that haven't yet been made or discussed by the BOCC. We don't know if there will be additional funds available at this time.



The language in the ballot and discussions I've seen seem to be more focused on homeless individuals and adults. However, the RFA seems much more open. What are the population focuses?

The RFA populations are more open for the purposes of current funding. Discussions around populations of focus are still happening and we can't currently say whether they will become more specific or not down the road.



Will there be considerations for partial funding, or is it just yes or no?

Partial funding requests will be considered if appropriate. More specific terms around this are included in the RFA.



Can you define general operating expenses in reference to where the guide says that “general operating expenses are prohibited”.

Operating expenses directly related to the execution of the program are allowed. Larger operating or overhead costs are not eligible for funding.



Our organization intends to apply to the equitable access funding. We work with men who are court mandated for services. We have 2 licensed therapist, an LPCC, and a team of interns. Are these people eligible for personnel costs related to programming if they are receiving supervision from someone who is licensed? It is a little bit confusing in the eligibility criteria which says that a healthcare provider must be licensed in the state of Colorado.

The intent of the requirement is to ensure that healthcare services funded through this opportunity are provided by qualified providers who are appropriately licensed or practicing within Colorado's established supervision requirements. For team members who are not independently licensed, such as interns or individuals working toward licensure, applicants should clearly describe their role, the services they provide, and the supervision structure in place within their application.



We do have a couple funding sources for community corrections and vouchers from probation for certain services. Do you have any advice on how to document the differences and how to prevent duplication of services? If we expanded the program to provide additional services would this be a way to avoid duplication?

We cannot advise. Previous answers to similar questions have revolved around ensuring that your paper trail lines up. Being able to clearly define which funds are paying for which programs or services is your best bet.



What is the definition of treatment that you are using?

It is intentionally broad to allow for many types of treatment to qualify. We recognize and want to see a broad scope of services outside of just the traditional models. Services do need to tie back directly to the ballot resolution so reading this would also be helpful.



Can you speak a little bit about the intersection of treatment with prevention or intervention? For example, my program that will apply provides treatment services but there is also a lot of prevention involved.

Consider how the primary activity and purpose of your program align with the outcomes and indicators. You should choose the best option based on which of these apply best to your program. We recognize that these types of services involve a lot of overlapping between areas.



When you say that we need to apply to an overall population, is that different than if we have different services for one population? We apply for multiple funding sources from Boulder County. If I am able to split out the services for this grant application is that ok?

Yes. As long as you can leave the paper trail for how each funding source provides a different service. We recognize that populations may blend.



Is this the last opportunity to ask questions?

We are able to answer technical questions about Foundant. However, the question form is closing for programmatic and general questions. All of the questions asked through the form and in both of the Q&A sessions will be available on the website for anyone to review.



Is it treatment for substance use?

Yes.

