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# Youth Resiliency Funding Question and Answer

The following summarizes questions and answers (Q&A) discussed as a part of the September 18, 2018, technical assistance webinar with ADAMHS Board Directors and staff. Responses to these questions were issued verbally during the webinar, and this Q&A was prepared later to share the information with all parties.

**Q: There are varying dates on when the initial application is due - Sept 21 or Oct 1.**

A: The due date is October 1st. **UPDATE:** The due date has been extended to October 15th, 2018.

**Q: What is the general purpose of this funding?**

A: The general purpose of the funding is to support facilities in Ohio communities that are committed to providing long-term support of programming designed to build resiliency in Ohio youth. Please see the Guidance document for additional details.

**Q: Can ADAMHS Boards be the applicants?**

A: Yes. The ADAMHS/CMH/ADAS Boards may be an applicant for these funds. Boards may also choose to provide a letter of support for other applicant projects.

**Q: Can funding only go to non-profit entities?**

A: No. Government entities may also apply. Neither for-profit projects nor for-profit applicants are permitted.

**Q: Can the applicant be a school district?**

A: Yes. A school district is considered a governmental entity.

**Q: Can the applicant be a faith-based entity?**

A: Possibly. Any organization with a federal tax code designation of non-profit is eligible to apply for these funds.

**Q: Did OhioMHAS send the notice of availability of the capital funds out to schools or only to ADAMHS Boards?**

A: Notice of availability of funding was widely distributed through the OhioMHAS eNewsNow distribution list and through legislative outreach. The goal was to achieve as wide of a distribution as possible.

**Q: How will the ADAMHS Boards know who has applied if the applicant has not notified the ADAMHS Board of their intent?**

A: OhioMHAS will take all submissions received for this funding opportunity and share them with the respective ADAMHS Boards to ensure that they are aware of all projects in their board area.  In addition, OhioMHAS will require every project applicant to provide to the department a letter of support from their ADAMHS Board. Please note that the letter of support is not required in this initial phase of the application process.

**Q: How many projects have already been identified and how many do you expect to fund?**

A: As of September 27th, 2018, no projects have been identified. OhioMHAS will fund as many projects as possible. The number of projects funded will depend on the size of project requests. If every applicant requests the maximum of $500,000, OhioMHAS will fund up to 40 projects from the $20M allocation. It has been the experience of the department that project requests are frequently less than the maximum per project funding amount.

**Q: May boards submit more than one project for consideration of funding?**

A: Yes – please submit all projects from your Board area that you believe are worthy of state support.

**Q: Can a county receive more than one capital grant?**

A: No determination has been made. Please submit all projects that you feel are worthy of your support and of state support.

**Q: Must the ADAMHS Board obtain a board resolution to support the project before the October 15th, 2018, due date?**

A: No. The ADAMHS Board resolution can be provided at a later date.

**Q: What is the maximum dollar amount that can be requested per project?**

A: $500,000 or 75% of the total project cost, whichever is less.

**Q: Can project match be met through non-cash goods and commodities (in-kind)?**

A: The ability to meet the project match through in-kind will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Capital office to discuss this question further.

**Q: Is there a 30-year commitment to programming if capital funding is awarded?**

A: Yes. The project should be prepared to operate for a 30-year period.

**Q: What is timeline for completion of projects?**

A: Projects should be completed as quickly as possible so that the facilities funded can begin to offer help to local youth.

**Q: Will applications be considered based on level of local need?**

A: Yes. Determination of local need is addressed through the tiers identified in the project application guidance. However, OhioMHAS will consider additional information presented by the applicant related to local need. Please include any additional information that you wish to be considered in determination of local need with your project submission.

**Q: Will priority be given to projects based on date of submission to OhioMHAS?**

A: No. Priority for funding will be based on the level of need as determined in the tier structure. Additionally, priority will be given to projects that are ready to move forward and do not require a significant planning period. Please contact the Capital office for more information on this topic.

**Q: Where can we obtain a copy of the tiered list of counties?**

A: Please visit the OhioMHAS website under the Funding Opportunities page or follow the link below for details on level of need tiers.

https://mha.ohio.gov/Portals/0/assets/Funding/NewFundingOpportunities/SFY2019/Youth-Resiliency-Capital-Project-Priority-List-FINAL2.pdf

**Q: Must youth served by the program be diagnosed with a mental health disorder?**

A: No. However, the project should have a focus on youth who are involved, either directly or through a family member, in the behavioral health system. For the funding discussed in this document, OhioMHAS will not require reporting on the demographics of the youth served through the program.

**Q: Must an applicant guarantee implementation of ALL 7 programming areas listed on pages two and three of the funding guidance document?**

A: Yes. All areas should be addressed, including: safety, transportation, healthy food options, scheduled programming, fund to offset the cost customary facility and program access fees for youth eligible for free or reduced price lunch, regularly scheduled opportunities for family/caregiver engagement, and a process for connecting youth and / or families to social and he behavioral health services, as needed or requested by the youth and/or family. However, OhioMHAS will consider the appropriateness of programming and the unique needs of the community.

**Q: Can the project be a renovation for multiple purposes by multiple agencies working in collaboration to serve at risk and homeless youth?**

A: OhioMHAS would not restrict the overall utilization of the facility as long as the project commits to the youth resiliency mission as described in the Guidance document materials. The facility must be open to youth from the local community and not just youth from a program. Collaborative efforts are always appreciated, though one agency will be asked to take a lead role to execute the project.

**Q: Can these dollars be used for remodeling to add additional beds to a youth treatment program?**

A: The facility that is funded must be open to youth from the local community, so the youth treatment program must be open all local youth. If, during the hours the facility is not open to the community, the facility can also serve another local need, then that would be seen as an efficient use of a facility.

**Q: Please give an example of projects that you are looking to fund.**

A: Please see the Guidance for Community Resiliency Projects document on the OhioMHAS Funding Opportunity web page.  It is the goal of the project to support unique local needs. https://mha.ohio.gov/Portals/0/assets/Funding/NewFundingOpportunities/SFY2019/The-Resiliency-Project-Guidance-Final2.pdf

**Q: Can these funds be used for operating expenses?**

A: No. These funds are for capital purposes only. Using capital dollars for operating expenses is prohibited.

**Q: Will there be any program dollars added to the funding?**

A: The OhioMHAS capital office is not aware of programmatic funding.


**Q: Will the OhioMHAS budget for the next biennium include operating funds for these facilities and programming?**

A:  We are not able to address the OhioMHAS FY 2020 – 2021 budget at this time.