

IMPACT FUND GRANT PROGRAM

2021 PROGRAM OVERVIEW




INTRODUCTION

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is the result of the 2018 voter-approved ballot initiative which directs a sales and use tax of 0.25% to behavioral health needs in Larimer County. The distribution of revenue generated by the tax is defined by the ballot Initiative and states that funding must be used to:

- Provide preventative, early identification, intervention, support, and treatment services for youth, adults, families, and senior citizens, either directly or indirectly, who are residents of Larimer County through in-person and other delivery methods, which may include teleservices, community-based services, and other service options and;
- Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, lease, remodel, staff, equip, and operate new and/or existing mental/behavioral health facilities;

The BHS Impact Fund Grant Program (formerly Distributed Services) was created to provide the County with a way to directly invest in programs that serve the behavioral health needs of our community. The Funding Priorities that guide funding for the program include:

- Access & Affordability
 - Care Coordination & Systems Integration
 - Early Identification & Intervention
 - Stigma Reduction & Public Awareness
 - Quality Care
 - Prevention
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2021 GRANT FUNDING

This year, \$2.5 million will be awarded to initiatives through two types of grant funding; targeted and responsive.

TARGETED

Targeted grant funding is designed to address systemic gaps in behavioral health care with concentrated focus and funding. Targeted funding includes the Gary A. Darling Grant and 2021 Targeted Grants.

- ➔ The Gary A. Darling Grant is a prestigious grant awarded to a project that serves at the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice.
- ➔ Defined through the work of our three advisory groups, the 2021 Targeted Grants direct funding to the most urgent needs of our community and include:
 - Behavioral Health Care Coordination Across Services
 - Moderate/Intensive Care Coordination for Those with Complex Needs
 - Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention
 - Enhancing First Responder and Behavioral Health Crisis-to-Care Collaboration Efforts
 - Prevention Education and Early Intervention for Vulnerable Youth
 - Increasing Access to Behavioral Healthcare in Non-traditional Settings

RESPONSIVE

Responsive Grants allow organizations to define the problem they want to address and propose solutions to the challenges faced in the communities they serve. Responsive grant funding is open to a variety of programs that address a variety of touchpoints along the continuum of behavioral health care.

AWARD AMOUNTS

Grant awards will range from \$10,000 up to \$250,000

APPLICATION DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In general, eligible organizations include most entity types in operation for more than one year and providing behavioral health services to residents of Larimer County. View the detailed [Eligibility Criteria](#).

HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted through our new online grant system, hosted by SmartSimple. Once registration opens on Monday, June 14, 2021, you will be able to set up your account and begin the application process. You may save a draft and return any time to complete and submit your application for funding consideration.

The application is made up of 5 components: Grant Overview, Contact Details, Program Design, Financial Information, and Supplemental Materials. View the <Application Outline> to preview the application questions.

REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Evaluations will be based on the following four criteria as well as alignment with the applicable grant type.

- 1. Alignment** - The proposed project or program is strongly aligned with our funding priorities and ballot language.
- 2. Capacity** - The applicant demonstrates appropriate knowledge, resources, and capacity to effectively implement and evaluate proposed programs and services.
- 3. Impact** - The proposed program or project is highly likely to have a significant impact on desired behavioral health outcomes in Larimer County. It is based on a well-defined statement of need and is accompanied by a strong plan for implementation.
- 4. Context** - The proposed program or project is uniquely and strategically designed to meet an existing gap in behavioral health services. The project fits within both the larger community context and if applicable, with the intent of the selected targeted project.

For detailed application information, see:
Guide to Developing a Competitive Application

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be received through our online system by **5:00 pm MDT on Friday, July 30, 2021**. We encourage early submissions to ensure that your application submission process goes as smoothly as possible.

GRANT CYCLE

Awards Announced: September 2021

Funding Distributed: October 2021

Grant Cycle: October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022*

*If you would like to propose an alternate cycle to match the needs of your organization, please review the options for your start date within the application.

APPLICANT WORKSHOPS

Join us! We will walk you through our new grant system and answer questions you may have about applying for grant funding. Please register in advance for one of the sessions below:

Session 1: Wednesday, June 16 at 11:00 am MDT

[Click here to Register](#)

Session 2: Wednesday, June 23 at 2:00 pm MDT

[Click here to Register](#)

QUESTIONS?

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