

**RFGA 110: Mental Health Block Grants -  
Special Project Funds  
Applicant Briefing**

**April 18, 2024 ~ 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

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**Attendees:** Daniel Cavins [VPS], Steven Maluenda [United Way]

1. With this opportunity, are all three objectives required, or is it an either/or? (RFGA Section 2.2)
  - a. Ideally an application would support at least one of these subjects:
    - i. Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Training and Program Support
    - ii. Counseling Services for youth, transition-aged youth, or young adults
    - iii. Training and Program Support for Home-based CRT Providers
2. Specific programming: would peer support program fit into that as well, or mostly counseling based?
  - a. Looking for ideas to support these areas where additional training and program support is needed.
3. Is there a number of grants that will be awarded? (RFGA Section 3.1)
  - a. Not specifically stated in the RFGA. Each award may be up to \$50,000, which is the maximum budget in a proposal.
4. Agreement period? (RFGA Section 1.4)
  - a. You don't have to build your proposal to start in June, it can be in alignment with the school year or other months. Generally, we are looking for a grant up to a 12-month period.
5. Is this the first year DMH is offering this opportunity?
  - a. Yes, this is the first year the Department is utilizing the funds this way.
6. Are these Federal funds? (RFGA Section 1.9)
  - a. Yes
7. Reporting aspects being asked is what the grant applicant would put within their application. Are there any specifics being asked? (RFGA Section 2.4)
  - a. This is to think about what you would put into your applications: What data will you be collecting as part of your reports? How will you share that data? Quantity of work, quality of work and how it ties to the performance measures.

8. Is this reimbursable, or is it receiving funds as a whole? Monthly or quarterly basis for payments? (RFGA Section 4.6)
  - a. Reimbursable via invoices and reports provided.
  - b. Can be monthly or quarterly, but not less than monthly.
  
9. Collaborate with other organizations, or one single organization? (RFGA Section 2.6)
  - a. We would still have one applicant, but you can subgrant part of this. You would show this in your application.