

## Highmark Blue Prints SDOH Grant Funding Webinars Questions & Answers October 7, 2020

**1. *If an organization received funding from Blueprints, for an example the last special Highmark Opioid grant opportunity in May, will they still qualify for this grant opportunity?***

All organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may apply. Previous BluePrints funding does not preclude an organization from consideration.

**2. *Is there a limitation on how many Highmark grants are awarded per organization?***

BluePrints does not currently impose a limit, but the Council will take giving history into consideration and the outcomes of past awards.

**3. *Hi, once we submit the grant application, will someone reach out to us to let us know if we are on the right track?***

Yes, Mashiya Williams and Denée Crumrine will ONLY follow up with each organization if there is additional information needed.

**4. *What is the period in which the grant funds need to be spent?***

Usually Blueprint grants are 1 year, but can be stretched over a two-year grant period.

**5. *If your direct services and mission increase access to health services for uninsured or underinsured, can you use the funding towards general operations to allow you to expand access to care?***

The BluePrints Advisory Council will consider requests pertaining to general operations, so long as the anticipated outcomes and impact can be clearly communicated and measured.

**6. *Can funding support the purchase of tangible items or materials that help alleviate basic needs that impact health outcomes? (i.e. prenatal vitamins for expecting mothers, fresh produce prescription programs that provide regular fresh fruits and veggies to a high-risk population like prenatal patients or patients with diabetes)***

Yes, but it is recommended that the proposal include other intangible elements. For example, if a portion of the budget is asked to cover food, it would be compelling for the proposal to also include an educational component for how to prepare that food and/or how to make healthy food replacements.

**7. *If we can use funds to purchase tangible items, are there any particular items that would be unallowable costs?***

If there are items requested that are not addressed by the eligibility guidelines provided, they will be considered on a case by case basis.

**8. Related to allowable expenses for the Highmark Blueprint grant applicants, I wanted to check in to see if the following evidence-based practices would be permissible for inclusion in applications. These examples are not addressed in the current guidance, so I wasn't sure if they might require explicit discussion with your Blueprints leadership:**

- **Light construction to clear/clean up vacant lots/green space**
- **Playground equipment/park revitalization**
- **Home repairs (to improve health, ability to remain in home)**
- **Increasing street lighting in areas with increased violence (street lights, or external motion-sensor home lighting)**

Yes, the above examples will be considered.

**9. Would it be possible to include a FAQ document on the grant website to help track the questions that were asked before and during the webinar?**

Yes, this document will be posted via the DCF website immediately after the workshop.

**10. Can a fiscal agent apply if a Community Development Corporation or Community-based Organization act as a backbone organization and which are 501c3s?**

Yes, a fiscal agent can apply on a group/network/coalition. As long as that fiscal agent is backed by a 501c3 organization. It's also helpful to underscore that the application should make it very clear that there is a fiscal sponsor relationship and that the group/network/coalition is what's leading the project.

**11. Can you speak a little about what you mean by neighborhood and built environment?**

Neighborhood and build environment refer to having healthy impacts where people live. For example, access to healthy foods, a safe environment, clean water, pollution, etc.

**12. What about providing disadvantaged students with supports in a Learning Pod?**

Yes, if the supports are health related it will be considered.

**13. Does COVID-19 pandemic factor into the decision making and to what degree?**

Yes, the special grant cycle was announced because of the impact of COVID on our community and the nonprofits that serve it. That said, a proposal does not necessarily have to be in response to COVID as we know that barriers to health existed before the pandemic.

**14. Are there specific geographic areas you prefer to fund?**

BluePrints aims to support all Delaware communities with demonstrated need, regardless of geographic location.