Reimagining Approaches to Improve Access to Care
Frequently Asked Questions
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Q: *May an organization submit more than one application for this opportunity?*

A: No, we will only accept one application per organization per deadline.

Q: *Is there a recording of the June 7th pre-application webinar available?*

A: Yes, you may access a recording on our webpage found here.

Q: *Does the applicant need to provide direct services to consumers under this Request for Applications (RFA)?*

A: Your proposed project does not have to provide direct services to consumers. However, your project will need to demonstrate how it will address access to care needs of your target population. Your project should reimagine, innovate, or adapt systems, services, and/or networks that may impact access to care.

Q: *If you are a current MFH grantee, are you eligible to apply for this grant program?*

A: Yes.

Q: *Do you have an anticipated start date for fall applications?*

A: A specific deadline for fall applications has not been determined at this time. For applications submitted in the fall, projects would start in early 2018.

Q: *Is there a preference being given to applicants that submit earlier, or is the funding being evenly distributed between the two cycles?*

A: There is no preference given to applicants who submit earlier. However, distributions between the two cycles may not be necessarily equal and may be influenced by what comes in and is recommended for the first cycle.

Q: *Are you looking at sustainability with these projects?*

A: Yes, however sustainability can be defined in a variety of ways for projects. Applicants should describe how you are intersecting elements of sustainability or learning into your approach. Projects may come in a variety of forms, including pilot projects or approaches to build infrastructure or capacity. Through this funding we expect to learn with grantees, about what may or may not work. Not all projects may be successful or sustained long term, but should have an element of learning.

Q: *How long is the grant project period?*

A: Project may cover up to **48 months**.

Q: *What are example projects that would be of interest for this funding program?*

A: We are not highlighting specific examples. We are moving away from being too prescriptive so not to limit the types of projects that may be submitted. Proposed projects should align with the goals of the RFA and demonstrate how your activities will address access to care needs of your target population. We encourage you to communicate with MFH staff if you have questions about the scope of your proposed project for this RFA.

Q: *For this RFA, is access to mental/behavioral health care something that would be considered, or is this more focused on physical health?*

A: Yes, some of this work may focus on accessing mental/behavioral health care, however we encourage it to be integrated with physical health aspects as well. Consider access to care needs beyond specific conditions and how your project will address systems, services, and networks that address the access to care needs of your community.

Q: *If an application is declined in the first cycle, could the project lead/organizations apply again in the fall?*

A: Yes. However, we encourage applicants to solicit feedback from MFH staff on the application to identify potential programmatic adjustments before resubmission in the fall.

Q: *Could research be a component of the work to explore these issues?*

A: Yes, research could be a component but it should be included in the frame of a larger programmatic approach. There should be a direct benefit to your target population related to the identified access to care needs.