

FAQ: Community Capacity Grants

Eligibility

- Do we have to already be enrolled in HOKU to apply?
 - No, you can apply if you're currently delivering similar/related services outside Medicaid and *intend* to enroll as an eligible HRSN provider type.
 - Applicants who are not yet enrolled in the HOKU system may apply to receive funding covering the full scope of allowable activities but are only eligible to receive a 1-time payment of up to \$50,000 in funding associated with Program Participation Assessment, until they have enrolled in the HOKU system.
- We are a supplier (e.g., a landlord or farmer), not a direct service provider, can we apply?
 - No, not directly. An eligible HRSN provider can apply for funds to pay you for allowable services, but you cannot apply yourself.
- Do we need a recent external audit?
 - Yes, unless you're newly established, in which case a viable financial plan can substitute.
- Can multiple organizations apply together?
 - Yes, joint applications are allowed with one lead entity; all co-applicants must independently meet eligibility.
- Can we apply if we serve only one island, or don't yet serve Medicaid members statewide?
 - Yes.

Funding uses

- What can the money actually pay for?
 - Four domains: business/operational practices, technology, workforce development, education/outreach
- Can we use it for a vehicle, building renovation, or equipment like an industrial refrigerator?

- No, those are explicitly prohibited. Please see document labeled "Allowable and Prohibited Costs".
- Can we use it for staff salaries?
 - Yes, for HRSN-related roles, including hiring, training, admin support, etc.
- Is there a minimum or maximum award amount?
 - Round 1 awards can range from \$100,000 per year to \$1,000,000 per year. Award ranges for Rounds 2 and 3 are to be determined.
- Can we request multi-year funding, or does it have to be spent in one cycle?
 - Applications may be for terms of 1 year or longer; all funds must be expended by Oct. 31, 2029.
- Can grant funds duplicate other funding we already receive for the same purpose?
 - No, that is explicitly prohibited, and awardees must attest to non-duplication.

Application process

- Can we submit more than one application per cycle?
 - No, only one application per cycle.
- If my organization receives funding in Round 1, can I apply in subsequent rounds?
 - Yes, one application per funding round: If you receive funding in Round 1, you can apply in Round 2 and/or Round 3; if you receive funding in Round 2, you can apply in Round 3.
- If we're denied, can we appeal?
 - No, award decisions are final, but you can apply in a future cycle.
- Who reviews and decides on applications?
 - The QI Health Plans will review the applications and have final decision-making authority.

Post-Award

- Can we shift funds between budget categories after approval?
 - Minor reallocations (0-10% of the total budget) are allowed if they don't change the funding's purpose; changes over 10% of the total budget need approval.
- What if we don't spend all the funds by the end of the demonstration period (Dec 31, 2029)?
 - All funds must be expended by Oct. 31, 2029. Unspent funds must be returned.
- Are we required to participate in the UH SSRI evaluation (interviews, site visits, etc.)?
 - Yes, participation is a condition of the award.