
KAN-HOUSE RFA Q&A

Q: For our organization, the implementation of this project would require two Clinicians and one Case Manager. Our agency typically has higher salary and fringe rates; would these positions be considered for full funding by this opportunity, or would it be partial?

A: Funding can be requested for salary rate that is similar to the salary of others with the same level of responsibility and level of effort. This funding opportunity has been created to ensure recovery support services for persons who are uninsured or underinsured. The salary budget request shall be individualized by each provider agency taking into account the local cost of living.

Q: Is this funding for an additional housing specialist outside of what CMHCs currently have?

A: Under the Kan-House RFA, it is expected that the Housing Specialist be a FT position with no other titles/responsibilities/commitments. If the current Housing Specialist in your agency who is mandated by the annual KDADS/CMHC Contract is unable to meet this requirement, a new position would need to be created to ensure that housing opportunities are being created, partnerships with HUD funded agencies are maintained, and clients are receiving quality services.

Q: To hire new staff, we have to go through an approval process with our BOCC + the time to post a position, interview, and hire new staff. Implementation would likely begin in January/February 2023. The RFA says October would be the earliest date of implementation, but as long as we begin project implementation by September 2023 (i.e., have the Health & Wellness/Lifestyle Coach trained and ready to begin providing services), is that an ok timeline?

A: It is expected that there will be a set-up period in which staff will need to be recruited and systems put in place. The above timeline is within reason of this expectation.

Q: First, I see there is a Letter of Intent due on September 2nd. However, I do not see any guidelines as to how you want this LOI submitted. Do you expect a one-page letter with a general outline of our plan or a more in-depth outline that identifies more than general expectations? Is there a form to complete?

A: There is no specific guideline for the LOI. Either a brief email or a word document/PDF is sufficient.

Q: Second, is there any additional guidelines for completing the application beyond what is found in the Announcement Overview? If not, then I assume we complete the Cover Page and budget template

which are both provided along with narrative that outlines our program idea while addressing the Project Goals as well as the comments found in A.3. If there is something that I am missing I will appreciate your comments.

A: There are no further guidelines beyond what is found posted on the KDADS Funding Opportunity page under the Kan-House title.

Q: Does the LOI need to be specific regarding the specific interventions and uses or just that we intend to apply.

A: Only that you intend to apply. A Project Narrative will be attached to your application to describe your proposed interventions.

Q: Also, does this grant allow for funds for any rental assistance, landlord incentives or mitigation funds?

A: You may include the projected costs for master-leases in your line-item budget, but KDADS will be required to consult with SAMHSA GPO to gain approval for these requests. (No building, remodel, upgrade, or modifications can be billed against this award.)

Q: Per the RFA for evidence based supportive housing services intended to help agencies launch housing first. Our agency received Housing First pilot funding from KDADS for the 2022 year and partnered with the ACT team to provide supportive services. Is our agency eligible to apply for this grant? The RFA narrative says CMHC's and/or CCBHC's are eligible applicant agencies, but I want to be mindful of funds we have already received and how this may impact the consideration of an application for further funding.

A: Funding can be used not only for launching a Housing First team but improving established teams as well. Pilot funding was granted through SGF, but Kan-House is SAMHSA funding. This agency has been approved to apply for Kan-House funding as the prior award was issued from SGF and ended in July of 2022. The funding that your agency received was for the development and startup of an ACT team. This funding opportunity will allow program implementation, direct service provision, and expansion of your ACT team.

Q: Will it be permissible to apply to establish a Housing Specialist position that would coordinate and guide all of our various programs (PATH, ACT, etc.) toward housing first fidelity?

A: This would be permissible in an effort to ensure non-duplication of services and effort.

Q: I wanted to reach out and determine if our agency's prior award of the ESG-CV funding for the 2020 grant (FFY2020 ESG-CV- CDFA#14.231) is a conflict with the current grant opportunity. This grant was to run from 07/01/2020-06/30/2021, however there were several extensions, and we are still using the last of the funding. Can you verify whether this makes our agency ineligible to apply for the KAN-HOUSE RFA?

A: ESG-CV funds are granted by HUD. Kan-House funds are granted by SAMHSA. There is no conflict between these funds and ESG funding will not cause an agency to be ineligible for Kan-House. To clarify, HUD funding is for housing, SAMHSA funding is for housing services.

Q: Where can I find information about the requirements for a Certified Health and Wellness Recovery Lifestyle Coach?

A: <https://nbhwc.org/>

Q: Can we please meet with someone to talk about our program vision to see if it fits within the grant?

A: Due to the process of a Right for Application, KDADS Housing Division staff cannot provide guidance or advice on a specific application. We encourage all eligible participants to apply.

Q: Can this funding be used to enhance existing programs by way of building renovations and program improvement? If so, what percentage of requested funds can be used on building renovations?

A: Funding for this grant comes from SAMHSA's CMHS Mental Health Block Grant and CSAT Substance Abuse Block Grant. These funds are dedicated to direct recovery support service provision. No funds may be used for building improvements or renovations.

Q: Can this funding be used to pay rent on a property for the term of the grant period (to Sept 2025) in order to assist with starting a new program that includes housing with treatment services onsite?

A: Please include in your line-item budget request any proposed cost for the program that your agency is creating. Specific cost associated with housing individuals will need to be approved by the SAMHSA Grants Management Officer.

Q: Can this funding be used to assist in renovating or building a new property in order for an existing program that has been successful to be replicated in an additional community/municipality?

A: Funding for this grant comes from SAMHSA's CMHS Mental Health Block Grant and CSAT Substance Abuse Block Grant. These funds are dedicated to direct recovery support service provision. No funds may be used for building improvements or renovations.

Q: Can you confirm whether or not the Certified Health and Wellness Recovery Lifestyle Coaching required or just suggested for the KAN-HOME ARP grants?

A: The Certified Health and Wellness Life Coach is a requirement for this grant.

Q: Also, is Survey Monkey the required survey platform for customer satisfaction surveys, or is it just suggested? Thank you for any information you can provide.

A: Yes, Survey Monkey is required. See goal five of the RFA.