

- 1. We have a Justice Involved Persons program and one of its intended goals is to reduce suicidal attempts and completions in our county jails. As part of the program, we connect the incarcerated person to local resources upon their release from the correctional setting. For this grant, would such a program be eligible?**

Yes, so long as your applications speaks to suicide prevention strategies and activities that would benefit your population/peers involved in the program, this would be allowable.

- 2. Are For Profit agencies eligible for awards?**

Yes, for profit agencies are eligible so long as the plans are rooted in suicide prevention awareness strategies and activities. Funds are not meant to benefit the organization itself, but funds could be used for those working within the organization (for instance suicide specific training).

- 3. Is this primarily for community organizations? We serve the whole state providing quality improvement technical assistance across many different quality initiatives.**

The target audience for this grant/RFA are Kansas residents. Eligible applicants include community organizations, agencies, non- profits etc. as defined in the RFA under section III. Eligibility.

You can serve multiple communities, but you will need to identify those communities. Applicants must speak to the vision for suicide prevention trainings/activities they would like to implement in their community/communities of choice, including community needs, a plan to address those needs, and how their project/ program will make an impact. The grantees identified communities/counties will be included in the contract entered with KDADS.

- 4. Are hospitals, medical centers, CMHC/CCBHC eligible to apply?**

Yes, they are eligible. Eligibility is described in section III of the RFA. The application must describe a plan to promote suicide prevention and reduce suicide risk.

- 5. Is there specific programs that they want implemented or is this something that we have to come up with? If it is something we need to come up with can you give me some guidance on this?**

This grant is aimed to serve organizations/coalitions/ agencies who know their population needs the best. The goal is to have applicants describe issues they are seeing and come up with a plan to implement suicide specific activities that would address those issues and benefit their community. We leave the decision of appropriate strategies up to applicants'

discretion. We don't want to dictate what your community needs, so we would like to describe in their application what their needs are, how they plan to address those needs, and how they plan to report on the impact it will make.

6. Can the personnel funds be used as a stipend to staff for community training? Are the funds for this grant considered a federal pass-through?

Staff hired to work on this grant should be paid through traditional means through your organization. However, we do allow for 5% of funding to go towards personnel and fringe costs, as listed in the RFA under the VIII. Application section. For a \$35,000 grant, the cap amount would be \$1,750.

Stipends would be used for participation for those in your community who participate in your project, for a maximum of \$30 non-cash gift cards.

This would not be considered a federal pass through as the funding source for this grant is through State General Funds, through KDADS.

7. Would you be able email me the coversheet so I can attach it to the completed application?

If you have any issues with retrieving the documents required, please contact Alex.Zelkovitz@ks.gov and we can provide documents, prior to the submission deadline.

8. Question List:

- a. Are there specific restrictions or limits on what the funding can be used for? For example, can we use funding for creating, printing, or purchasing outreach materials or attending outreach events?**

Creating, printing, and attending events is allowable. KDADS cannot pay for food and SWAG items, which include but are not limited to: clothing and commemorative items such as pens, mugs/cups, folders/folios, lanyards, t-shirt and conference bags or typically, items or tokens to be given to individuals and are considered personal gifts. KDADS follows the Department for Health and Human Services guidelines, found [here](#). We can pay for the cost of the venue, cost of printing on said items, tabling items, banners, tablecloths, flyers, posters, etc. Anytime you want to use the KDADS logo on materials, send this draft to us first so we can pass on for internal review.

- b. Are these federal or pass-through funds or are grantees subrecipients?**

KDADS Grantees are subrecipients through State General Funds.

- c. Our organization covers five counties and several communities, can we serve an identified population in multiple communities, or do we need to focus on one specific community? I understand that the grant amount will limit this, but we were looking at the possibility of working with a couple different rural communities in our catchment area.**

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- d. Our organization has received a KDHE grant to implement the Zero Suicide framework through August of 2024. Is that a conflict with the KS Suicide Prevention Coalition? Can funds be used to expand Zero Suicide initiatives that are NOT being covered by KDHE funding?**

So long as the funding is braided and does not result in billing both grants for the same service, there is no conflict.

These funds could be used to expand your current Zero Suicide grant initiatives which are not covered by other funding sources, so long as those initiatives are focused on suicide prevention strategies and activities.

Additionally, these funds are through KDADS, not the Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition. We do expect grantees to become members of the Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition (if you are not already) and regularly participate as indicated in the RFA.

- e. Also, do we need to submit a letter of intent for this grant?**

You do not need to submit a letter of intent.

- 9. I do not have any experience of applying for or working with grants aside from what we do for our health department, but I feel that the KDADS grant could potentially help support our coalitions efforts in crisis centers we've started. Do you feel that if we were to apply, this grant would fit into what we are doing/have already started? If so, would it be better to apply through the health department or through our coalition?**

Yes, these funds could support suicide prevention work that is currently underway. This grants intent is to support suicide prevention efforts in the community, build infrastructure, and increase capacity. Please be sure to include the information requested in the RFA so the reviewing team is able to understand what you have done and how you would like to further that work.

Regarding identifying potential collaboration for your application, due to grant funding being reimbursed retroactively each month, any grantee will need to ensure they are financially sustainable during the course of the grant.