

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Request for Application

RFA
 Kansas Mobile Crisis Response
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Announcement Overview

Participating Agency(s)	Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)
Request for Application Title	Mobile Crisis Response
KDADS Commission, Crisis Services	Behavioral Health Services Commission, Crisis Services
Announcement Type (New or Existing), Total Available Funding	New Announcement, \$4,200,000.00 for SFY23 (05.01.23 – 06.30.23) and up to \$5,900,000.00 for each subsequent State Fiscal Year. Unused funding from each State Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30 th) will not carry forward to be available in the subsequent years.
Funding Source, Federal Award #	SGF (988 and Mobile Crisis, 1000-3004)
Match Fund Requirement	None
Purpose	This funding opportunity has been established to support development and expansion of behavioral health crisis by providing 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days out of the year, life-saving mobile response Statewide to all individuals in need.
Eligible Applicants	Statewide Community Mental Health Centers and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.

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Key Dates

Posted Date	03/20/2023
Open Date (Earliest Submission Date)	03/20/2023
Letter of Intent and Questions Due Date(s)	03/31/2023, Send to laura.brake@ks.gov
Posted Answers to Questions, if applicable, Date	04/07/2023
Application Due Date(s)	04/21/2023
Earliest Start Date	05/01/2023
Award End Date	01/31/2027 with the option to renew for and additional one (1) year period.

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Announcement Full Text

Purpose

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), Behavioral Health Services Commission, announces the release of a Request for Applications (RFA) to support development and expansion of behavioral health crisis by providing 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days out of the year, life-saving mobile response Statewide to all individuals in need.

With the implementation of 988, individuals can call, text or chat to connect with a trained counselor to receive accessible care and support for mental health related distress. In the State of Kansas, four 988 call centers provide this support, Johnson County, whose coverage areas is Johnson County residents, COMCARE whose services are provided to those in Sedgwick County and the Kansas Suicide Prevention Headquarters who respond to the remaining 103 counties in the State. Healthsource serves as a backup to the three aforementioned centers.

According to SAMHSA's *National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care, Best Practice Toolkit*, the mobile crisis team response should be available to reach any person in the service area in their home, workplace, school, or any other community-based location of the individual in crisis in a timely manner, 24/7, 365. For safety and optimal engagement, two person teams are encouraged to be put in place to support emergency department and justice system diversion.

Please click <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/national-guidelines-for-behavioral-health-crisis-care-02242020.pdf> for SAMHSA, *National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care, Best Practice Toolkit*.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) sits with Beacon Health Options, who are contracted with the Department for Children and Families (DCF), to implement a state-wide Family Crisis Response Helpline. Services are available for all Kansans 20 years of age and younger, including anyone in foster care or formerly in foster care. Services provided by Beacon, under their contract with DCF, provides a centralized behavioral health crisis helpline, 24/7 screening and mobile response stabilization services to connect youth to community-based services, no matter where the crisis occurs. Beacon delivers immediate support, active engagement for safety assessment, collaborative problem-solving, de-escalation and referrals to clinical providers, community, and peer resources. If initial de-escalation is unsuccessful, real-time dispatch of mobile crisis response occurs. Field interventions focus on diversion, prevention and re-integration for Kansas youth. Follow-up within 48 hours, connects youth to appropriate care and case management.

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Most community-based mobile crisis programs utilize teams that include both professional and paraprofessional staff. For example, a bachelor's level clinician may be paired with a peer support specialist using telehealth support from a master's level clinician, psychologist, or psychiatrist as needed. Peer support workers often take the lead on engagement and may also assist with continuity of care by providing support that continues beyond the resolution of the immediate crisis. New provisions in the American Rescue Plan will allow increased Medicaid reimbursement for qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services. The state is working with CMS to provide enhanced standards for Medicaid reimbursement for crisis intervention and management services.

Please click <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho21008.pdf> for Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, CMS *Official Letter*.

It's estimated that 80% of crisis calls in Kansas will be deescalated over the phone while 20% of the calls result in mobile crisis dispatch. After consent is given by the individual in need of care, responders provide in person contact within 1 hour (2 hours for rural Kansas areas).

KDADS intends to support the CMHCs and CCBCHs in creating Mobile Crisis Response teams that meets the needs of their individual communities, to reduce the utilization of Emergency Room and Law Enforcement, in addition to providing crisis support and services.

Eligibility

To be considered for this funding opportunity, you must be a Kansas Community Mental Health Centers and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. KDADS will select applicants who present the most complete and responsive applications demonstrating their community, capacity, readiness, partnerships, cultural competency, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and organizational description. The quality and strength of the application narrative will also be considered.

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Terms of the Grant

The award is **05/01/2023-01/31/2027** with the option to renew for an additional one (1) year period. The awarded grantees will enter a binding legal agreement with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. The agreement requires the awarded grantee to comply with specific grant criteria, which includes monthly progress reports, staff trainings, monthly fiscal reports and data collection.

We have identified the outcomes/goals, to provide mobile crisis interventions to individuals with less restrictive care in a more comfortable environment that is likely to produce more effective results, reducing unnecessary hospitalization and arrests. Stabilize crisis and assess the need for referrals to other community services and support CCBHC certification through development of 24/7 crisis response.

Implementation Plan

Within 60 days of award, each awardee will be required to submit a detailed plan for implementing mobile crisis response within their geographical service area. The plan must include the following:

- Demographics
- Staffing patterns/Organizational Structures
- Outline of training requirements, including initial and ongoing training
- System for follow up/referral
- Quality Improvement process
- Sustainability

KDADS staff will review awardees implementation plan, and provide feedback within 15 days, to allow plan to be implemented within 90 days of grant award.

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[Deliverables and Reporting](#)

Monthly Deliverables and Reporting

- Number of individuals served each shift by geographic location (zip code and city) and referral source (e.g., family, self, law enforcement, crisis line).
- Demographic information including race/ethnicity so that potential issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion can be addressed.
- Length of time to respond and length of time with the individual/family
- Disposition of each response.
- Explanation of referral and linkage to follow-up care, including assessment of engagement in “next right place” services. Next right place services can include proof of contact, referrals to resources in the community, next day behavioral health appointments or a mobile response.
- Time of dispatch so that staffing can be adjusted to meet the needs of the community.
- Composition of the dispatched team (e.g., Clinician and MH professional, Peer Support and Clinician)

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Application Review Information

A. Instructions:

1. Submit one electronic application to laura.brake@ks.gov
2. Complete the required cover sheet.
3. Project Narrative to address each section below:

The narrative should describe the need for mobile crisis response and expansion in your entire geographical service area. If technology, transportation and flex funds are requested, this must be identified in your budget. This includes but not limited to laptops/tablets, cellular phones, Wi-Fi/hotspots, transportation/procurement of vehicles, funds to access food, medication, vouchers, etc.

Please use 12-point font and standard 1-inch margins. Headings for each section (1-4) should be clearly labeled. Applicants should clearly and comprehensively respond to each bullet within each of the sections described below.

1) Community Description

- Describe and define the community/geographical area served by the CMHC/CCBHC that will be targeted by the efforts of this award.
- Provide specific demographic information for the geographical service area.
- Provide a list of mental health related resources in the geographical service area.
- Describe the law enforcement/judicial agencies in the geographical service area.
- Describe your targeted response time in area- *per Federal guidelines, this should not exceed 3 hours.*
- Provide your expected timeline for full implementation of 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response for agency.

2) Community Capacity, Readiness, Partnerships

- Describe your relationship with the mental health related resources in your geographical service area.
- Describe your relationship law enforcement/judicial agencies in the geographical service area (i.e., Co-responder programs, AOT Court, Drug

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- Court, Mental Health Court, etc.).
- Describe the opportunities to expand partnerships in your geographical service area.
- Describe the CMHC/CCBHC experience working with grants and with strategic planning.
- Discuss any anticipated challenges or barriers and describe how those may be addressed.
- List any CMHC/CCBHC needs for training or technical assistance for mobile crisis response.

3) Cultural Competency & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

- Briefly describe the community's culture and its diversity including any specific special populations.
- Describe how your agency ensures culturally competent and appropriate responses within the community.
- Describe your agency's current training related to cultural competency and diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Describe any resources in your community related to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Demonstrate the diversity of your advisory/governing board to include the percentage of people with lived experience.
- Describe your plans for the utilization of peer support for mobile crisis response.

4) Organizational Description

- Please identify the point of contact for this grant within your agency.
- Describe your current Crisis Services and capacity for Crisis Stabilization Units.
- Describe how the agency intends to structure its staffing and resources to ensure completion of deliverables, including how the agency plans to address any workforce shortages, staffing challenges, barriers, etc.
- Describe experience and capability in ensuring compliance with grant requirements including fiscal and progress reporting.
- Please report any local, city, county, state, federal or private grants that has been received to support crisis services within your agency.

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5) Proposed Budget

- Use of the KDADS provided budget form required (Excel format).
- Adhere to any funding limitations that may be listed within the project description.
- Budget may include personnel & fringe benefits, training, travel, supplies, and/or other related expenses.

B. The Applicant agrees to abide by all state, federal and local laws, rules, and regulations prohibiting discrimination in employment and controlling workplace safety. Any violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations may result in termination of this Grant.

C. Budget Information

KDADS Approved Budget Form Attachment (A) with a brief justification narrative for each line item. KDADS approved budget form shall be submitted with the grant proposal.

D. KDADS Staff Contact

Laura Brake [KDADS]

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Behavioral Health Services Commission

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Legal Name of Organization:

Official Administrative Address:

City, State, Zip+4:

Federal ID #:

Authorized Contract Signor & Title:

Contact for Application & Title:

Email Address:

Telephone:

Populations Served:

Counties Served: