

## HB19-1287 Grant Program Q&A

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The following questions were submitted to each MSO relating to the HB19-1287 grant program. They are presented together in the event they are useful to all potential applicants.

### **Signal MSO (SSPAs 1 and 4) Rural Expansion Grant questions**

1. I was hoping to clarify if organizations that offer peer recovery support for SUD are eligible to apply for the current RFP - Building SUD Treatment Capacity in Rural and Frontier Colorado (House Bill 19-1287)?

No, future opportunities that will be exclusively for RCOs will be available through MSOs soon.

2. I just want to clarify an item from section 1.4 on page 5 of 25. "Counties that do include Metropolitan Areas and were not counted as frontier counties were categorized as rural counties." I understand this to mean that urban Pueblo County in Region 4 is considered rural for this opportunity. Is this correct?

Yes, however, the intent is to reach rural and frontier communities. So applicants would need to explain how their project would serve those communities.

### **Diversus MSO (SSPA 3) Rural Expansion Grant questions**

1. Given the current and anticipated future increases in need for SUD treatment due to COVID-related challenges, would Diversus consider responding to this community stressor as one appropriate way to expand services?

Yes

2. Are organizations who received money the first time around with 1287, eligible to received funding again for another year?

Yes, however new proposals need to be submitted as this funding is for expansion and not sustaining existing programs.

### **West Slope Casa MSO (SSPAs 5 and 6) Rural Expansion Grant questions**

1. Is there any Federal source funding included in the grant?

No

2. If so, what percentage of the grant funding comes from federal sources?

N/A

3. What is the definition of “capital investment” for this grant (p. 11 of Announcement)?

Any asset you would capitalize on your books.

4. The announcement says, “If you will be providing treatment services, please describe how you will become licensed by OBH and then credentialed by the MSO. It is recognized that some proposals may be for services that are not yet operational and licensed to practice.” If we are currently licensed and credentialed, do you need copies of the licenses with the grant application?

No

5. Is it acceptable to include money in the budget for marketing of new services?

Yes

6. The announcement says, “The grant committee shall prioritize geographic areas that are unserved or underserved.” What data/sources will you use to determine the areas that are unserved or underserved?

For practical purposes, all Western Slope counties are underserved. Of course, Mesa County is less underserved than Dolores

7. Can this grant cover the salaries and expenses (e.g., further training) for existing staff if the program they work under is less than one year old?

If necessary for the expansion of services you are proposing, yes