

## 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.

### Compiled MSO Rural Expansion Grant questions

1. Attainable housing is a major challenge in our communities, particularly in Chaffee County where home prices and the cost of living have exploded in recent years. This creates a significant challenge on our SUD workforce who cannot afford to live in the community and thus, negatively impacts SUD treatment capacity in these rural communities. This is a particular challenge as we seek to recruit and retain qualified staff for our new Withdrawal Management Unit and crisis stabilization services, particularly peer specialists and recovery coaches.

To address this challenge, would investing in workforce housing solutions be an acceptable use of funds under HB1287?

Although we completely understand the struggle it is to keep and maintain a solid workforce, particularly in rural communities, we believe this ask would fall outside the legislative intent of this funding. We would suggest you reach out to your local MSO to discuss alternative funding possibilities such as including such incentives in your benefits packages on your Capacity Based Budget or potentially a retention/moving benefit package supported via SB202 or other, more flexible, funding streams.

2. Would a vehicle be considered "capital purchase"?

Yes

3. Would payment for rent be allowed?

If it is expanding on current services offered in a rural area, yes

4. Our organization is centralized in the Denver area and would like to know if we qualify to apply for this grant? Or must we be located in the rural or frontier Colorado areas? We are also credentialed with all of the RAEs and do provide services for clients in those counties.

Providers do not need to be located in a rural area, but the legislative intent of this funding is to expand services offered in rural and frontier areas. Proposals providing services in urban/metro areas would be given low priority consideration.

5. Is this for sober living?

If it is expanding on current services offered in a rural area, yes

6. Thank you for your email about this resource. It appears specific to treatment. Is this an opportunity for RCO's (provide services & resources, but not treatment).

Recovery services can be proposed

7. Will this grant require GPRA documentation?

GPRA will not be required for this funding

8. I'm already funded for this fiscal year and next through signal. Is this something that I still need to fill out or apply for?

This is a separate round of funding. Those with current projects will not be affected. Current proposals do not exclude a provider from applying for different or separate service offerings or expansion.