2020 Community Clinic Grant
Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Would a proposed project to teach coping skills to students in rural schools in order to decrease the emergence of mental illness and substance abuse be an eligible project?

Answer: The 3 options for eligible projects this year are below. Clinical services may be provided in a school setting. It might fit under option C if you can make the case that the students are “at-risk youth” and the services would be “preventative” and/or for the “maintenance of health”. However, outreach and education alone, without treatment, would not be an eligible service.

Fiscal Year 2020 program funding will support clinic efforts to improve:

A. Mental health screening and follow-up services for adolescents and young adults ages 12-25 (minimally ages 12-17), or
B. Oral health programs, with preference for projects supporting collaborative practice dental hygienists to provide services in community locations, or
C. Clinical services for at-risk youth.

For purposes of the Community Clinic Grant Program, the term clinic means an outpatient or ambulatory setting for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or the maintenance of health. Clinics may be stationary or mobile and must not be solely for the purpose of urgent nor emergent care. Eligible health services include preventative, medical, dental and mental health. Clinics may provide one or more of these services and are not required to provide all.

Question: Would you suggest organizations apply for projects in one of the three areas, or could projects potentially span all three?

Answer: Due to the amount of funding, it is advised that projects should be limited to one of the categories. Projects that are too broad tend to not review well.

Question: Do the projects for mental health screening for adolescents need to take place in a medical office? Can screenings be done in schools?

Answer: The mental health screening project in the Community Clinic Grant RFP is intending to focus on youth mental health screening as part of a Child and Teen Check-up conducted in a comprehensive primary care clinic with the clinic participating in a Quality Improvement (QI) process as the grant recipient (or as part of the grantee collaborative).

Projects to provide or improve youth mental health screening are welcome under the project option “C. Clinical services for at-risk youth”. Applicants would need to provide data to support the targeted youth are “at-risk”. Preventative, medical, dental and mental health services provided in a variety of ambulatory settings are eligible under that category.

Question: Is there a definition of “at-risk youth”?

Answer: No, applicants have flexibility to justify the vulnerability of the youth population they serve.

Question: Does the Due Diligence Review Form need to be completed if an applicant requests less than $25,000?

Answer: No.