

FY27 Mental Health Cultural Community Continuing Education Grant Program – Trainers Questions and Answers

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To submit a question, please email health.orhpc.workforcegrants@state.mn.us no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Time on October 16, 2026.

Q1. Are rural areas considered “underrepresented communities”?

A1. MDH defines “Underrepresented community” as a group that is not represented in the majority with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical ability. Please note that **individuals residing in rural areas** must be underrepresented in one or more of these statutory categories, or be members of communities of color, to be eligible for the free training.

Please see sections 1.4 and 2.2 in the RFP for more the full list of eligibility criteria.

Q2. How does an organization collaborate with another entity?

A2. It is possible to enter into a grant agreement where there is a fiscal agent and a programmatic grantee, this would be it is possible if there are two entities assuming separate responsibilities regarding a grant. In your application declare which organization would be the contracting entity and submit the required financial documents.

Q3. Does rural count as underrepresented?

A3. MDH defines “Underrepresented community” as a group that is not represented in the majority with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical ability. Please note that **individuals residing in rural areas** must be underrepresented in one or more of these statutory categories, to be eligible for the free training. Please see sections 1.4 and 2.2 in the RFP for the full list of eligibility criteria.

Q4. Does a proposed program need to be approved by a licensing board in order to be eligible?

A4. In order to be eligible, the proposed training program curriculum must be board-approved.

Please see sections 1.4 and 2.2 in the RFP for the complete list of eligible applicants and projects.

Q5. Are stipends for trainees required?

A5. Stipends are not a requirement for this program but are encouraged as a competitive priority. Stipends should not exceed \$2,000 per trainee and should only be offered to trainees who satisfactorily complete the coursework. Please see section 2.2 Enrollment and Training Guidance for more details on stipends.

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