



Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Open Call - Information Session

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Stronger Together Open Call

Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System In Cook County

- Supported by funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury, under the American Rescue Plan Act, the Office of Behavioral Health at Cook County Health seeks to award **\$44 million in grants** over a 26/27-month period to resolve behavioral health inequities across the region's behavioral health system of care through
 - increased systems alignment,
 - enhanced system quality, and
 - the expansion of access to early intervention and prevention, treatment, support, recovery, and crisis assessment and care.
- Proposed projects must take place and impact communities **within Cook County**.
- Deadline: **Wednesday, April 17th at 5:00 pm**



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Eligibility

The following are eligible to receive funding as part of this Open Call:

- **Community-based organizations (CBOs)**, defined as 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that have demonstrated service delivery to specific populations and/or community areas
- **Community Health Centers**, including free clinics, FQHC “lookalikes,” Independent Practice Associations (IPAs), mental health centers, and opioid treatment programs (OTPs)
- **Education agencies**, including Regional Offices of Education, K-12 public school districts, K-12 public and private schools, and higher education institutions
- **Faith-based Organizations**, defined as an organization whose values are based on faith and beliefs, which has a mission based on social values of the particular faith, including churches, synagogues, temples, monasteries, mosques, and other houses of worship
- **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)**, defined as federally funded nonprofit health centers or clinics that serve medically underserved areas and populations



Timeline

Description	Date
Open Call Launches	Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Information Sessions	Friday, March 8, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT
Capacity Building Workshops: Grant Applications	Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT Friday, March 22, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT
Capacity Building Workshops: Program Design	Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT Friday, March 29, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT
Capacity Building Workshops: Monitoring, Reporting, and Legal Agreements	Wednesday, April 3, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT Friday, April 5, 2024, from 12-1 PM CT
Application Deadline	Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 5 PM CT
Grant Recipients Announced	Week of June 5, 2024
Program Planning	Week of June 5 – Week of September 9, 2024
Program Launch	September 2024

Optional Virtual Capacity Building Workshops

Grant Applications

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 12-1 PM CT

Friday, March 22, 2024, 12-1 PM CT

- Key Open Call components
- Common grant application elements
- Grant application best practices

Program Design

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 12-1 PM CT

Friday, March 29, 2024, 12-1 PM CT

- Program design overview
- SMART goals, objectives, and outcomes
 - Budget categories and narrative

Monitoring, Reporting, and Legal Agreements

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 12-1 PM CT

Friday, April 5, 2024, 12-1 PM CT

- Tracking metrics and key performance indicators
 - Federal compliance (ARPA)
 - Legal Agreements

Grant Strategies

- **Prevention and Early Intervention: Youth & Family**- Meeting the Behavioral Health and Health-Related Social Needs of Students and Families Inside and Outside of School
- **Early Intervention- Adults & Older Adults**- Improving Screening and Integrated Care
- **Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services- Youth & Family**- Increasing Access and Coordinated Care
- **Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services- Adults & Older Adults** -Increasing Access and Coordinated Care
- **Crisis Care** -Increasing Community Awareness and Engagement and Aligning Mobile Crisis Response
- **Crisis Care- Somewhere to Go- Youth and Family**- Moving from Emergency Department to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, and Crisis Stabilization Units
- **Crisis Care: Somewhere to Go – Adults & Older Adults**- Moving from Emergency Departments to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, Crisis Stabilization Units, and Sobering Centers

Prevention & Early Intervention Strategy

Youth & Family -Meeting the Behavioral Health and Health-Related Social Needs of Students and Families Inside and Outside of School

Overview

Schools and communities provide critical settings where youth can receive behavioral health and health-related social needs resources to support their social and emotional development.

Examples

- Increasing the availability and access to screening tools and assessments, coordinated referral and care, and prevention programming
- Increasing community-based supports, treatment, group therapy, and counseling options
- Increasing initiatives that address upstream drivers of behavioral health and community trauma, including housing, transportation, and other wrap-around services for youth and families

Eligible Organizations

- ✓ 501(c)(3) Organizations
- ✓ Community Based Organizations
- ✓ Community Health Centers
- ✓ Education Agencies

Note: Collaboration is encouraged!

Track Funding

- ❑ Up to \$500,000
- ❑ Up to \$1,000,000

Early Intervention Strategy

Adults & Older Adults -Improving Screening and Integrated Care

Overview

Primary care and other nontraditional behavioral healthcare settings have implemented the use of brief screening tools to support the identification of mental health and substance use disorder symptoms and risk factors. Evidence supports that screening and early intervention approaches are effective ways to manage behavioral health concerns and improve the overall healthcare experience of individuals and families.

Examples

- Increasing the availability and access to coordinated screening and early intervention care for adults and older adults
- Increasing the availability and access to coordinated, and collaborative early intervention care, trauma-informed, support, and wrap-around services.

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- ✓ Community Health Centers
- ✓ Education Agencies

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Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services Strategy

Youth & Family - Increasing Access and Coordinated Care

Overview

The demand for mental health and substance use services for youth and families has significantly increased in recent years in Cook County. Both locally and nationally, there has been significant increases in the number of youth experiencing moderate to severe anxiety and depression, mental health emergencies, and suicide. While gaps in access to mental health and substance use treatment, recovery, and support services persist across the socioeconomic status, there are significant disparities for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) youth, LGBTQIA+ youth, and limited-English proficient youth and families.

Examples

- Increasing the provision of coordinated, trauma-informed, culturally humbled, linguistically responsive behavioral health and substance use programs that meet youth and families where they are at both in the schools and the community.
- Increasing access to a full continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery services for youth and families.

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Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services Strategy

Adults & Older Adults -Increasing Access and Coordinated Care

Overview

The demand for mental health and substance use services for adults and older adults is at an all-time high. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 1 in 5 people aged 12 or older used illicit drugs in the past year, 1 in 5 adults aged 18 or older have any mental illness, and less than half of those with mental illness received help for their disorders.

Examples

- Increasing access and coordination to trauma-informed, culturally humbled, linguistically responsive behavioral health and substance use programs that meet adults and older adults where they are in the community
- Increasing access to programs and services that provide behavioral health and substance use treatment, support, and recovery programs such as team-based care, harm reduction, and community-based peer support services

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Crisis Care Strategy

Increasing Community Awareness and Engagement and Aligning Mobile Crisis Response

Overview

When someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, there are several access points, such as 988, 911, text lines, and warm or care lines. When a crisis cannot be resolved over the phone, a mobile crisis team must be dispatched to provide community-based intervention to the individual in need wherever they are, such as their home or place of work. Mobile Crisis Teams provide further assessment to the person in need and treatment and/or connection to care. For these services to meet their full potential, we must increase our communities' awareness and engagement and enhance alignment.

Examples

- Increasing communities' awareness and engagement with someone to call and someone to respond and increase access and coordination of care to provide the right response to the person in need
- Decreasing cultural shame and stigma, increase awareness and buy in from the community on community-based crisis access points, and availability of services with age-appropriate assessment and treatment following call or text

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Crisis Care Strategy

Youth and Family - Moving from Emergency Department to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, and Crisis Stabilization Units

Overview

Youth require developmentally appropriate behavioral health crisis care. As a result, there are often considerable gaps in the capacity to serve youth and families. Too often, youth experiencing behavioral health crisis face hospitalization or justice system involvement, instead of the home and community-based services they need to de-escalate and stabilize. This is especially true for youth populations that have experienced high unmet behavioral health needs, including BIPOC youth, LGBTQIA+ youth, and limited-English proficient youth.

Examples

- Expanding access to developmentally appropriate assessment, sensitive de-escalation supports, safety planning
- Expanding access somewhere to go, and connection to on-going care where it is needed

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Crisis Care Strategy

Adults & Older Adults- Moving from Emergency Departments to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, Crisis Stabilization Units, and Sobering Centers

Overview

Behavioral health crisis systems are evolving to become more sophisticated and diverse as localities invest in addressing issues such as emergency department boarding, unnecessary law enforcement involvement in responses to non-criminal health care crises, and inadequate and inequitable access to services. The goals of crisis systems often include providing rapid access to care for individuals experiencing mental health challenges, with the aim of alleviating distress as quickly, safely, and effectively as possible.

Examples

- Expanding access to de-escalation supports, safety planning, somewhere to go, and connection to on-going care where it is needed.
- Expanding access to living rooms, in home stabilization, crisis stabilization units and sobering centers

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Open Call Application

Required Sections

Submission of Application Includes:

- Application Form
- Workplan by Strategy
- Budget and Budget Narrative by Strategy

Note: After completing the Application and uploading the forms noted above, applicants will receive a confirmatory email from GovGrants.Support@cookcountyil.gov acknowledging submission of the Application Form.

Please note that the application is not complete until all required application components and documents are also completed and submitted.



Application Submission Instructions

1. Access application materials from <https://cookcountyhealth.org/strongertogether/>
2. Download and complete the required application attachments found in “Downloadable Files”
3. Once your forms are complete, visit the GovGrants grant submission page (hyperlinked on the Stronger Together website) to submit the application
4. Once the application is submitted, you will receive an email acknowledging submission from GovGrants.Support@cookcountyil.gov
5. The completed application and required application documents must be submitted by **Wednesday, April 17, 2024, no later than 5 pm CT**

Application Requirements

1. Access and fill out the Application, Workplan, Budget, and Budget Narrative Forms

Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Grant Application

Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative aims to address behavioral health inequities across the region's system of care through increased systems alignment, enhanced system quality, and the expansion of access to early intervention and prevention, treatment, support, recovery, and crisis assessment and care. This initiative led by the Office of Behavioral Health at Cook County Health, are supported by funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury, under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Applications are due on **Wednesday, April 17th, 2024**, no later than **5:00 PM CT**. Applications and organizations complete and submit a Work Plan Template and Budget Narrative along with this **A** questions regarding this Open Call should be emailed to StrongerTogetherOpenCall@cookcounty

Program Mission:

Section A: Applicant Criteria

- Executive Director (ED)/Chief Executive Officer Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- ED/Chief Executive Officer Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- Project Director/ Manager Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- Project Director/Manager Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- Project Director/Manager Phone Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- Organization Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- Organization Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- State:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- Zip code:** Click or tap here to enter text.
- How would you categorize your organization?**
Choose an item.
- What is your organization's Unique Entity ID?** (Note: Unique Entity ID is used to identify your organization on SAM.gov (replaced the DUNS #)
Click or tap here to enter text.

Appendix - Budget Form

Applicants are required to complete and submit this Budget Form and a corresponding Budget Narrative Form in addition to the required grant application narrative. Please enter the grant funds you are requesting per year, as well as the total 26-month Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) grant request. The "Total Project Budget" should equal the funding amount specified in the Application.

Line item detail for each category, salary lines, time, rate and allocation, fringe detail, unit costs/quantities, and a comprehensive line item explanation of travel, consultants, contractors, and other direct costs is required in the Budget Narrative Form. Be sure to provide sufficient detail to enable reviewers to understand all proposed expenditures.

Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the Office of Behavioral Health Request each year, and in total. These indirect costs include any indirect allocations contained in the charges of Consultants and Contractors.

The Office of Behavioral Health is aware that program ramp-up may result in the need to offer different requested amounts for line items in Years 1-3. Applicant shall explain any differences for Year 1 lines, as compared to Year 2 lines, etc. in the Budget Narrative Form.

Applicant Organization Name:	
Project Name:	
Budget Contact - Name:	
Budget Contact - Email:	
Budget Contact - Phone:	
Strategy:	
Funding Track Selection:	

Goal 1:				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total Project
Objectives	Timeline	Outcome	Person	Requested OBH Grant Funds	Requested OBH Grant Funds	Requested OBH Grant Funds	Cost
<i>Define each action step on its own row. Define as many action steps as necessary by adding rows to the table.</i>	<i>An expected completion date (month and year) must be defined for each action step.</i>	<i>An expected outcome must be defined for each action step.</i>	<i>A response be identified step.</i>				
			a. Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			b. Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			c. Local Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			d. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			e. Materials and Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			f. Consultants and Contractors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			g. Other Direct Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			h. Total Direct Costs (a to g)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			i. Indirect Costs *	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			j. Total Project Budget (h + i)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

* Indirect costs shall not exceed 10% of the Office of Behavioral Health Grant Request each year, and in total for the 3 year period. Indirect costs include any indirect allocations contained in the charges of Consultants and Contractors.

Goal 3:				
Objectives	Timeline	Outcome	Person/Area Responsible	Comments

Application Requirements

2. Access the application: <https://cookcountygrants.my.site.com/apex/AnnouncementView?id=a2S3d000000wXrWEAU>
3. Click Submit Application, then fill out organization profile and upload aforementioned forms on GovGrants

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Announcement
Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative

[Submit Application](#) [Download Application Package](#)

EGMS ID	Status	Days Left to Apply	Application Due Date and Time
AN--001	Published	42	04/17/2024 5:00 PM

▲ General Information

Title	Program Name	Internal Organization
Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative	PG-TR011-0001	Cook County Health (Hospital)
CFDA Number		

▲ Financial Details

Award Ceiling	Award Floor
\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00

▲ Description

Announcement Description

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Stronger Together Strategies

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Application Requirements

4. Under the **Organization Profile tab**, enter all required information (fields marked with red asterisk).
5. Under the **Files tab**, upload required application materials to submit your application.
6. **Save application.** Organization profile and application file uploads must be complete to save and submit your application.

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Cancel Save

INSTRUCTIONS: Under the Organization Profile tab, enter all required information (fields marked with red asterisk). Under the Files tab, upload required application materials to submit your application.
*Organization profile and application file uploads must be complete to save and submit your application *

* Required to Save * Required to Submit

Organization Profile Files

▲ Funding Opportunity Information

Enterprise Grants Management System AN-001	Funding Opportunity Title Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative
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▲ Application Submission Details

*Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer Name <input type="text"/>	*E-mail Address <input type="text"/>
*Project Director/Manager Name & Title <input type="text"/>	*E-mail Address <input type="text"/>
Requested Budget Amount <input type="text"/>	*FEIN Number (Enter a 9 character field in the following format XX-XXXXXXX) <input type="text"/>
CFDA Number <input type="text"/>	*Proposed Program Geographic Cluster(s) Served (Include # and indicate Chicago or Suburb) <input type="text"/>
*Project Title <input type="text"/>	Indirect Rate (%) <input type="text"/>

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Frequently-Asked Questions

Can organizations that are not based in Cook County apply?

- Yes, organizations can be based anywhere if the grant project only serves Cook County residents

Is there a program/requirement difference between funding tracks?

- No, the only difference is the total funding amount over 26/27 months

How are program years counted?

- Year one: September –November 30, 2024
- Year two: December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
- Year three: December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026

Resources



Application and more information on
<https://cookcountyhealth.org/strongertogether>



Email **questions** to strongertogetheropencall@cookcountyhhs.org



Information Session recording will be available at
<https://cookcountyhealth.org/strongertogether>



Capacity-Building Workshops will be held on March 20, 22, 27, 29 and April 3 and 5 from 12-1PM CT

Our Ask

- Review the open call website (<https://cookcountyhealth.org/strongertogether>)
- Familiarize yourself with the application forms and application portal
- Ask any questions you may have to strongertogetheropencall@cookcountyhhs.org
- Please circulate and promote with your network and partners

Questions?



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Thank You!

Please email questions to:

strongertogetheropencall@cookcountyhhs.org



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