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Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind | Early Intervention
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Colorado's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

SUBGRANT APPLICATIONS

Writing and Submitting a Quality Application

Instructions

Background

On April 1, 2020, a four-year grant was awarded to Colorado from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support a review and refresh of the state's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) system. A novel aspect of our work is to create an advisory committee - The Colorado EHDI Alliance - which includes members of each family-based organization, representatives from state and community agencies involved in EHDI, parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH), and DHH adults. Another novel aspect of the the HRSA grant is to distribute funds, via subgrants, in order to address these three priorities:

- Professional Development
- Resources for Spanish-Speaking Families
- Family-to-Family Support

This communique describes *how organizations and-community groups can apply for subgrants* to support activities and outcomes in the three above-mentioned areas. The total available funding for subgrants in this first year of our grant is:

- \$7,000: Professional Development;
- \$2,000: Resources for Spanish-speaking Families
- \$7,000: Family-to-Family Support

Applicants may apply for grants in one or more of the above mentioned areas; however, applicants must submit a separate application for each content area. There are funding limits for individual grant applications as outlined below. Subgrants will be available each year (2020-2024; although amounts may vary) and organizations may apply for funding each year.

This year, the funding period will start on October 1, 2020 and run through the end of this fiscal year, which is March 31, 2021. The subgrant limits associated with each priority are:

- Professional Development: Limit of \$3,500/subgrant application
- Resources for Spanish-Speaking Families: Limit of \$2,000/subgrant application



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- Family Based Organizations for Family-to-Family Supports: Limit of \$3,500/subgrant application

In order to create a complete and competitive subgrant application, please follow these instructions.

1. Required Materials for Subgrant Application

- COEHDI Alliance Subgrant Application (Sections I-XI). This application is available on our website at: www.coehdi.org
- Budget Worksheet to accompany the budget narrative (Section XI in the application)
- Grant applications should be no more than 5 pages in length, single spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, 1 inch margins.

2. Reporting

- Each subgrantee is responsible for the maintenance and reporting of subgrant activities
- Each sub-grantee is responsible for reporting outcomes of subgrant activities to the Colorado EHDI Alliance at the end of the fiscal year (March, 2021). This report is due by April 30, 2021.

3. Funding

All grants are funded on a cost-reimbursable basis unless approval for advance payments by the Colorado EHDI Alliance is made. To be reimbursed for expenses, grantees will submit an invoice to the Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind for eligible grant expenses incurred in the previous month(s). Checks for approved expenses will be mailed approximately three weeks following receipt of the grantee's invoice.

4. Contractual Authority

All successful grant recipients must be willing to enter into a contractually binding agreement as prescribed by the Colorado Department of Human Services and the State of Colorado Fiscal Rules if needed. Adherence to confidentiality laws and proof of insurance are required if the recipient intends to provide direct services to clients through the grant proceeds.



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5. Grant Submission

A subgrant application can be submitted electronically, in PDF format, to grants@coehdi.org

6. Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of all applications is **Monday, August 31, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. MDT**. Applications that do not arrive by this deadline will **not** be reviewed.

7. Applicant Assistance

One of the Principal Investigators of our EHDI grant is available to answer your questions and provide support. You can contact Cliff Moers at: cliff.moers@state.co.us

8. Application Timeline

Event/Task	Deadline
Distribution of grant applications	August 1, 2020
Application deadline	August 31, 2020
Applications reviewed by the Colorado EHDI Alliance	September, 2020
Award announcements	September 21, 2020

All dates are tentative and subject to change.

Tips

1. Clearly describe the activities of your group or organization. Share with the grant reviewers details about your program and the types of services you provide.
2. Clearly illustrate your statement of need and the population that will benefit from your activities. Clearly identify who will benefit from your proposed project. Explain why.
3. Share as much evidence, including data if it is available, to demonstrate that your proposed project will work.



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4. Always keep the purpose of the grant in mind. Every funded project must clearly advance access to quality services for infants and toddlers who are deaf or hard of hearing, birth to 36 months of age, and their families.
5. Describe the ways in which your project will be sustained when the funding period ends.
6. If appropriate for your project, address the impact of COVID-19, and describe how your activities will support needs related to this current issue.