

South Dakota Innovation Grants

Introductory Statement

The innovation grants, proposed by the Noem Administration and passed in partnership with the South Dakota Legislature, are designed to fund projects in areas crucial to the needs of South Dakota's aging population.

The Department of Human Services Division of Long-Term Services and Supports invites all entities currently involved in providing long-term care services in a nursing home setting to apply for funds for projects that will benefit residents and employees.

Grants are available to qualified entities to fund proposals designed to improve the quality of life, care and treatment of person's living in South Dakota nursing homes.

Schedule of Activities:

Grant Application Release Date: April 29, 2019

Deadline To Submit Questions: May 13, 2019

Responses To Submitted Questions: May 20, 2019

Proposal Submission Deadline: June 3, 2019

Anticipated Award Date: August 1, 2019

Proposals May Include:

- Direct Improvements to Quality of Care: Funds may be used for projects designed to directly improve care processes for nursing home residents.
- Training: Funds may be considered for staff training and development programs to increase proficiency in awareness of resident needs and promote employee retention and job satisfaction.
- Improved Outcomes: Proposals designed to improve outcomes for residents and benefit their well-being and overall health.
- Direct Services: Services provided directly to residents that improve the quality of life and/or overall well-being of the resident and their health status.
- Continuum of Care: Fund may be used for projects designed to bridge the gap of the continuum of care in communities.
- Other projects that improve resident outcomes, advance the care and services provided in nursing homes, and support activities that benefit residents.

Project & Applicant Requirements

Applicants Shall:

- Licensed/Certified nursing home in South Dakota;
- Be qualified and capable of carrying out the intended proposal;

To meet criteria, applications must demonstrate the following:

- The ability of the project to improve resident outcomes and advance the care and services provided in nursing homes; and,
- The ability of the project to support activities that benefit residents;

Project proposals, which allow for statewide replication of promising practices, are encouraged.

Projects Cannot:

- Exceed Three Years;
- Include funds for capital improvements to a nursing home or to build a nursing home (such as, but not limited to: room additions; concrete walks; walls; fencing; replacing a heating system);
- Include funding for nursing home services or supplies that are already the responsibility of the nursing home (such as, but not limited to: laundry services; linen; food; heat; staffing costs);
- Include supplementary funding of federally required services.

Application Process

- Entities shall submit an application to the South Dakota Department of Human Services Division of Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) by the date and time noted in the schedule of activities. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Applicants may submit questions in writing through email to DHSInnovationGrants@state.sd.us by the date noted in the Schedule of Activities.

- The LTSS Nursing Home Innovation Grant evaluation team shall conduct the initial review and make a determination on the merit of each application if a grant will be awarded.
- The LTSS Nursing Home Innovation Grant evaluation team will respond to the applicant with approval, denial, or request for further information.
- The LTSS Nursing Home Innovation Grant evaluation team has final authority to approve or deny requests. Request that are denied are not subject to an appeal.
- If approved, the applicant will be notified of the funding determination.
- The LTSS Nursing Home Innovation Grant evaluation team will contact the applicant with instructions about the process for entering an agreement to allow for the release of funds.
- If a request is approved, the organization or entity from which the request originated shall be required to submit quarterly reports on the status of the project to the Department of Human Services.
- The outcome of the project, including metrics outlined in this application, must be reported at the completion of the project period.
- Information on approved projects will be made publicly available, including award amount, recipients and the proposal outline at the end of the stated schedule of activities in the grant application. (Proprietary Information Will Be Redacted)
- Successful grant applicants must complete a grant agreement with the State of South Dakota.

Instructions

- Complete all sections of the application as instructed. Incomplete applications may be denied.
- All proposals shall be submitted electronically to DHSInnovationGrants@state.sd.us. An acknowledgement email will follow the applicant's submission within 1 business day.
- The subject line of your email must say "Innovation Grant Application - *facility name*". (Ex. Innovation Grant Application – Golden Days Center)