Innovation Grant Questions and Responses

Q. We have an Enclosed Courtyard Project that we were going to be starting this summer/fall. I was wondering if that might be something we can write-up as a proposal. It would include a picnic shelter, large cement slab for the shelter, structure to enclose the open area outside (brick or a combination of materials), shrubbery and sitting benches for families/residents and some walking paths to and from the shelter.

A. The department would have to refer you back to the grant project categories and tie your proposal directly back to one of those.

Q. Should we partner with one of the LTCs for our submission or can we submit as a group that services these facilities?

A. Based on the fact that nursing homes are the eligible entities, we would suggest you partner with one or more long-term care facilities for your proposal submission.

Q. We are working on a replacement plan for 9 beds in our facility. Would this qualify? Would a new lift or other equipment needed for residents' rooms or cares qualify?

A. The primary intent of this grant was not to replace existing equipment. You can submit your proposal but please link them on how it will improve patient experience.

Q. Can training be done in house or just out of house?

A. Funds could be used to send staff to on-site training or bring in a qualified trainer.

Q. Can we apply for different categories or just one?

A. You can apply for multiple categories. We ask that if you have multiple projects that you submit a proposal for each.

Q. Do we need to fill out the Cooperative Agreement right away or after grant has been awarded?

A. You do not have to sign the agreement. That is for reference and will be handled once a grant is awarded.

Q. Are for-profit facilities eligible?

A. For-profit facilities are eligible.

Q. Wondering if wound-vacs would be considered?

A. Are you aware that there is already support available for wound care?
https://dhs.sd.gov/ltss/linksandresources.aspx

Q. Is there a limit to how many grants one SNF can submit?

A. There is no limit to the proposals a facility can submit.

Q. Is there a dollar amount limit awarded or cap awarded per SNF? (ex if 3 grants are submitted and awarded, the SNF will not exceed $100,000 in funding awarded etc.)

A. Funding will be determined by the number approved proposals and the total funding available.

Q. Can a corporation submit an application for multiple facilities in the state, or does it need to come from each individual SNF? (I have a consultant wondering about this.)

A. A corporation can submit one proposal as long as its consistent through all of it facilities.

Q. I have 2 proposals for our facility. Should I do 2 separate applications or combine the dollar amount for the 2 projects onto one application?

A. The department recommends that you submit two proposals.

Q. Is this grant unavailable to assisted living?

A. Yes, the awardee has to be a nursing facility.

Q. The goal is to keep people at the lowest level of care that is safe and appropriate, correct?

A. Yes, that is one of the goals of the Innovation Grants.

Q. If our assisted living partnered together with the local nursing home on ways to accomplish this, would we be eligible to apply for the grant?

A. If you partner with a nursing facility, you then would be eligible to apply for grant funding.

Q. We are inquiring if Tele Health equipment would be allowable?

A. Yes. Please describe how this will improve patient care in your proposal.

Q. If a facility wanted to convert an area of the facility for a specialty service, like ventilator care, dialysis care, bariatric care, etc., would grant funds be available to reimburse the capital expenses required for the infrastructure and equipment needs?

A. In your proposal, you will have to explain how this infrastructure upgrade will benefit the patients at your facility.

Q. Will the funds be paid out in one lump sum at the time of the award or periodically as the expenses occur?

A. Funds will be dispersed periodically based on the project plan.