



Crisis Care Mobile Units Tribal Vehicle Funding RFA Frequently Asked Questions

Please review the frequently asked questions. If you have any additional questions regarding specific allowable and unallowable activities and expenditures, please email CCMU@ahpnet.com. We will take questions through February 17, 2023. Applications are due February 28, 2023. We will make award notifications by March 15, 2023.

Grant Purpose and Program Intent

What is the purpose of the grants?

These funds are intended to help tribal entities expand access to crisis and non-crisis behavioral health care through the provision of infrastructure funding for vehicles and related costs.

What are crisis and non-crisis behavioral health services?

Behavioral health includes both mental health and substance use services. Services may include prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, including culturally relevant healing practices and services. While the primary purpose of the CCMU Program is to expand access to [crisis services](#), DHCS recognizes that there is a critical need for vehicles that support noncrisis work in Tribal communities as well.

Do these grants pay for behavioral health services?

No. The infrastructure funding for this project is specifically for vehicles used to improve access to services and related costs (such as gas and maintenance). It does *not* pay for staff salaries, etc

What is the grant period?

The grant period is from April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Funding

How much funding is available per tribal entity?

Up to \$1 million is available per applicant; however, funding is subject to availability.

Is there a minimum award?

The minimum award is \$50,000.

Can these funds be used to support existing vehicles?

These funds may not duplicate or supplant other available funding.

How is “tribal entity” defined?

Tribal entity, for the purpose of this grant, is defined as a federally recognized Indian tribe, tribal organization, or urban Indian organization as defined in section 1603 of title 25 of the United States code. This includes tribal contract or compact health centers (638) and urban Indian health clinics (437).

Can a Tribal Health Center, who serves Tribal and non-tribal families, use vehicles to serve both Tribal and non-tribal families?

Yes. Recipients of services of the Tribal Health Center, are eligible to be served using these vehicles.

What if we do not expect to need the vehicle until later in the grant period?

Vehicles must be purchased on or before June 30, 2024 to qualify for funding., it is not eligible for funding.

How are funds for vehicle purchases disbursed—up front or on a reimbursement basis?

Funding for vehicles is provided by a purchase order or reimbursement. Recipient or purchase order will provide proof of purchase and must be submitted to AHP for payment.

How are funds for insurance, maintenance, and gas disbursed—up front or on a reimbursement basis?

Recipients will identify monthly costs for insurance, maintenance, gas, or other vehicle related costs in a Statement of Work and will be reimbursed quarterly for the expenses. Receipts or invoices will not be required for these funding allowable. Receipts and/or invoices should be maintained by the contractor and made available upon request.

Allowable Uses of Funds

Does this grant support leasing?

Yes, vehicles may be either leased or purchased. However, funds will not pay for leasing a vehicle beyond June 30, 2025.

Are there any restrictions on the types of vehicles that can be leased or purchased?

The grant supports the purchase of cars, vans, and trucks, as well as recreational vehicles if they are to be used for mobile crisis and non-crisis services, including a mobile clinic. All vehicles must be maintained in good operating condition

Are electric vehicles allowable?

Yes, funds can be used to purchase electric vehicles, however, charging stations are not allowable..

Are used vehicles allowable?

Yes, funds can be used to purchase used vehicles, but the tribal entity cannot expend funds on vehicles that it already owns, such as by taking over payments using grant funds.

Can we use GSA or another fleet service?

Yes. You can use any service or dealership that is able to provide the required vehicles.

What vehicle modification costs are allowable?

Funds may be used to support modifications of vehicles, including communications equipment, all-weather tires, snow chains, enhanced lighting, safety dividers, or navigation systems. The only requirement is that the modifications are directly connected to providing behavioral health services in the community or transporting people to obtain behavioral health services.

What ongoing costs can be supported?

Grant funds may be used for fuel, insurance, registration, maintenance, parking, connectivity fees, and other monthly costs associated with making the vehicles available during the duration of the grant period.

Can the cost of staffing behavioral health services be charged to the grant?

No, you must have other funding sources available to cover the salaries and other costs of the staff who use the vehicles.

Can the vehicles be used to transport people other than staff?

Yes, the vehicles can be used to transport people to and from behavioral health services that they otherwise could not access as long as the vehicle is insured to provide this service.

Can the vehicles be used to transport individuals, including those covered by MediCal, to opioid treatment, doctor visits or counseling?

Yes.

Can the vehicles be used to transport individuals to non-behavioral health appointments?

These vehicles are intended for use for behavioral health crisis and non-crisis services. If a person has an appointment for behavioral health and medical at the same tribal clinic in the same day, use of the vehicle is appropriate to provide transportation to the person.

Do vehicles need to be returned after the end of the grant period?

Qualified entities may use BHCIP funds to acquire or invest in needed mobile crisis infrastructure. Under 5960.3 (8), the project applicant demonstrates that there are long-term covenants and restrictions that require the project to be used to provide behavioral health treatment for no less than 30 years, and those covenants and restrictions may not be amended or extinguished by a subsequent title holder, owner, or operator. DHCS expects the purchased mobile units/vehicles to depreciate and/or not be operable beyond thirty years, therefore the vehicles would not be required to be returned.

Is there a minimum number of hours that a vehicle must be used per month?

No. The use of the vehicles must, however, correspond to the need within the community.

Is there a minimum number of clients that a vehicle must be used to serve per month?

No. Again, the use must correspond to the need within the community.