

Dear Home & Community-Based Services Providers,

A second application cycle has been approved and started for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 4.07 New Systems of Care Grant to award the remaining grant funding not awarded in the first application cycle. The new deadline is Friday, June 2, 2023.

## About the Grant

The distribution of \$15 million has been authorized through ARPA Section 9817 in a new grant opportunity to:

- Help enhance, expand and strengthen the Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) direct care workforce in Colorado
- Support the facilitation of home sharing for older adults through the Systems of Care Grant

Eligible organizations can apply by Friday, June 2, 2023, using the <u>Colorado Systems of</u> <u>Care Application</u>.

Funds for the New Systems of Care Grants can be used to build or supplement existing programs in one or more of the following areas of focus:

- Home sharing facilitation where at least one individual in the home sharing match is at least age 55 or older
- Provision of college credit for prior learning (CPL) and work experience for Health First Colorado Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Direct Care Workers (DCWs)
- Tuition reimbursement distribution for Health First Colorado HCBS DCWs
- Child care reimbursement distribution for Health First Colorado HCBS DCWs

Changes cannot be made to a grant application once it has been submitted. Refer to the <u>Systems of Care Grant Guidelines</u> for more information.

Contact Austin Leffel at <u>Austin.Leffel@state.co.us</u> with any questions or for more information. Learn more and <u>start the application</u> today.

Thank you,

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