



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform county departments of human/social services of instructions to access funding under the FY 2019-20 County Grant Program Targeted Grants.

### **Information:**

The FY 2019-20 County Grant Program was funded by the General Assembly with a budget of \$1,000,000. In order to better address performance and quality outcomes, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) withheld \$250,000 in funding to implement new Targeted Grants. These Targeted Grants will provide funding to counties selected by the Department to pay for an outcome related to performance and quality. In addition, the Department may elect to add additional targeted grant funding from unspent competitive application grant funding as needed and required throughout the fiscal year.

Per current program rules, both competitive and Targeted Grant projects must be completed within the fiscal year in which they were funded. However, certain Targeted Grants may be extended to the following fiscal year, at the discretion of the Department, if performance or quality outcomes would be impacted from continued funding. Also, County Grant Program funding is contingent on annual legislative

approval; if the program is not funded, all projects would be required to discontinue work and approval of new projects would be terminated. Targeted Grants are funded to increase and achieve eligible performance and quality outcomes, which are solely determined by the Department.

#### Eligible Performance and Quality Outcomes

Access to targeted grant funds is not through the competitive application process as with the Department's standard funding awards through the County Grant Program. Rather, throughout the fiscal year the Department will identify a county or groups of counties which would qualify for targeted funding to achieve specific performance or quality outcomes. Eligible outcomes could include, for example, reducing eligibility determination error rates, increasing timeliness of determinations or reducing backlog of redeterminations, decreasing the number of steps in a process or outreaching to a specific population.

When a specific outcome and counties have been identified, the Department and the county/counties will jointly determine the final Statement of Work (SOW) and deliverables, with additional documentation submitted by the county/counties as requested. The county/counties will then be paid for the outcomes identified, which is tracked through the SOW and deliverables. Because the Department is passing through the funding, county/counties must follow all applicable federal and state laws as they do with standard county administration funding.

When performance and quality outcomes have been agreed upon, the Department will issue the county/counties an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement (IGGA) along with the SOW. The IGGA will be signed by the Department Controller and Executive Director and will not require action by the county/counties. The county/counties are automatically agreeing to the provisions of the IGGA by drawing down funding from the County Financial Management System (CFMS) through the CFMS code provided. Once the IGGA is provided, work can begin, unless otherwise stated by the Department.

Oversight for the Targeted Grants will be specific to the project and will be identified as part of the IGGA. By drawing down funding, the county/counties are agreeing to all oversight provisions as included in the IGGA and SOW. Technical assistance will be provided throughout the grant timeframe and grant closeout instructions will be provided within thirty (30) days of the end of the grant.

#### Additional Program Information

**Targeted Grants are not subject to competitive application; as such, there is no application process or deadlines to meet.** When an eligible performance or quality outcome is identified, the Department will engage the county/counties directly on the outcome and proposed funding. Counties are not required to accept Targeted

Grant funding, but the Department encourages those who will benefit from targeted funds to participate in the opportunity.

Unless otherwise specified, such as specific oversight requirements, Targeted Grants are subject to the same requirements as found in [Appendix D of the FY 2019-20 County Grant Program competitive application](#), "County Grant Program Conditions of Funding."

**Attachment(s):**

None

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