

# 2024 Mental Health Cultural Community Continuing Education Grant Program – Individuals Frequently Asked Questions

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## **Q1. I am currently in school and expect to receive licensure in a few months. Can I still apply for this grant, knowing that my license will be active shortly after the grant opportunity closes on April 1, 2025?**

A1. No, you cannot apply until your license is active. You must have an active license at the time of application. You may submit your application as soon as you receive your license if the opportunity is still available.

Please note: Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants in the order of which they are received. Once funding is depleted, there will not be additional funding available and the MHCCCE opportunity will be closed. We cannot guarantee continued funding for this program as it requires funding approval by the MN State Legislature.

## **Q2. I am licensed as an LISW but not as an LICSW. Why am I not eligible for this funding?**

A2. The legislation that allows for this grant funding specifies that the program shall develop a program in consultation with the relevant mental health licensing boards. Licensing boards were clear that individuals eligible for this funding would need to be able to engage in clinical practice, without supervision.

Per [Sec. 148E.110 MN Statutes](#) LICENSED INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKERS; SUPERVISED PRACTICE, Subd. 2. “After licensure, a licensed independent social worker must not engage in clinical social work practice except under supervision by a licensed independent clinical social worker who meets the requirements in section [148E.120, subdivision 1](#), or an alternate supervisor designated according to section [148E.120, subdivision 2](#).”

## **Q3. I am licensed as an LGSW. Why am I ineligible for this grant?**

A3. Please see #2, above. An LGSW who practices clinical social work must do so under supervision from an LICSW. Please see [Sec. 148E.106 MN Statutes](#) for additional information.

**Q4. I am a licensed LP who works in both MN and WI but I live in Wisconsin. Can I apply for this grant?**

A4. No, this opportunity is only available to residents of Minnesota as it is a MN State funded program.

**Q5. Does this grant pay for supervision hours required to apply for one of the eligible licenses?**

A5. No, not at this time. The legislation that outlines this grant program is specific in that it provides funding for continuing education, only.

**Q6. I have a LMFT License and serve BIPOC and underrepresented individuals but am neither a person of color or underrepresented per Sec. 148E.010 MN Statutes. Why am I not eligible for a grant?**

A6. The legislation that covers this grant program specifies that applicants must be members of communities of color or underrepresented communities as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148E.010, subdivision 20.

**Q7. I have my own practice and am not sure if I serve at least 25% of patients receiving services through a sliding fee schedule or who are enrolled in a public state insurance program. Can I still apply?**

A7. All applicants must sign an attestation that they will adhere to this requirement if they receive a grant. We recommend that applicants review their financial and billing records to determine the per cent of clients they have served in the most recent calendar year, who are receiving services through a sliding fee schedule or who are enrolled in a public state insurance program if they do not know if they are currently meeting this requirement.

**Q8. My spouse and I are both licensed professionals who live together. Can we both apply for this grant?**

A8. Yes. All eligible professionals may apply.

**Q9. I received this grant in the past. Can I reapply and use the funds to pay for my supervision hours as I continue to pursue supervision status?**

A9. No. The authorizing legislation specifies that this grant is only for the continuing education coursework. Once you have completed your coursework, whether through this program, another program, or you paid for the credits yourself, you are ineligible for this grant.

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