

**23-02 Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA)
Services to BIPOC Communities
Questions and Answers 2023.02.24**

All questions must be emailed to the DDAP Grants Management Account at
RA-DAGrantsMgmt@PA.GOV.

ID	23-02 GIFA Questions and Answers
1	<p>Can you confirm that all entities applying for this GIFA must be non-profit?</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from eligible applicants.</p> <p>Eligible Applicants are as follows:</p> <p>Organizations which provide services, outreach, and/or education to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities that promote access to 1) harm reduction services, 2) low-barrier substance use disorder (SUD) and medication-assisted treatment (MAT), 3) recovery and peer supports, and/or 4) offender reentry supports are eligible to apply under this funding announcement. Single County Authorities (SCAs) are not eligible to apply under this funding announcement.</p>
2	<p>Would a behavioral health managed care organization be considered eligible if it provides outreach to BIPOC communities for harm reduction and SUD care?</p> <p>Organizations which provide services, outreach, and/or education to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities that promote access to 1) harm reduction services, 2) low-barrier substance use disorder (SUD) and medication-assisted treatment (MAT), 3) recovery and peer supports, and/or 4) offender reentry supports are eligible to apply under this funding announcement.</p>
3	<p>Can for profit organizations apply for this grant?</p> <p>See question number 1 above.</p>
4	<p>Do orgs have to be DDAP licensed to apply?</p> <p>See question number 1 above.</p>
5	<p>Can you expound on this a little more: “The Applicant shall identify if its organization has or will have BIPOC leadership, including if its chief officer (e.g. CEO, President, etc.) is a member of the BIPOC community, as well as the percentage of BIPOC members on its governing board, if applicable.”</p> <p>Applicants will describe BIPOC leadership and/or oversight roles and their relationship to the project.</p>

**23-02 Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA)
Services to BIPOC Communities
Questions and Answers 2023.02.24**

All questions must be emailed to the DDAP Grants Management Account at
RA-DAGrantsMgmt@PA.GOV.

ID	23-02 GIFA Questions and Answers
6	<p>I reviewed the funding application and would like some clarification on the page limits. Is it accurate that: Narrative project description: there is a minimum of 5 pages and a maximum of 8 pages, Project Sustainability: no page limit and is separate to the narrative project description, Reporting requirements: no page limit and is separate to the narrative project description</p> <p>The Project Description has a minimum of 5 pages and a maximum of 8 pages. The Project Sustainability and Reporting Requirements are included within the 8-page maximum of the Project Description.</p>
7	<p>Regarding ineligible expenses: Payment for treatment services or cash payments are not allowed; would stipends in the form of a gift card as incentive for treatment be allowable?</p> <p>Are we able to provide training to individuals with lived experience via a supported employment program?</p> <p>Are we able to utilize funding to provide stipends in the form of a gift card as incentive to individuals who recruit peers to the MOUD program?</p> <p>Are we able to request funding to upgrade or remodel an existing space to better serve the community?</p> <p>Gift card incentives for treatment and recruitment are not allowable under this funding announcement.</p> <p>Training to individuals with lived experience and upgrades/remodeling to existing spaces are eligible expenses.</p>
8	<p>Two questions regarding eligible expenses. Could we purchase a vehicle to transport clients to SUD treatment? Transportation one of the greatest obstacles for our clients.</p> <p>Could we purchase real estate with the funding? Housing at any level of care is another great barrier our clients face.</p> <p>Yes, the purchase of a vehicle and real estate is allowable under this grant opportunity. These expenses are considered “fixed assets,” as detailed on page 8 of the 23-02 Services to BIPOC Communities funding announcement under section e. Equipment.</p>

**23-02 Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA)
Services to BIPOC Communities
Questions and Answers 2023.02.24**

All questions must be emailed to the DDAP Grants Management Account at
RA-DAGrantsMgmt@PA.GOV.

ID	23-02 GIFA Questions and Answers
9	<p>Regarding the GIFA Section: Cover Page: Our Foundation is the fundraising arm of our family of services. Our family of services includes services based in and serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Both our Foundation and Commonwealth based service have UEI and SAM numbers. Is applying via the Foundation for the benefit of Commonwealth services an option, or must we apply directly via Commonwealth based service?</p> <p>GIFA Section: Eligible Program Activities and Expenses: Under Personnel Services, can funds support increased pay for staff, or is this only for new positions (or are both allowed)?</p> <p>The Applicant shall be the organization which provide services, outreach, and/or education to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities that promote access to 1) harm reduction services, 2) low-barrier substance use disorder (SUD) and medication-assisted treatment (MAT), 3) recovery and peer supports, and/or 4) offender reentry supports are eligible to apply under this funding announcement.</p> <p>Funds cannot support increased pay for staff under this funding announcement.</p>
10	<p>This year, the annual international street medicine symposium is happening in London on September 28 – 30. Could we use a portion of this grant to send our Street Medicine team to this conference?</p> <p>Yes, funding for staff to attend conferences is allowable under this grant opportunity. Any Grantee of this funding opportunity shall be required to follow the travel and subsistence policies and procedures of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This would include receiving prior approval for all out of state travel prior to the travel occurring.</p>
11	<p>Is the SAP number required on the cover sheet for the GIFA 23-02?</p> <p>Yes, the SAP vendor number is required on the cover sheet.</p>
12	<p>Is transportation allowed for expenses? Bus tokens, passes, purchase of a shuttle or vehicles to engage the population? Transportation is the biggest obstacle for our clients to access treatment.</p> <p>Yes, transportation services can be included within proposed expenses. This can include leasing of vehicles, bus tokens or passes, as well as Uber and similar transportation services.</p> <p>In addition, see question number 8 above.</p>

**23-02 Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA)
Services to BIPOC Communities
Questions and Answers 2023.02.24**

All questions must be emailed to the DDAP Grants Management Account at
RA-DAGrantsMgmt@PA.GOV.

ID	23-02 GIFA Questions and Answers
13	<p>Would harm reduction supplies include syringe exchange outside of city limits?</p> <p>No, funds cannot be used for syringe exchanges.</p>
14	<p>Is this funding only to be used for BIPOC clients, or are all clients regardless of race/ethnicity able to partake in services, with a specialized focus and targeted efforts on engaging BIPOC participants and communities?</p> <p>Organizations which provide services, outreach, and/or education to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities that promote access to 1) harm reduction services, 2) low-barrier substance use disorder (SUD) and medication-assisted treatment (MAT), 3) recovery and peer supports, and/or 4) offender reentry supports are eligible to apply under this funding announcement.</p>