

# BMS-F NJ Safety Net Innovation Program

## *Frequently asked questions*

### 1. Is there a particular template or format I should use for the Letter of Interest (LOI)?

The LOI should state your name, organization type (i.e., FQHC, CHC, safety-net hospital, etc.) and that your organization intends to apply for the grant. You do not need to provide a synopsis of your proposed project. The LOI is simply to help us gauge the volume of applications that will be submitted prior to the deadline.

### 2. To whom should the LOI be submitted?

Please email [NJSNIP@camdenhealth.org](mailto:NJSNIP@camdenhealth.org).

### 3. Can you still submit an application if you miss the LOI deadline?

Yes. The LOI is strongly encouraged but not required. Organizations are still eligible to apply Aug 1 regardless of whether an LOI was submitted.

### 4. Our organization is a CBO. Are we eligible for this grant opportunity?

Only nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status, located in NJ, that qualify as one of the following four organization types are eligible to apply:

- Community health centers (CHC) - including federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and "look alike"
- Free and charitable clinics
- Essential/safety-net hospitals
- Regional Health Hubs

We encourage qualified entities to partner with CBO's or other key organizations as co-applicants. The partnering organization does not have to be one of the 4 eligible organization types.

### 5. Is a non-profit social services program eligible to apply?

No, but social services programs and other types of non-profit service organizations are encouraged to partner with an eligible healthcare agency that could apply.

### 6. Is a non-profit behavioral health agency that provides mental health and substance use services eligible to apply?

No, but behavioral health agencies and other types of non-profit service organizations are encouraged to partner with an eligible healthcare agency that could apply.

### 7. If my organization is not eligible for this grant opportunity, can we partner with a qualified entity as a co-applicant through a joint proposal?

Yes. We encourage formal partnerships through a joint proposal with shared funding between an eligible entity and a local community-based organization. If a qualified entity partners with CBO or other key organizations as co-applicants, the partnering organization does not have to be 1 of the 4 eligible organization types. We believe that equitable partnership with community-based entities is a powerful strategy that can help organizations successfully implement their initiatives.

## 8. Can our organization submit more than one proposal?

Organizations may submit more than one proposal. Each proposal must be submitted as a separate application. Submitting multiple applications does not increase the chance that an organization will be funded.

## 9. Are there particular topics of interest that are a priority for funding or otherwise preferred for this program?

There are no preset or preferred health conditions or topics of interest that will receive priority for funding. Applicants should propose projects that have the potential for greatest impact for the targeted audience/community and sustainability by the organization.

## 10. Where can I view the application in its entirety, without clicking through the online form?

A PDF of full application is at <https://camdenhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/NJ-SNIP-RFP-RFA-final.pdf>

## 11. Where can I view the RFP?

Here is the link to the website where the RFP and all application questions can be found:

<https://camdenhealth.org/NJ-SNIP>

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## 12. Can one proposal address multiple needs identified by the organization?

A proposal can address multiple needs.

## 13. Can you clarify the total funding available?

A total of up to \$300,000 is available for the 2-year grant which includes up to \$150,000 per year (but will not exceed 15% of an organization's annual operating budget).

## 14. Can you clarify the grant period?

This is a 2-year grant. For the purposes of annualized budgets, applicants may use January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 as Year 1 and January 1 – December 31, 2025 as Year 2.

## 15. Is there a grant narrative required?

Yes, there is a narrative requirement. It is described in Section 2: Proposed Work of the BMS-F NJ SNIP Funding Application portion of the [RFP on pages 5 and 6](#).

## 16. How is Resilia incorporated into the grant activities?

Grantees will have access to Resilia, an online platform that delivers coaching, technical assistance, and capacity-building support to nonprofit organizations. Grantees may use this resource according to the needs of their organization/team.

## 17. What if an organization feels that they do not need the support with coaching, TA, or capacity building through Resilia?

NJSNIP is making available a range of technical assistance resources that grantees can choose to use based on the team's needs. The funded organization may gift their Resilia access to their partner organization.

18. Will there be a recording of the informational webinar?

Yes, the recording of the informational webinar can be found on the NJ SNIP website here:

**<https://camdenhealth.org/NJ-SNIP>**

19. What is the expected buy-in from our organizational leadership? Should our boards and senior management be involved or our clinical teams? Or both?

For an organization to effectively implement the project, buy-in is needed from the senior and leadership level of the organization. However, we are not requiring a signed letter of support from your organization's leadership. The signatory information provided on your application is the only indication of buy-in required from the applicant.

20. What is the support provided by the grant? Is it strategies to address that need or evidence based-strategies or something else?

In addition to the funding, grantees will receive one-on-one technical assistance will provided by the Camden Coalition to develop and implement plans to ensure the success of the proposed project. Grantees will attend quarterly check-ins on project plans and implementation wherein coaching and technical assistance needs will be assessed. The frequency of check-ins from the technical assistance project management team will be customized to reflect the level of support needed by the grantee.

For any questions about the application process or for support with accessibility (language/digital ability), please contact **[NJSNIP@camdenhealth.org](mailto:NJSNIP@camdenhealth.org)**. All documents for the grant can be found at the BMSF NJ SNIP webpage at **<https://camdenhealth.org/NJ-SNIP>**