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[www.oshpd.ca.gov](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov)**Psychiatric Education Capacity Expansion (PECE) Grant Program****Questions and Answers****July 8, 2020**

**Question 1:** How much funding is available for the PECE program categories?

**Answer:** See Section C2 “Available Funding” of the PECE [PMHNP Training Program](#) and the [Psychiatry Residency](#) Grant Guide.

**Question 2:** How long is the grant period and when does it start and end?

**Answer:** See proposed start and end dates of the grant period in Section N “Key Dates” of the [PMHNP Training Program](#) and [Psychiatry Residency](#) Grant Guide.

**Question 3:** Could you provide a definition for public mental health system?

**Answer:** See definition on page 16 of the [2020-2025 WET Five-Year Plan](#).

**Question 4:** If we apply for a New Program can we seek four years of funding?

**Answer:** No. Please disregard the budget column, FY 2023-24, in the online application. See section L1a “Post Award and Payment Provisions” of the [PMHNP Training Program](#) and [Psychiatry Residency](#) Grant Guide.

**Question 5:** The sample application does not have any narrative sections. Does the online application contain narrative sections?

**Answer:** No. The sample application contains a complete application. See the sample PECE applications at <https://oshpd.ca.gov/loans-scholarships-grants/grants/wet/>.

**Question 6:** For new programs, are applicants required to provide a sustainability letter similar to the example?

**Answer:** Yes. Please see Section G2 “Initiating an Application” of the [PMHNP Training Program](#) and [Psychiatry Residency Grant Guide](#).

## **Part I: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Training Programs**

**PMHNP Question 1:** Only schools of nursing are eligible for Bureau of Registered Nursing (BRN) accreditation; does this mean only schools of nursing may apply? We are an academic non-profit health center that hosts Nurse Practitioner (NP) students from all local PMHNP school of nursing programs and have affiliation agreements with these local schools of nursing. Can we apply as the primary organization?

**Answer:** See Section C1 “Eligibility Requirements” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 2:** Would organizations that have received prior Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) funding and BRN certification be eligible to apply?

**Answer:** See Section C1 “Eligibility Requirements” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 3:** Would OSHPD consider applications from Schools of Nursing without BRN and accreditation requirements?

**Answer:** See Section C1 “Eligibility Requirements” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 4:** Would OSHPD consider an amendment to the Grant Guide that will allow for a non-profit organization to partner with a School of Nursing with a Sustainability Letter to then be eligible to apply for the grant?

**Answer:** No. See Section C1 “Eligibility Requirements” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 5:** Will OSHPD consider an amendment to the Grant Guide that will allow for creation of a post-graduate PMHNP residency program that can be run by non-profit, community-based organizations?

**Answer:** No. See Section C1 “Eligibility Requirements” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 6:** Are non-profit organizations and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) be eligible to apply or is the PMHNP Training Program Grant Guide designed just for IHEs (Institutions of Higher Education)?

**Answer:** See Section C1 "Eligibility Requirements" of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 7:** The eligibility requirements are for accredited school of nursing programs. Our organization is an outpatient mental health service provider and not an educational entity. How do we receive accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or approval from the BRN?

**Answer:** See Section C1 "Eligibility Requirements" of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 8:** Will there be future funding for new and/or expanded PMHNP training programs?

**Answer:** See Section C2a "Available Funding" of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 9:** We are a current mental health services contractor for the County of San Diego. As a current contractor, are we eligible to serve as a field placement for the PECE PMHNP funding opportunity?

**Answer:** See definition of "Public mental health workforce" located on page 16 of the [2020-2025 WET Five-Year Plan](#) to confirm that you meet the definition of a PMHS site eligible for field placement.

**PMHNP Question 10:** We are expanding our PMHNP program and already plan to admit additional students in Fall 2020. Our students will start their clinical course and clinical component in Fall 2021. We are hiring a PMHNP to assist us finding more placements with a priority in the Public Mental Health System (PMHS). Are we eligible to receive PECE PMHNP funding to support these additional students?

**Answer:** No. See [Grant Guide Addendum 2](#).

**PMHNP Question 11:** What are the budget limits that new and expansion programs should consider and is it based on per student ratio which would also include staff and faculty salaries?

**Answer:** See Section E “Funding Categories” and “Attachment A: Evaluation Criteria for PMHNP Training” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**PMHNP Question 12:** Could you tell me if the PECE PMHNP opportunity is subject to the federal executive senior services salary cap with regard to our administrative budget?

**Answer:** No. See Section H “Budget Restrictions”, and Section F “Budget Detail Provisions” of Attachment C and Attachment D of the [Grant Guide](#).

## **Part II: Psychiatry Residency Programs**

**Psychiatry Residency Question 1:** Can an organization that has already incurred costs associated with establishing a new residency program but currently pending full accreditation qualify for the PECE grant funding as a new or expansion program?

**Answer:** Please see Section D “Determining Eligibility” and Section E “Funding Categories” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 2:** We are a new psychiatry residency program that only recently received provisional accreditation from the ACGME. We will not be eligible to expand our program for at least two years. Are we eligible for Psychiatry Residency Expansion Program funding were we to expand our program in 2022-23?

**Answer:** No. See Section D2 “Determining Eligibility” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 3:** Can the child and adolescent fellowship focus be a continuation of a current program or does it have to be a brand-new program and slots?

**Answer:** It must be a brand-new fellowship. See Section D “Determining Eligibility” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 4:** Can the added resident number be a conversion of a currently, non-public-sector resident to a new track focusing on public sector psychiatry? Can we change the trajectory of a current resident to that of community focused experience instead of adding a new residency slot?

**Answer:** No. See Section D “Determining Eligibility” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 5:** Can the added hours in public sector psychiatry be in terms of new didactics or classroom learning for general psychiatry residents?

**Answer:** No. See “Attachment F: Sample PECE Psychiatry Residency Program Expansion Grant Agreement” and Section C3b under “Scope of Work” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 6:** Can we have a budget request that will increase over time per year to ensure that all enrolling residents are covered over the term of the grant or would we only be able to claim the cost for those positions added in the first year?

**Answer:** Yes. Applicants should reflect costs in their proposed budget for all new residents added each year and covered over the term of the grant period. Please see page 5 of the [Sample PECE Psychiatry Residency Expansion Application](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 7:** Do you determine cost per resident by dividing the total budget by the number of new or additional residents?

**Answer:** Please see Grant Guide [ADDENDUM 2](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 8:** For a new psychiatry residency program, the budget requested does not include residents’ salaries and benefits. If we anticipate ACGME funding prior to 2023 do we still complete each year budget and if so, where do we include the resident salary and benefits?

**Answer:** No. See Section E1 “Funding Categories” of the [Grant Guide](#) and page 5 of the [“Sample PECE New Psychiatry Residency Application”](#) which contains “Proposed Budget” line items.

**Psychiatry Residency Question 9:** So, we are hoping to get ACGME accreditation in time to start the new class July 2021, so our budget would only be for this 2020/21 FY correct?

**Answer:** Yes. See Section E1 “Funding Categories” of the [Grant Guide](#).

**Psychiatry Residency Question 10:** For new psychiatry residency programs will the reimbursement go back to the beginning of working on American Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accreditation?

**Answer:** No. The Grantee can only apply for reimbursement for activities performed during the grant period. See “Attachment E: Sample PECE New Psychiatry Residency Program Grant Agreement,” Section J7 of the [Grant Guide](#) for “General Terms and Conditions”.