GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to design, develop and implement consent management solution to support health information exchange among entities participating in the District of Columbia Health Information Exchange (DC HIE). Funding for this grant opportunity is from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Supporting Provider Capacity to Deliver High Quality Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Services in the District of Columbia. The Director of DHCF has authority to issue grants under the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4) (2012 Repl.)).

A Request for Applications (RFA) for the below opportunity will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria, and DHCF terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding. The anticipated performance period for this grant is from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021.

Description of Opportunity:

Consent Management for HIE: One (1) grant of $1,000,000 will be awarded to one (1) qualified applicant to design, develop, and implement a granular consent management solution to enable the exchange of substance use disorder (SUD) data protected by 42 CFR Part 2 among organizations participating in the DC HIE.

Exchanging SUD data among organizations participating in the DC HIE will support the District’s effort to transform the behavioral health system in integrating physical and behavioral health information. However, privacy-preserving health information exchange is only possible through a robust consent management process.

The goal of this effort supports DHCF’s strategic priority to build a health system that provides whole person care, which requires that Medicaid beneficiaries have the option to control the flow of their health information.

The consent management solution should allow entities participating in the DC HIE to provide person-centered care for Medicaid beneficiaries by supporting the ability to: create, manage, sign and revoke 42 CFR Part 2 compliant consent; allow local and centralized opt-out; enable identity management and verification; facilitate clinical documents (CCD/C-CDA) and Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) data segmentation based on consent preferences; support leading interoperability standards; enable the patient or provider to consent on behalf of patient; and notify the patient regarding consent selections.
The applicant shall also provide tailored technical assistance, training, and implementation support so that HIE participants can adopt the consent management tools during the grant period.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
Each eligible applicant must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be organized under the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act (D.C. Official Code, sec. 29-501 et seq) or organized as a Non-Profit organization in the jurisdiction where the entity is incorporated.
2. Have the authority to enter into an agreement with DHCF and be in compliance with applicable District of Columbia laws and regulations.
3. Be a registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and demonstrate Clean Hands certification at the time of application.
4. Be an HIE entity; defined as a unit that creates or maintains an infrastructure that provides organizational and technical capabilities in an interoperable system to enable the secure, electronic exchange of health-related information among participating organizations not under common ownership.
5. Be an HIE entity participating in the DC Health Information Exchange operating in the District of Columbia.

An RFA will be released on or around January 31, 2020. The application package will be available online at [http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse](http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse) and the DHCF website ([https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities](https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities)). Hard copies of the application package may be obtained at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk daily from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM at 441 4th Street NW, 10th Floor, Main Street Room 1028, Washington, DC, 20001. Prospective applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

Completed applications must be received on or before 4:00 P.M. on March 2, 2020. Applications must be submitted in hard copy and in-person at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline. All eligible applications will be reviewed through a competitive process.

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