

1. **Question: I understand from the items you sent that we would have until September 30 to spend the funds. Is that correct?**
 - a. Answer: That is correct (9/30/2021).
2. **Question: What kind(s) of individual-level data will the Board be requesting—demographics or Personally Identifiable Information (e.g. name, SSN, birthdate)?**
 - a. While not fully identified yet, we would envision collecting Protected Health Information, service amounts (treatment/support/prevention) and related outcome data that will allow us to efficiently track individuals who receive any and all services provided partially and/or fully with funds that pass through or emanate from the MHR SB. The manner in which this will occur has not been developed, but the MHR SB staff is open to suggestions.

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3. **Question: I am working on filling out the required worksheet for these funds. We have a couple different projects we want to include - can I include it all on one worksheet? ie: we want to create gender neutral restrooms, re-do a parking lot, etc. - can that all be put together on the one worksheet or do I have to do separate ones for each type of project?**
 - a. Answer: One worksheet is fine, and separate budgets for each. If you need a few more lines (in the 'word-limit' fields) since you're writing up more than one project, that's totally fine. Just not a novella, please.
4. **The introduction document indicates that "...funds will remain open until June 30, 2021." yet the Worksheet and the Q&A issued on May 5 indicate that funds must be spent by September 30th, 2021. Can you elaborate on any restrictions or requirements we would have to adhere to as it relates to the June 30, 2021 date referenced in the Introduction?**
 - a. Answer: The Board is aiming to spend the money by granting it to the agencies by June 30, 2021. Agencies are to then spend this grant by September 30, 2021.
5. **The introduction document indicates that agencies requesting "...funds will commit to developing a process to share client-level data electronically with the MHR SB." Can you elaborate on what this commitment entails, or will this commitment be further explained in any contract amendments related to these capital dollars? Further, does the commitment to developing a process also mean that agencies will be required to collect any additional data elements than it does today?**
 - a. Answer: Please see response to question #2 above.
6. **What is the source of the funds being provided? Further, are there any compliance requirements other than those identified in the Introduction Document (ie Federal Uniform Grant Guidance or the Provider Agreement)?**
 - a. Answer: These are local funds, not state or federal.
7. **For the 25% Trauma Informed Certification funds, would Staff Wages & Fringe Benefits be allowable costs if those specific staff are performing Trauma Informed Certification functions such as Training and Education specific to Trauma Informed Certification?**

a. Answer: Yes.

8. If an agency is in the process of being Trauma Informed Care certified, but has not officially received its certification, can the 25% Incentive funds be used for Capital instead?

a. Answer: As a reminder, funds can be used to reimburse the agency (retroactive to January 1, 2021) for costs incurred for the agency to become Trauma-Informed ('TI') Certified. That said, if the agency's TI Certification is underway and it wants to use the 25% incentive funds for capital (either in addition to or in lieu of TI Certification reimbursement), the agency must:

- i. indicate the anticipated date of TI Certification and the training model under which TI Certification is being pursued;
- ii. detail how the agency will use the funds to advance the Board's health equity goals within their organization; and
- iii. the capital project using incentive funds must be detailed in the same format as the base capital funds.

9. For the Capital Funds, is there any Public Notice required for bidding on construction projects or capital improvements?

a. Answer: Agencies should follow their policies regarding bidding on construction projects or capital improvements. As noted in the application: *"Agencies are reminded of their responsibility to ensure all projects comply with Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law. Many local governments have signed Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) with the Northwest Ohio Building Trades Council. This is a best practice that we encourage agencies to adopt. PLAs are effective tools to ensure construction projects are completed in a timely fashion by a local workforce, while emphasizing livable wages, safety, and above all— quality workmanship. Under PLAs, an agency is guaranteed access to the highest skilled construction workforce, at a time when the Associated General Contractors of Ohio reports most construction contractors struggle to find enough skilled workers. The hiring of a local workforce helps to further stimulate the local economy. Additionally, PLAs make certain that workers are paid fair wages, receive benefits, and are classified properly as employees as opposed to independent contractors."*

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10. Question: We are still pretty new here. I just want to make sure that I understand. We can ask for \$10,000 for health equity and/or trauma informed certification. We can ask for another \$30,000 for Capital Improvements that address the Board's Interim Strategic Plan Pillars? Is this correct? This is in addition to our grant and not taking from our \$41,717. Is that all correct?

- a. Answer: You are correct. The \$30,000 is a base allocation for capital improvements that you can request. The additional amount (\$10,000) is to incentivize your agency to become Trauma-Informed Certified. If your organization already is, it can instead request funding for capital improvements that address our health equity pillar in our 18-month Interim Strategic Plan.

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11. Question: If we identify a model on our application, is there flexibility to change [firm] prior to contracting by the September date?

- a. Answer: That would be fine, so long as Board staff are informed via email and it is an actual model leading to certification for the agency.

12. Question: We have been reviewing various projects and initiatives we have underway and have a question about use of the Incentive Funds. Can this be used to help cover the cost of our diversity and inclusion efforts to address health equity that would not typically be defined as a "capital improvement"? This will be to cover some of the cost of a dedicated staff member leading our Diversity & Inclusion and Health Equity efforts for the agency.

- a. Answer: If this isn't specifically part of the training for becoming a trauma-informed certified agency, then it would not be covered, unfortunately.

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13. Question: Is there a trauma-informed certification for non-clinical organizations? We are researching models and have found trainings for non-clinical orgs, but none that really lead to a certification.

- a. Answer: National Council is who the LCBDD used and they are also non-clinical.

14. Question: The table in the letter says "and/or" regarding incentive funds to address health equity "and/or" trauma informed certification. We are not certified. Does the "and/or" indicate that we can pursue the Health Equity Capital in place of the TIC?

- a. Answer: No. This part in the letter (below) ahead of the table should give additional guidance on how the incentive funds can be used, and the "and/or" in the table should be read in this context:

"How to access the 25% Incentive Funds: The entire amount of funds available in the 25% pool would be available for expenses related to obtaining Trauma-Informed Certification for any agency that has not already acquired Trauma-Informed Certification. Agencies that are in the process of acquiring Trauma-Informed Certification can access the 25% pool for retroactive cost reimbursement dating back to January 1, 2021. Any excess of the 25% pool after acquiring Trauma-Informed Certification can be

used for capital improvements related to improving Health Equity efforts. Agencies with existing Trauma-Informed Certifications can apply and utilize the entire 25% pool for capital improvements that address Health Equity efforts."

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15. Question: Would it be acceptable for me to ask for the \$50k for TI certification status and say "TBD" for the model? We aren't 100% sure [at this point] which one we want to go with.

- a. Answer: Yes. Just put the date you expect to make that decision, and be clear that it **will** be going toward an actual certification for the agency.