

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)  
HEALTH DISPARITIES REDUCTION AND MINORITY HEALTH (HDRMHS)  
MINORITY HEALTH-CAPACITY BUILDING VIOLENCE PREVENTION (MHVP-2019)  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)  
May 14, 2018**

1. **Question:** Is the \$150k divided between the four different awardees or the each of the awardees receive \$150k?  
**Answer: The \$150,000 is the total funding available through this funding opportunity. The maximum award for an individual grantee will be up to \$37,500. We will award up to four organizations.**
2. **Question:** Our agency, LAR Counseling Services, located in Holland, MI, County of Ottawa is a "for profit" agency. Would our agency be eligible to apply for this grant?  
**Answer: The funds available under this announcement are intended to support initiatives for organizations with a 501 c3 Non-Profit Status. For profit entities may partner with a non-profit organization but may not service as the lead (funded organization) applicant.**
3. **Question:** Is funding program focused on prevention and intervention initiatives/efforts? Or, research that will help future intervention programs?  
**Answer: This funding opportunity is available through the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG), we cannot fund any research initiatives. These dollars are geared toward prevention and intervention strategies.**
4. **Question:** Does the IRB process happen simultaneously once application is submitted or following the award?  
**Answer: HDRMHS will work with successful applicants, who are awarded funding to determine whether your project requires IRB processing/approval.**
5. **Question:** What is the recommended format for applicants to demonstrate representation, prior experience and/or conducting outreach and intervention with racial ethnic minority populations.  
**Answer: This information should be included within the narrative section of your application as a description of the "Organization Background and History". This information is included in the evaluation criteria for application scoring.**
6. **Question:** What are the financial stability requirements for organizations wanting to apply? Do we have a minimum operating budget?  
**Answer: Applicant organizations are not required to have a minimum operating budget; Successful applicants who are awarded funding will be evaluated on fiscal performance as a component of the required annual program site-visit.**
7. **Question:** Can the funding under this opportunity be used to enhance current initiatives of an organization.

**Answer: Funding under this opportunity funds may support an expansion to existing programming but are not intended to supplant funding for projects/programs that are currently being implemented by the organization.**