

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Public Health
Agency Contact	Sarah O'Connor (sarah.oconnor@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	RHSG-27
Funding Opportunity Title	Reproductive Health Security Grant
CSFA Number	482-00-3453
CSFA Popular Name	RHSG
Anticipated Number of Awards	5
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$1,000,000
Award Range	\$150000 - \$350000
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	05/06/2026
Application Date Range	05/06/2026 - 06/08/2026 : 4pm
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... <a href="https://idphgrants.com/user/home.aspx">https://idphgrants.com/user/home.aspx</a>
Technical Assistance Session	Offered : Yes Mandatory : No Date : 05/19/2026 : 11:00pm Registration link : <a href="https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m9daea76090e9994d7a331c54d0b83857">https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m9daea76090e9994d7a331c54d0b83857</a>



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<b>2. Agency Contact:</b>	Name: Sarah O'Connor Phone: 217/524-9297 Email: sarah.oconnor@illinois.gov
<b>3. Announcement Type:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial announcement <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of a previous announcement
<b>4. Type of Assistance</b>	Grant
<b>5. Agency Opportunity</b>	RHSG-27
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<b>7. CSFA Number:</b>	482-00-3453
<b>8. CSFA Popular Name:</b>	N/A
<b>9. CFDA Number(s):</b>	N/A
<b>10. Number of Anticipated</b>	Up to 5
<b>11. Estimated Total Funding</b>	\$150,000,00
<b>12. Single Award Range:</b>	\$150,000-\$350,000
<b>13. Funding Source:</b> Mark all that apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass-through <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private / other funding
<b>14. Is Cost Sharing or Match</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>15. Indirect Costs Allowed?</b>  <b>Restrictions on Indirect Costs?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction:
<b>16. Posted Date:</b>	5/6/2026
<b>17. Application Date Range:</b> Leave the 'End Date' and 'End Time' empty if there is no deadline.	Start Date: 5/6/2026 End Date: 6/8/2026 End Time: 4:00pm CST
<b>18. Technical Assistance Session:</b>	Session Offered: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Session Mandatory: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date and time: May 19, 2026 – 11:00am to 12:00am Conference Info/Registration Link:  <a href="https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m9daea76090e9994d7a331c54d0b83857">https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m9daea76090e9994d7a331c54d0b83857</a>

## Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

### A. Program Description

#### Notice of Funding Opportunity Intent

The Illinois Department of Public Health is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to support not-for-profit organizations, experiencing a security threat due to the provision of reproductive health services, specifically abortion. The **Reproductive Health Security Grant Program** provides funding to eligible reproductive health care facilities in Illinois, that provide reproductive health care services, specifically abortion and determined to be at a high risk of unlawful activity (acts of violence, property damage, vandalism, harassment, etc.) within the State of Illinois. Reproductive health care services include all medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including, but not limited to, services involving pregnancy, contraception, or the termination of a pregnancy.

#### Program Details:

Given the shifting state of the law, people seeking an abortion, or any kind of reproductive healthcare that might end with the termination of a pregnancy, may need to pay close attention to their safety and security. Reproductive health care, including access to birth control and safe and legal abortion care, is an essential part of health and well-being. Laws around accessing abortion vary from state to state. Illinois law ensures that abortion is legal for all people.

As patients come to Illinois from surrounding states to seek reproductive health care in the wake of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, many providers fear legal action from reactionary state governments for providing essential care. Illinois sees over 10,000 patients a year from other states for abortion care, and that number has increased dramatically since June of 2022. This grant program is utilizing state general funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is up to \$1.0 million dollars to approximately 5 organizations in Illinois.

#### Funding Information:

The Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health and Family Services announce a grant opportunity for not-for-profit organizations located in the State of Illinois.

**Grants of up to \$350,000.00** will be awarded to eligible not-for-profit organizations according to application review that include:

- State verification that the not-for-profit organization is located within Illinois.
- Identification and substantiation of prior threats, attacks, or acts of terrorism against the not-for-profit organization;

AGENCY NOTE: Substantiating information may include evidence of threats or attacks by an individual or groups of individuals (whether domestic or foreign) affiliated with or subscribing to the beliefs of a terrorist organization, network, or cell, and also may include evidence of threats or attacks against organizations closely related to the Applicant's organization.

- Indication of the symbolic or strategic value of one or more of the Applicant's sites that renders the Project site a possible target of terrorism;
- Potential consequences to the organization if the Project site is damaged, destroyed, or disrupted by a terrorist act;
- A vulnerability assessment conducted by experienced security, law enforcement, or military personnel or conducted using an Agency-approved or federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program self-assessment within the last 3 years, or since the most recent security improvements if they occurred within the last 3 years. If a self-assessment tool is used, provide a list of law enforcement officials or other subject matter experts consulted, if applicable;
- Provide a description of any equipment compatibility considerations;
- Project budget and timeline;
- Grant funds may also be used to build infrastructure and capacity within your organization, for example: increase staff, implementing an accounting or HR system, computer equipment, desks, and more.

Grant funds must be used for target-hardening activities, which can be accomplished through the purchase or installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the not-for-profit organization. Grant funds may also be used to build infrastructure and capacity within your organization, for example: increase staff, implementing an accounting or HR system, computer equipment, desks, and more.

Contract Security Personnel is an eligible activity, including contracting with a municipal law enforcement organization for public safety personnel. Overtime/backfill of public safety personnel is a prohibited contractual security expense. In addition, the purchase of equipment on behalf of a contractual security organization is also prohibited.

Training costs are allowed under this program only as described in this funding notice. Allowable training activities are active shooter training and evacuation and security training and response exercises for employees. All organizations claiming reimbursement for approved training activities must provide registration of all training participants and record of attendance.

The Applicant may request up to 10% of the total grant award for management and administration costs. Such management and administration costs shall be included in the requested grant award amount, rather than in addition to the requested amount.

## 2. Objectives

The Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health and Family Services seeks to fund Abortion Clinics, that provide reproductive health care services and determined to be at a high risk of unlawful activity (acts of violence, property damage, vandalism, harassment, etc.) within the State of Illinois. This funding seeks to fund abortion clinics so they may seek whatever safety and security measures possible to protect their clients from, physical and emotional harm.

Objective #1: Hire security or other personnel or supplement additional security personnel needs based on identified risk.

Objective #2: Purchase and installation of approved physical security equipment to enhance target hardening

Objective #3: Obtain training related to security and emergency preparedness for reproductive health care staff and/or clients to prevent or respond to violence, vandalism, harassment, threats, attacks, and other unlawful activity (i.e., Active Shooter Training, Cybersecurity Training, etc.).

Objective #4: Support emergency planning activities in the development of security, emergency and/or preparedness plans for the applicant's facility and/or to conduct vulnerability assessments for the purpose of preparedness to violence, vandalism, harassment, threats, attacks, and other unlawful activity.

Objective #5 (optional): Purchase and installation of cybersecurity assets to include the protection of an applicant's network security, cloud security, endpoint security, mobile security, application security, etc. Investments may include the installation of software and/or hardware to detect, protect from, and prevent unwanted actors from accessing agency information technology networks.

## B. Funding Information

This award is utilizing  federal pass-through,  state and/or  private funds.

This grant program is utilizing state general funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is up to \$1.0 million dollars to approximately 5 organizations in Illinois.

Anticipated start date for awards is July 1, 2026. The period of performance is 12 months and expected to be July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Applicants with one site may apply for up to \$150,000 for that site. Applicants with multiple sites may apply for up to \$350,000 for up to three sites, for a maximum of \$350,000 per

organization. If an applicant applies for projects at multiple sites, regardless of whether the projects are similar in nature, each site must have its own application and include an assessment of the vulnerability and risk unique to each site. Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of the application.

The Illinois Department of Public Health places health equity as a top priority. Health equity is the “basic principle of public health that all people have a right to health”. Health equity exists when all people can achieve comprehensive health and wellness despite their social position or any other social factors/determinants of health. Most health disparities affect groups marginalized because of socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, disability status, geographic location, or some combination of these. People in such groups not only experience worse health but also tend to have less access to the social determinants or conditions (e.g., healthy food, good housing, good education, safe neighborhoods, disability access and supports, freedom from racism and other forms of discrimination) that support health.... Health disparities are referred to as health inequities when they are the result of the systematic and unjust distribution of these critical conditions. The department’s efforts are committed to addressing health through an equity lens by empowering communities who have been historically marginalized and developing intervention strategies with the end goal of furthering health equity among all Illinoisans.

### **C. Eligibility Information**

Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grantees are required to register with the State of Illinois through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website, <https://gata.illinois.gov/>, complete a prequalification process, and be determined "qualified" as described in Section 7000.70. Registration and prequalification is required before an organization can apply for an award.

The entity is "qualified" to be an awardee if it:

1. has an active UEI (Unique Identity ID) number;
2. has an active SAM.gov account;
3. has an acceptable fiscal condition;
4. is in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, if the Illinois Secretary of State requires the entity's organization type to be registered. Governmental entities, school districts and select religious organizations are not required to be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. Refer to the Illinois Secretary of State Business Services website: [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business\\_services/home.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/home.html);
5. is not on the Illinois Stop Payment List;
6. is not on the SAM.gov Exclusion List;
7. is not on the Sanctioned Party List maintained by HFS.

#### **1. Eligible Applicants**

The successful applicant must demonstrate that they understand how to navigate access to reproductive care needs in Illinois and can effectively provide planning, logistical operations, communications/technology, marketing, data and privacy protection, project management staffing, tools, and resources necessary for project success. The applicant must provide evidence of past work undertaken to demonstrate that it has implemented successful projects that are similar in scope. This funding seeks to fund abortion clinics so they may seek whatever safety and security measures possible to protect their clients and themselves from, physical and

emotional harm.

**2. Cost Sharing or Matching**

\$0.00

**3. Indirect Cost Rate**

N/A

Annually, each organization receiving an award from a State grantmaking agency is required to enter the centralized Indirect Cost Rate System and make one of the following elections for indirect costs to State and federal pass-through grants:

- I. Federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA);
- II. Election of the de minimis rate;
- III. Election not to charge indirect costs; or
- IV. Negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois.

The awardee shall make one election or negotiate a rate that all State agencies must accept unless there are federal or State program limitations, caps or supplanting issues.

**4. Other, if applicable**

N/A

**D. Application and Submission Information**

**1. Address to Request Application Package**

Applications must be submitted via the Illinois Department of Public Health's Electronic Grants Administration and Management System (EGrAMS), accessible at [idphgrants.com](http://idphgrants.com).

Since high-speed internet access is not yet universally available for downloading documents or accessing the electronic application, and applicants may have additional accessibility requirements, applicants may request paper copies of materials by contacting:

sarah.oconnor@illinois.gov

**2. Content and Form of Application Submission**

The application format is provided via EGrAMS, which must be completed in its entirety. While some of the sections in the application relate specifically to the grant program of interest, many sections must be completed for all grant programs. Therefore, it might be helpful for your Agency to prepare standard responses for those sections. Please note that "Instructions" boxes appear on screens throughout the EGrAMS online application, and it is suggested that you click on these for additional guidance and tips for completion.

**3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)**

Each applicant, unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)), is required to:

- i. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. If you are not registered in SAM, this link provides a connection for SAM registration: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>
- ii. provide a valid UEI in its application; and

- iii. continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency.

The State awarding agency may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the State awarding agency is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the State awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

**4. Submission Dates and Times**

See 17 on Page 1 of this NOFO.

6/8/2026 by 4:00pm CST

**5. Intergovernmental Review, if applicable**

N/A

**6. Funding Restrictions**

All grant funds must be used for the sole purposes set forth in the grant proposal and application and must be used in compliance with all applicable laws. Grant funds may not be used as matching funds for any other grant program unless specifically allowed under grant program guidelines. Use of grant funds for prohibited purposes may result in loss of grant award and/or place the grantee at risk for repayment of those funds used for the prohibited purpose. Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grant-funded expenses must be compliant with Cost Principles under Subpart E of 2CFR200 unless an exception is noted in federal or State statutes or regulations.

**Allowability**

**Allowable** – All grant funds must be used for items that are necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient performance of the grant and may only be used for the purposes stated in the grant agreement, work plan, and budget. Items must comply with all applicable state and federal regulations.

**Allocable** – Grant-funded costs must be chargeable or assignable to the grant in accordance with relative benefits received. The allocation methodology should be documented and should be consistent across funding sources for similar costs.

**Reasonable** – The amounts charged for any item must be reasonable. That means the nature and amount of the expense does not exceed what a prudent person under the same circumstances would expend; and that the items are generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the performance of the grant.

**Allowed Uses**

Funding may be used for the following:

All grant funds must be used for items that are necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient performance of the grant and may only be used for the purposes stated in your grant agreement, work plan, and budget. Grant funds are to be used to provide safety and security for people to appropriate reproductive health and abortion services.

Supplies and equipment. Equipment is defined as an item of property that has a per unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more and has an expected service life of more than one year. If it is less than \$5,000 it goes under supplies.

Supplies means all tangible personal property other than those described in Equipment. (e.g., A computing device is a supply if the acquisition cost is lower than the capitalization level established by the grantee agency or the grant program, whichever is lower, regardless of the length of its useful life.

### **Prior Approval ONLY**

With prior approval, funding may be used for the following:  
N/A

### **Funding Use Prohibitions**

Funding may NOT be used for the following:  
N/A

### **Additional Funding Guidance**

N/A

**Source Documentation.** Accounting records must be supported by such source documentation as canceled checks, bank statements, invoices, paid bills, donor letters, time and attendance records, activity reports, travel reports, contractual and consultant agreements, and subaward documentation. All supporting documentation must be clearly identified with the Award and general ledger accounts which are to be charged or credited. Records must be submitted with required financial reports for all line-item expenditures exceeding \$5000 in a reporting period.

### **7. Other Submission Requirements**

N/A

## **E. Application Review Information**

Competitive Grant Review

### **1. Criteria**

The successful applicant must demonstrate that they understand how to navigate access to reproductive care needs in Illinois and can effectively provide planning, logistical operations, communications/technology, marketing, data and privacy protection, project management staffing, tools, and resources necessary for project success. The applicant must provide evidence of past work undertaking to demonstrate that it has implemented successful projects that are similar in scope. This funding seeks to fund abortion clinics so they may seek whatever safety and security measures possible to protect their clients and themselves from physical and emotional harm.

**SCORING CRITERIA**

<p><b>Need</b> Does the applicant provide data, facts, and/or evidence that demonstrate that the proposal supports the grant program purpose?</p>	<p>Work Plan</p>	<p>Does the applicant provide data, facts, and/or evidence that demonstrate that the proposal supports the grant program purpose?</p> <p>Does the applicant provide a detailed plan of the method to implement the objective of this grant?</p>	<p>20</p>
<p><b>Capacity</b> Does the applicant demonstrate its ability to execute the grant project according to project requirements?</p>	<p>Scope of Work</p>	<p>Description of the existing security services within your organization. How will this funding expand upon your existing security measures?</p> <p>Was a detailed description of why the applying agency can successfully meet the eligibility criteria delineated in the NOFO?</p> <p>Does the applicant describe their experience working with the proposed target population (both patient/callers and clinical providers)?</p>	<p>20</p>
<p><b>Quality</b> Does the applicant demonstrate that the project, in total, is well articulated and in alignment with the project requirements?</p>	<p>Work Plan</p>	<p>Does the applicant demonstrate that the project, in total, is well articulated and in alignment with the project requirements?</p> <p>Does the applicant describe how you will evaluate each component of your project?</p>	<p>20</p>
<p><b>Clearly Defined Scope of Work</b> Are target audiences clearly defined and realistic?</p>	<p>Scope of Work</p>	<p>Were the number of clients currently serve annually addressed?</p> <p>Were detailed plans for increasing and improving security within your organization included?</p> <p>Was how they will provide safety and security to the clients and employees' addressed?</p> <p>Explain how potential consequences to the organization if the Project site is damaged, destroyed, or disrupted by a terrorist act?</p> <p>Was the self-assessment of the organization addressed thoroughly for the last 3 years. Did they describe the tool they were using in detail?</p>	<p>20</p>

<b>SMART</b> Are objectives Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely and aligned with the grant guidelines?	Work Plan		20
<b>Justifiable Budget</b> Are the budget items and justifications valid and appropriate for the grant project?	Budget		20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>			100

## 2. Review and Selection Process

### Competitive grant review

#### Team Review Process

Merit-based review of applications, unless disclosed above, is conducted by one or more review teams. Each review team will consolidate scores, and final application rankings may be adjusted to address variability between teams.

#### Merit-Based Review Appeal Process

For competitive grants, only the evaluation process is subject to appeal. Evaluation scores or funding determinations/outcomes may not be contested and will not be considered by the Department's Appeals Review Officer.

To submit an appeal, the appealing party must:

- Submit the appeal in writing and in accordance with the grant application document through IDPH's Merit-Based Review Appeal Request Form available here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ed4d113385de41feb38964a8005ce72b>
- Appeals must be received within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice was published.
- Appeals must include the following information:
  - The name and address of the appealing party
  - Identification of the grant
  - A statement of reasons for the appeal
  - If applicable, documents or exhibits to support statement of reason

The IDPH Appeals Review Officer (ARO) will consider the grant-related appeals and make a recommendation to the appropriate Deputy Director as expeditiously as possible after receiving all relevant, requested information.

- The ARO must review the submitted Appeal Request Form for completeness and acknowledge receipt of the appeal within 14 calendar days from the date the appeal was received.
- The ARO will utilize an Appeal Review Tool to consider the integrity of the competitive grant process and the impact of the recommendation.
- The appealing party must supply any additional information requested by the agency within the time period set in the request.
- The ARO shall respond to the appeal within 60 days or supply a written explanation to the appealing party as to why additional time is required.

Documentation of the appeal determination shall be sent to the appealing party and must include the following:

- Standard description of the appeal review process and criteria
- Review of the appeal
- Appeal determination
- Rationale for the determination
- In addition to providing the written determination, the grant-making office may do the following:
  - Document improvements to the evaluation process given the findings and re-review all submitted applications.
  - Document improvements to the evaluation process given the findings and implement improvements into the following year's grant evaluation process.
  - Provide written notice to the appealing party as to how the identified actions will be remedied.

Appeals resolutions may be deferred pending a judicial or administrative determination when actions concerning the appeal have commenced in a court of administrative body.

**3. Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable.**

7/1/2026

Anticipated Announcement Date (if known): 7/1/2026  
Anticipated Program Start Date: 7/1/2026  
Anticipated Program End Date: 6/30/2027

**F. Award Administration Information**

N/A

**1. State Award Notices**

7/1/2026

A Notice of State Award (NOSA) shall be issued to the finalists who have successfully completed all grant award requirements and have been selected to receive grant funding. The NOSA will specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from applicable pre-award risk assessments.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is exempt from utilizing the standard NOSA issued on the GATA Grantee Portal. Successful applicants will receive an email notification from EGrAMS and must review the funding terms and specific conditions in the grant agreement and accept utilizing an electronically signature. Both the electronic signature in EGrAMS and a physical signature on the grant agreement must be completed by an authorized representative of the grantee organization and submitted to IDPH.

A Notice of Denial shall be sent to the applicants not receiving awards via EGrAMS.

**2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

N/A

All grantees receiving one or more federally-funded subawards from IDPH equal to or greater than \$30,000 must provide compensation information within EGrAMS prior to issuance of an award. Grantees will not be able to sign grant agreements or amendment agreements until this requirement is complete. Annual completion of this requirement is necessary for multiyear grants.

### **3. Reporting**

Four quarterly reports will be required

#### **G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)**

Sarah O'Connor, Chief  
Division of Family Health Education and Outreach  
Bureau of Family Health  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
535 W. Jefferson, FL5  
Springfield, IL 62761

#### **H. Other Information, if applicable**

N/A

#### **Mandatory Forms -- Required for All Agencies**

- 1. Uniform State Grant Application – Available at [idphgrants.com](http://idphgrants.com) for eligible applicants**
- 2. New to EGrAMS, click [HERE](#) to see how to Get Started**
- 3. Project Narrative (included in EGrAMS application)**
- 4. Budget (included in EGrAMS application)**
- 5. Budget Narrative (included in EGrAMS application)**

Other program-specific mandatory forms:

Work Plan