

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

Awarding Agency Name	Public Health
Agency Contact	Lisa Masinter (Lisa.masinter@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Modified
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	RHSG-25-2
Funding Opportunity Title	Reproductive Health Security Grant
CSFA Number	482-00-3453
CSFA Popular Name	RHSG
Anticipated Number of Awards	20
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$2,000,000
Award Range	\$0 - \$450000
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	10/11/2024
Application Date Range	10/11/2024 - 12/16/2024 : 5.00pm
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... https://idphgrants.com/user/home.aspx
Technical Assistance Session	Offered : Yes Mandatory : Yes Date : 12/09/2024 : 2pm Registration link : https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mc04f166ea3b44515de1d3c857fd3ec38



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1. Awarding Agency Name:	Illinois Department of Public Health
2. Agency Contact:	Name: Lisa Masinter Phone: 312-814-1884 Email: Lisa.masinter@illinois.gov
3. Announcement Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial announcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification of a previous announcement
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8. CSFA Popular Name:	Reproductive Health Security Grant
9. CFDA Number(s):	N/A
10. Number of Anticipated	Up to 10
11. Estimated Total Funding	\$1,000,000.00
12. Single Award Range:	maximum -\$450,000
13. Funding Source: Mark all that apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass-through <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private / other funding
14. Is Cost Sharing or Match	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
15. Indirect Costs Allowed? Restrictions on Indirect Costs?	<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:
16. Posted Date:	11/20/2024, original posted date 10/11/2024
17. Application Date Range: Leave the 'End Date' and 'End Time' empty if there is no deadline.	Start Date: 10/11/2024 End Date: 12/16/2024 End Time: 5:00pm CST
18. Technical Assistance Session:	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: December 9, 2024 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm Conference Info/Registration Link: https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mc04f166ea3b44515de1d3c857fd3ec38

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 organizations experiencing a security threat due to the provision of reproductive health services, including abortion. The Reproductive Health Security Grant provides funding to eligible reproductive health care facilities in Illinois, that provide reproductive health care services, including abortion and that are determined to be at a high risk of being targeted by unlawful activity (acts of violence, property damage, vandalism, harassment, etc.). Since the decision in *Dobbs*, Illinois reproductive healthcare facilities that provide abortion have faced physical attacks on their buildings, resulting in criminal prosecutions of those who attacked the clinics. This grant is intended to increase security measures at clinics to help protect against these attacks.

1. Program Details:

Reproductive Health care, including access to birth control and safe and legal abortion care, is an essential part of health and well-being.

This grant program is using state general funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is up to \$1 million dollars up to 10 organizations in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health and Family Services announce a grant opportunity for reproductive health organizations located in the State of Illinois.

Grants of up to \$450,000.00 will be awarded to eligible organizations according to application review that include:

- State verification that the organization is located within Illinois.

Identification and substantiation of prior threats, attacks, or acts of terrorism against the organization, or to similar facilities in Illinois.

If your organization has conducted a vulnerability assessment in past year, please upload that documentation in the miscellaneous section of the NOFO. There will be a section to upload.

- Confirmation that the applicant's sites provide reproductive health care, including abortion.
- Potential consequences to the organization if the Project site is damaged, destroyed, or disrupted.
- Project budget and timeline.

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 organization.

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, include but are not limited to, active shooter training and evacuation and security training and response exercises for employees. All organizations claiming reimbursement for approved training activities must provide number of registrants and attendance to training participants. This will be done in your quarterly reporting metrics in EGrAMS provided by IDPH.

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 healthcare services and that are determined to be at a high risk of being targeted by unlawful activity (acts of violence, property damage, vandalism, harassment, etc.) within the State of Illinois. This funding will facilitate them to seek whatever safety and security measures possible to protect their staff and clients from physical and emotional harm. This grant will address these clinics’ security need, which is evidenced by the attacks on Illinois abortion clinics since the Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision.

The submitted scope of work and workplan must include description of below:

Objective #1 (optional): If not already done, conduct vulnerability assessments to violence, vandalism, harassment, threats, attacks, and other unlawful activity to determine additional security needs and investment required, including cybersecurity. **Note:** If your organization has conducted a vulnerability assessment in past year, please upload that documentation in the miscellaneous tab of the NOFO.

Objective #2: In response to vulnerability assessment (whether done pre-grant or during), plan and implement 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 #3: In response to vulnerability assessment (whether done pre-grant or during), purchase and install approved physical security equipment, cybersecurity assets (protection of an applicant’s network security, cloud security, endpoint security, mobile security, application security, etc.), and/or hire additional staff.

B. Funding Information

This grant program is using state general funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is up to \$1 million dollars up 10 organizations in Illinois. Anticipated start date for awards is January 1, 2025. The period of performance is 6 months and expected to be January 1, 2025, through Jun 30, 2025.

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) w
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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;
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 provide reproductive health services, including abortion, 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. This funding seeks to fund abortion clinics that provide reproductive healthcare 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 of 15% of MTDC;
- 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.

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:

Lisa Masinter at Lisa.masinter@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. Those sections include, Applicant Information, Applicant Grant History, Scope of Work, The Work Plan, Grant Budget, Indirect Cost Information, Miscellaneous section (W-9, resumes, job descriptions, a Risk Assessment and the Applicant Certification).

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.

12/16/24 by 5:00pm 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

7. Other Submission Requirements

N/A

E. Application Review Information

Competitive Grant Review

1. Criteria

The successful applicant must demonstrate that they provide reproductive health services, including

abortion, 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. This funding seeks to fund abortion clinics that provide reproductive healthcare so they may seek whatever safety and security measures possible to protect their clients and themselves from physical and emotional harm.

SCORING CRITERIA

<p>Need Does the applicant provide data, facts, and/or evidence that demonstrate that the applicant has identified threats?</p>	<p>Scope of work</p>	<p>Does the applicant describe the ability of the funding to enhance the safety of the organization?</p> <p>Did the applicant provide Social vulnerability score based on the Social Vulnerability Index?</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Capacity Does the applicant demonstrate its ability to execute the grant project according to project requirements?</p>	<p>Scope of Work</p>	<p>Does the applicant demonstrate an evaluation of the likelihood of Project completion during the Grant Performance Period?</p> <p>Provide review of proposed eligible equipment interoperability with existing equipment (if applicable) and coordinator with broader State and local preparedness?</p> <p>Is the detail of the sustainability of the project described?</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Quality 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 provide a detailed plan of the method to implement the objective of this grant?</p> <p>Does the applicant describe how you will oversee each component of your project?</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>Clearly Defined Scope of Work</p>	<p>Scope of Work</p>		<p>15</p>
<p>SMART Are objectives Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely and aligned with the grant guidelines?</p>	<p>Work Plan</p>		<p>20</p>

Justifiable Budget Are the budget items and justifications valid and appropriate for the grant project?	Budget		20
TOTAL POINTS			100

2. Review and Selection Process

Competitive grant review.

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.

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Anticipated Announcement Date (if known): 12/27/2024
 Anticipated Program Start Date: 1/1/2025
 Anticipated Program End Date: 6/30/2025

F. Award Administration Information

1. State Award Notices

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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 and a final report will be required.

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

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Illinois Department of Public Health
Email: lisa.masinter@illinois.gov
Phone: 217-814-1884

H. Other Information, if applicable

N/A

Mandatory Forms -- Required for All Agencies

- 1. Uniform State Grant Application – Available at 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