

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

Awarding Agency Name	Public Health
Agency Contact	Jorge De La Fuente (jorge.delafuente@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Modified
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	WOW-26
Funding Opportunity Title	Wellness on Wheels
CSFA Number	482-00-2749
CSFA Popular Name	WOW
Anticipated Number of Awards	0
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$820,000
Award Range	Not Applicable
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	06/09/2025
Application Date Range	06/09/2025 - 07/09/2025 : 5:00 PM
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... https://idphgrants.com
Technical Assistance Session	Offered : Yes Mandatory : No Date : 06/18/2025 : 10:00 AM Registration link : https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mc9a900f17be2cd2a84c3a60b736ae2f1



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2.	Agency Contact: Name: Jorge De La Fuente Phone: 217-557-0846 Email: jorge.delafuente@illinois.gov
3.	Announcement Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial announcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification of a previous announcement
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9.	CFDA Number(s): N/A
10.	Number of Anticipated TBD
11.	Estimated Total Funding \$820,000 (contingent on funding availability)
12.	Single Award Range: N/A
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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Restrictions on Indirect Costs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction:
16.	Posted Date: 6/9/2025
17.	Application Date Range: Leave the 'End Date' and 'End Time' empty if there is no deadline. Start Date: 6/9/2025 End Date: 7/9/2025 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: 6/18/25 – 10:00 am CST Conference Info/Registration Link: https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mc9a900f17be2cd2a84c3a60b736ae2f1

Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

A. Program Description

The initiative allows culturally competent and linguistically appropriate services to be offered where, and when clients need them, and successful applicants must have the ability to make immediate adjustments to the outreach plan based on input from clients, disease outbreaks, and special community events. The aim of this funding is to reduce health disparities and health inequities in preventative health screenings in medically underserved communities and disadvantaged and vulnerable communities of color in Illinois. All services in conjunction with this grant must have established partnerships in place to provide linkage to care and other wrap-around services as needed.

The Initiative is funded through State of Illinois general revenue funding and will provide a variety of preventative screenings. Screenings include HIV, Hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted infections, along with other specialized services or screenings.

Health equity exists when all people have the opportunity to thrive and no one is limited in achieving comprehensive health and wellness because of their social position or any other social factors/determinants of health such as income, education, race/ethnicity, sexual identity, and disability.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

For the Wellness on Wheels program, racial and ethnic minorities include “African Americans, Alaska Natives, Latinos, American Indians, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders”.

Additionally, due to the diversity of Illinois residents, providers must be engaged in implementing The National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care. The National CLAS standards are intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by providing a blueprint for individuals and health and healthcare organizations to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Due to current or past discrimination, maltreatment, or cultural traditions within certain populations barriers may exist that inhibit the delivery of grant funded services. Successful applicants will demonstrate and ensure that services will be and are provided in a manner that is equitable to underserved, socially disadvantaged, and ethnically diverse groups, regardless of sexual or gender identity, and that services provided are both culturally and linguistically appropriate. Grantee shall also ensure that any services provided by sub-grantees are similarly equitable and culturally and linguistically appropriate.

B. Funding Information

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

The Illinois Department of Public Health Center for Minority Health Services is requesting proposals from organizations that currently house mobile unit(s) and/or have the capacity to provide, or partner with entities that can provide, a variety of health screenings and services. Organizations that do not currently own or operate a mobile unit are still encouraged to apply. The Center for Minority Health Services has a limited number of mobile units available and may assign a unit to selected awardees for use during the time frame of the grant contract to ensure the consistent delivery of health services throughout the funded period. Grantees requiring the use of Center mobile units should clearly express this need in their grant application.

Successful applications must have the ability to provide HIV, Hepatitis C, STDs, blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings, and/or provide access to specialized services and screenings such as immunizations, dental, asthma, physical exams, hearing, NARCAN distribution and training, harm reduction services, mammograms, prostate, and other cancer screenings, etc. Successful applicants must also be able to provide these preventative health screenings, outreach, and education in an innovative and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner to vulnerable populations in medically underserved areas of Illinois. Proposals will also be accepted from organizations that can provide an array of services in partnership with mobile units. These organizations will demonstrate their capacity and ability to provide HIV/Hep C screenings/services as well as maintenance of the mobile unit(s).

Agencies that are funded to provide services must provide these services themselves, provide services in collaboration with another agency, and have referral linkage agreements in place to provide screening and other clinical referral services. The aim of this funding is to reduce the rate and disproportionate burden of disease and infection rates within the target communities. Successful candidates will demonstrate proven ability to work with vulnerable communities, provide services in an environment that is non-threatening, using evidence-based approaches that are culturally and linguistically appropriate, and tailored to ensure relevance to the circumstances and conditions of the target population.

Successful applicants will also demonstrate their capacity and experience to provide a variety of preventative clinical screening services to minorities residing within the medically underserved areas of Illinois within this specific mobile healthcare environment and will provide a detailed plan for referral for follow up care and treatment options when warranted. Some screening will be coordinated in conjunction with the Wellness on Wheels mobile units located in three Regions throughout the state. **All screening activities through this funding must be coordinated and approved through the Center for Minority Health Services.**

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;
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

Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, community-based organizations, non-profits, organizations serving ethnic populations, local health departments, and collaborative of government and community-based organizations. **Only organizations based in Illinois are eligible to compete for these funds.**

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

N/A

3. Indirect Cost Rate

Indirect costs are applicable up to 15%, but not required.

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.

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:

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2. Content and Form of Application Submission

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

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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.

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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:
Personnel Services (Staff Salaries), Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment <\$5,000, Supplies, Contractual Services, Occupancy – Rent & Utilities, Training & Education, Direct Administrative Costs.

Prior Approval ONLY

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

Funding Use Prohibitions

Funding may NOT be used for the following:

1. Any expense for political or religious purposes.
2. Contributions or donations.
3. Fundraising or legislative lobbying expenses.
4. Payment of bad or non-program related debts, fines, or penalties.
5. Contribution to a contingency fund or provision for unforeseen events.
6. Membership fees to organizations or associations.
7. Entertainment, food, alcohol beverages, or gratuities.
8. Interest or financial payments or other fines or penalties.
9. Purchase or improvement of land or purchase, improvement, or construction of a building.
10. Any expenditure that may create conflict of interest or the perception or impropriety.
11. Audit expenses.
12. Incentive items intended for advertisement (e.g., promotional goods distributed to advertise for an Organization).

Additional Funding Guidance

7. Other Submission Requirements

Provide managerial and operational oversight to the Wellness on Wheels Initiative mobile unit housed in their specific location including, the identification, training, and scheduling of drivers; vehicle maintenance, storage, licensure, and insurance; and the installation and maintenance of standard mobile operational equipment. Mobile must undergo a monthly inspection to ensure mobile cleanliness and operational capacity with a copy of this inspection submitted with monthly report.

Grantee and/or key staff members must be licensed and certified to provide clinical services and are currently working under proper standing medical orders, supervision as assigned through the state of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations and provide documentation with the application.

Grantee and/or key staff members must demonstrate the capacity to successfully provide services to members of the target population.

Grantee must have documented proof of appropriate linkage agreements to ensure linkages to follow up care and treatment options if warranted and provide documentation with the application.

E. Application Review Information

1. Criteria

100 Points - Total

Design & Implementation-15 Points

Scope of Work-Overall Work-10 Points

Scope of Work-Quarterly Objectives-10 Points

Scope of Work-Measurement Instruments-10 Points

Scope of Work-Timeline-10 Points
Budget Detail & Justification-10 Points

Your application will be deemed ineligible and will not be reviewed if:

- The application is not electronically submitted by the time specified for submission.
- The application is incomplete, omitting required questions response or attachments.
- The application does not follow format instructions.

2. Review and Selection Process

This grant program is competitive, and funding is limited. Agencies identified in Section C of this Notice of Funding Opportunity are eligible to apply for funding but not all applicants will receive an award. Providing matching funds will not affect scoring of this grant application.

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.*

Grant awards through this funding opportunity are subject to appropriation of funds by the Illinois General Assembly and enactment of the Illinois State Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Anticipated Announcement Date (if known): [Click or tap to select a date.](#)

Anticipated Program Start Date: [Click or tap to select a date.](#)

Anticipated Program End Date: [Click or tap to select a date.](#)

F. Award Administration Information

1. *State Award Notices*

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*

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

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complete. Annual completion of this requirement is necessary for multiyear grants.

3. Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to submit Periodic Financial and Periodic Performance Reports monthly by default. Specific reporting requirements will be detailed within the terms of each grant agreement. Reports may include the demographic and geographic indicators of individuals receiving direct service(s) from the Grantee through activities funded under the Wellness on Wheels program. Direct service(s) refers to the act of providing service/assistance directly to individuals, specific groups and communities that make up the beneficiary population. Direct service may entail face-to-face contact with clients, individually or in group settings.

Report narratives and Work Plan results shall accompany these metrics and include details of the program impacts upon or influences on social and structural determinants of health within individuals, targeted groups and communities that make up the beneficiary population.

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

Jorge De La Fuente

H. Other Information, if applicable

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: