

## Quality Grant Program 2022-2023: Frequently Asked Questions

### **Must the Grant Proposal address suggested topics?**

No. Projects are not required to pertain to the topics suggested by Point32Health, but proposals may score higher if the concept is well developed and all the other criteria are met.

### **Will you prioritize a project higher if it aims to impact all the suggested topics?**

Not necessarily. In fact, it can be a disadvantage to try to address too many disparate goals since this could water down impact. Proposals should be succinct and pointed at clear interventions for delivery of care and quality improvement with measurable results. Proposals are scored on multiple factors such as impacted population size, proposed interventions, value of anticipated outcomes, measurement, and project sustainability.

### **Can the Quality Grant fund salary and/or fringe?**

The Plan does not fund fringe or existing salaries for staff implementing the grant. Salaries for new employees who are necessary for project success and sustainability can be on the budget proposal (i.e. social workers, community health workers, etc.) with no fringe. Providers should plan on that salary expense post grant implementation for sustainability. Occasionally, the Quality Grant Committee will approve funding portions of existing salaries within certain limits and with reported detail.

### **Can the Quality Grant fund IT infrastructure or equipment?**

The Quality Grant may fund some IT infrastructure or equipment as a component of a larger, integrated approach to improve care. It would not be funded as the only proposed budget item.

### **Can transportation cost be included in funding?**

A gap in care related to transportation can be related to social determinates of health (SDoH) and may be included in the budget proposal with detail demonstrating the direct link to improved care. Transportation costs involved in completing the project is considered fringe and is not covered.

### **Can a group submit more than one project proposal?**

There is no limit to the number of Letters of Intent (LOIs) that a group can submit, but each proposal submission must address distinctly innovative projects and funding can never be combined or borrowed across projects in any circumstances if more than one proposal is accepted.

### **How often is more than one proposal accepted?**

Projects from groups with multiple LOIs are reviewed equitably by the Quality Grant Committee, which tries to distribute funds fairly across states and providers.

### **Can a project include all patients or is it only allowed to include the Plan's population?**

While we require that Plan members are included in the projects, we do not expect that efforts will be applied only to our members.

***Please direct additional questions or associated Call & Requirements for LOIs to the Quality Grant Team group mailbox: [hphc\\_nmm@harvardpilgrim.org](mailto:hphc_nmm@harvardpilgrim.org)***