

Request for Grant Applications #5487

Increasing Access to Veteran and Military Peer Support Specialist Training

Question & Answer Document

OHA may periodically update this document to share responses to questions regarding this Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) #5487

Question 1: *Assuming we meet all eligibility requirements, can my organization coordinate a training opportunity in a different part of the state from where we are located?*

Answer: Yes, this is permissible if you are an organization serving a community/communities designated as Rural or Frontier by the Oregon Office of Rural Health, or you can deliver the training in a location designated as Rural or Frontier. If planning to deliver a training outside of the area your organization normally conduct business, OHA strongly encourages applicants to review evaluation criteria 2 and 3, listed in Attachment 3 (page 12) of the application document.

Question 2: *We are an organization specializing in Peer Delivered Services and offer Peer Support Specialist trainings, can we apply for funding? We serve peers with a broad of behavioral health needs, but our training is not specifically geared toward addiction.*

Answer: If your organization meets the eligibility requirements in section 3 of the RFA (page 4), your organization can apply. However, your organization would need to coordinate the delivery of a state approved training with an addiction focus. Due to the requirements of the federal funding supporting any agreements resulting from this RFGA, the scope is limited to trainings designated as Peer Support Specialist for Addictions. Additional information regarding allowable trainers is listed on page 3 of the application document.

Question 3: *I'm confused by sample grant agreement template (Attachment 4). Do I need to use this in my application for funding?*

Answer: No. When responding, please follow the instructions and format described in the RFGA #5487 application document. If awarded funds, OHA will establish grant agreements with the selected organizations. Attachment 4 is a sample document showing what the agreements might look like. This is for reference only.

Question 4: *Are virtual or hybrid trainings allowable under this funding opportunity?*

Answer: In response to stakeholder requests, this funding opportunity is designed to support in-person training only.

Question 5: *If awarded funds, what is my obligation to continue offering trainings during, or after, the grant period?*

Answer: Applicants should plan to host at least one full training. There is no requirement to host more than one training during the grant period and no commitment to host or facilitate additional trainings in the future.

Question 6: *I'm concerned there are no trainers in my part of the state, does this mean I need to bring someone out to my community?*

Answer: Yes, this funding opportunity assumes you may need to bring an approved trainer to your community.