Social Health Care Network Program

Grant Information Session

June 16, 2026, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

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We improve lives.

- We address social and structural determinants of health.
- We empower customers to maximize their health and well being.
- We provide consistent, responive service to our colleagues and customers.
- We make equity the foundation of everything we do.

This is possible because:

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We do this by:

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Ensuring all staff and systems work together.

Maintaining a positive workplace where strong teams contribute, grow and stay.

Providing exceptional training programs that develop and support all employees.

We are always improving.

We do this by:

Having specific and measurable goals and using analytics to improve outcomes.

Using technology and interagency collaboration to maximize efficiency and impact.

Learning from successes and failures.

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We do this by:

Using research and analytics to drive policy and shape legislative initiatives.

Clearly communicating the impacts of our work.

Being responsible stewards of public resources.

Staying focused on our goals.

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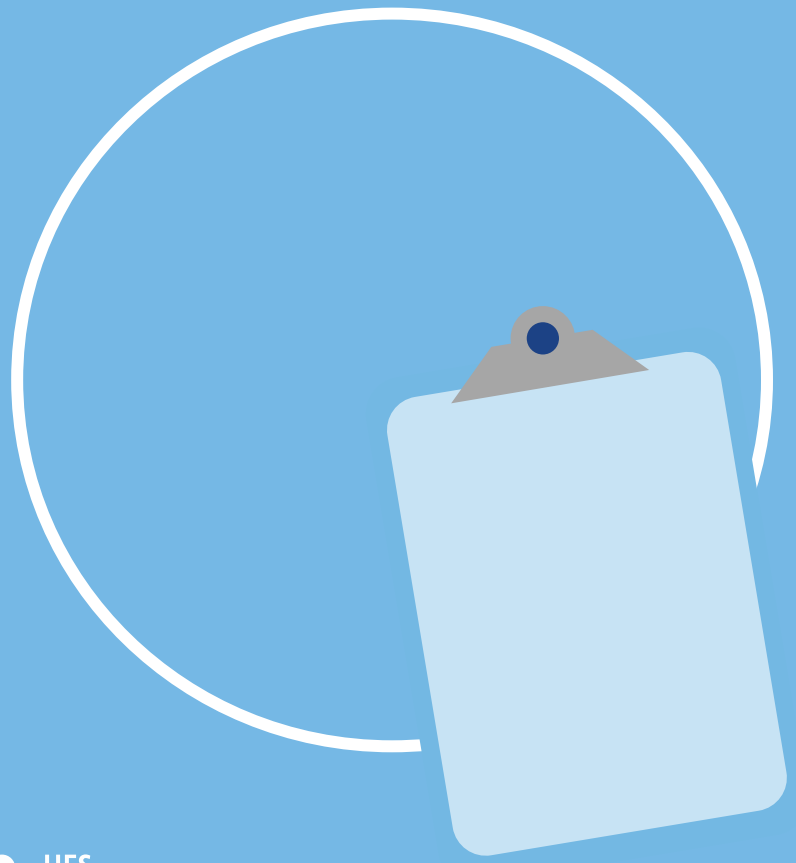

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Deputy Director of Community Outreach

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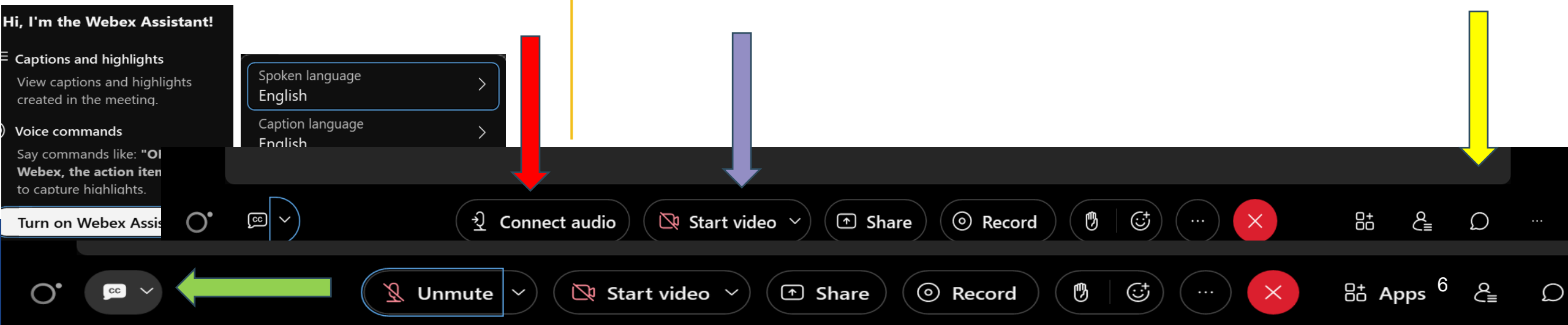

Today's Audience Focus

- This virtual information session is meant for organizations who meet established eligibility criteria for the Social Health Care Network (SHCN) Program Grant opportunity.
- The intended audience is staff who will be responsible for applying on behalf of their organization.

Introduction of HFS Staff

Presenter: Melishia Bansa
Deputy Director of Community Outreach – Boards & Commissions

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HFS Team

- Thea Kachoris-Flores, Special Assistant for Health Related Social Needs
- Michael A. Banghart, Senior Policy Advisor for Housing

Summary of Agenda

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Agenda

1. Provide an overview of the SHCN Program
2. Provide an overview of the application process
3. Provide an overview of the budget template
4. Next steps
5. Questions and Answers

1. Social Health Care Network Program

Purpose

- Support community-based organizations (CBOs) **statewide** in becoming Medicaid providers
- Develop a provider base to deliver Health Related Social Needs (HRSN), Community Health Worker (CHW), and other Medicaid-covered social care services

Core Requirements

- Provider Network Administration
- Capacity Building
  - Training/technical assistance
  - Distribution of funding to CBOs
- Philanthropic Funding
- Governance

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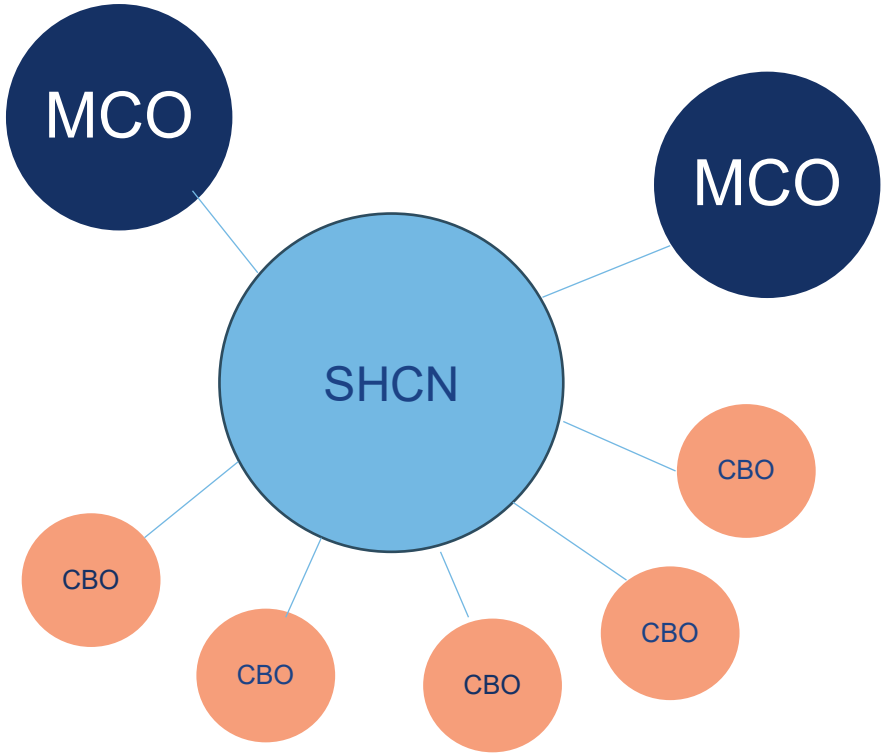
Provider Network Administration

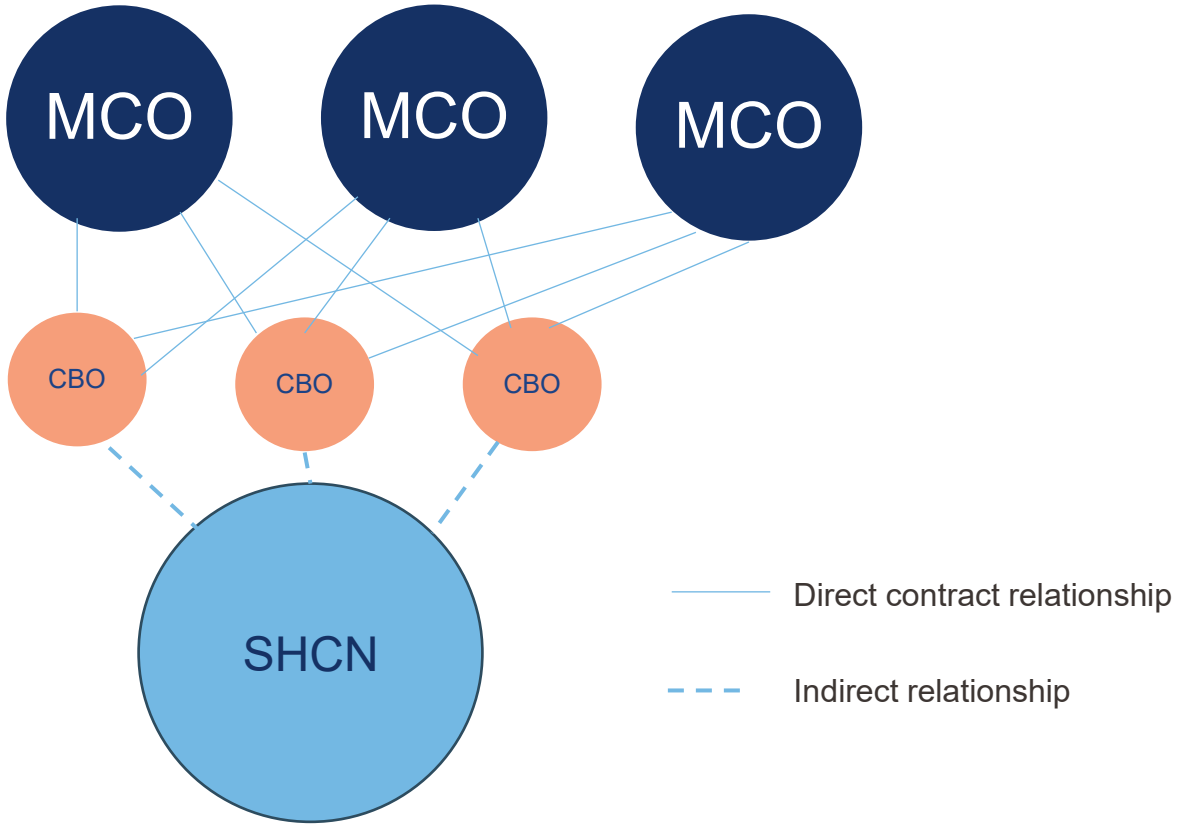
- Develop a network of providers across the state to meet the needs of members and can deliver Medicaid covered services
- Identify where there may be gaps in providers and work with organizations to help serve those areas
- Contracting:
  - Contract with each Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) on behalf of the providers
  - Contract with each CBO that wants to be part of the network

Contracting Scenarios

CBO Option 1



CBO Option 2



Note: In order for an organization to bill and receive reimbursement from an MCO, they must be contracted with the MCO (directly or indirectly).

Statewide Reach

- HFS will contract with one entity
- The lead applicant must demonstrate that they can reach and have knowledge of community-based services across the state
- HFS strongly encourages applicants to partner with local organizations through a subrecipient arrangement to serve as a regional lead agency which will ensure the SHCN is reaching all regions of the state
- Subrecipients/regional lead entities must have knowledge of community resources and experience providing training and technical assistance to deliver on grant deliverables in coordination with the lead entity

Billing and Payments

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- This funding cannot be used to pay for or purchase a billing system
- HFS intends to procure a billing system that can be used by CBOs in FY28
- Until a system is available, providers will need to bill on their own or through a billing agent
- The SHCN may enroll in IMPACT as a billing agent to submit claims on behalf of the CBOs but they are not required to do so

IMPORTANT: All CBOs will be required to enroll as Medicaid providers in IMPACT.

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Capacity Building

- Training and Technical Assistance to support organizations in delivering Medicaid services in conjunction with MTAC

  For example: How to enroll as a Medicaid provider, requirements of Medicaid providers, general business planning tools and resources, billing and documentation requirements, HIPAA standards.

- Funding to CBOs to develop their capacity to become Medicaid providers

  For example: Creating and modifying data collection tools to report and claim for social care services, training and onboarding of staff, developing and implementing new polices and procedures.

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Philanthropic Funding 1 of 2

- To maximize philanthropic support
- To effectively and efficiently distribute funding across Illinois
- Leverage the knowledge and experience of the network to get capacity building funding where it is needed

Philanthropic Funding 2 of 2

- Must have the ability and fiscal capacity to accept and process philanthropic grants
- Must adhere to the funding requirements provided by the funder
- Must be able to track and report on the grant dollars separately from the state-provided capacity building funds
- Ability to simultaneously manage more than 10 grants ranging in size between $20,000 and $500,000

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Governance

- Be able to describe how they will create a governing body and executive leadership team
- Describe how the leadership team will understand and reflect the unique needs of the state of Illinois
- Demonstrate an ability to organize and coordinate stakeholders serving different geographies and a variety of service types
- Describe how the governing body will meet routinely and will review and approve capacity building funds

Grant Eligibility Criteria

- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- A single legal entity, properly formed and organized in Illinois and in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State
- An established governance structure as outlined in NOFO
- Have at least three (3) years of experience working with community-based organizations statewide
- Be in sound financial condition throughout the term of the contract and must be able to operate on a reimbursement basis
- Have at least 50% of their staff based in Illinois

Available Funding

- Selecting one statewide entity
- Award Ceiling: $8,000,000
- Award Floor: $5,000,000 (at least $3M for capacity building grants)
- Anticipated Award Start Date: 10/1/2026
- Award End Date: 6/30/2027
- Program End Date: 6/30/2029 (pending availability of funding)

Allowable Uses of Funding

- Hiring new or existing staff to perform grant activities
- Travel expenses to perform grant activities
- Expenses related to outreach, education and convenings of stakeholders
- Subcontracting to other entities to perform grant activities and to help deliver on project, especially to reach all areas of the state
- Capacity building subgrants to support CBOs in becoming Medicaid billing organizations

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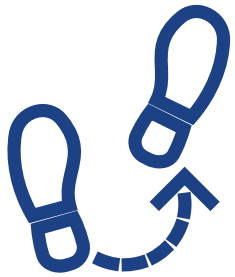
Year 1 Key Milestones (9 month period)

- Quarter 1
  - Contract with MCOs
  - Begin outreach and technical assistance to CBOs
  - Begin contracting with CBOs
- Quarter 2
  - Begin to grant capacity building funds
  - Continue outreach and contracting with providers
- Quarter 3
  - Participate in roll-out of closed loop referral system (exact timing TBD)

See NOFO for additional milestones.

2. Application Process

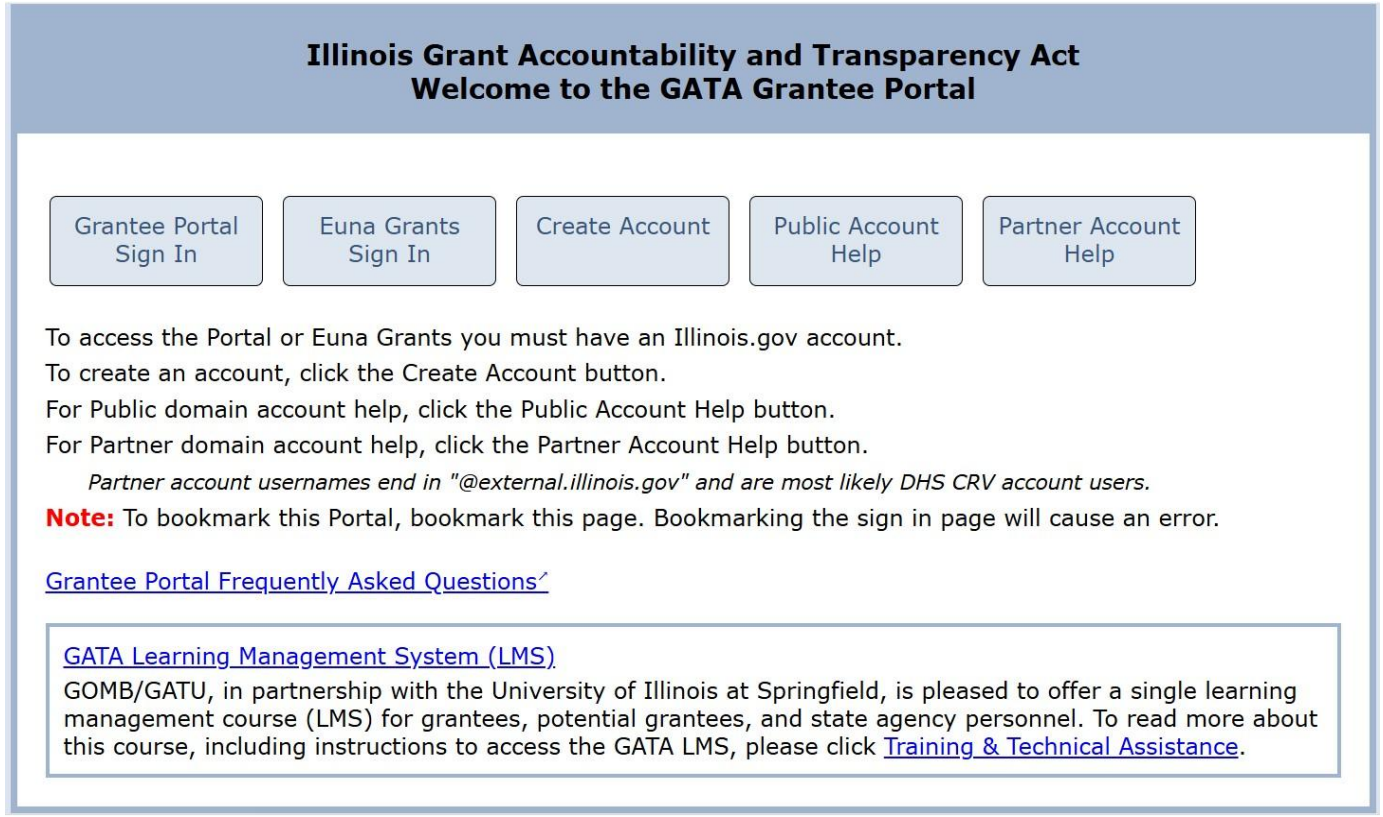
Initial Steps



- **Step 1:** Ensure you meet Grant Eligibility Criteria
- **Step 2:** Ensure your organization is registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) grantee system before applying in Euna
- **Step 3:** Navigate to the Euna portal and create an account if one does not exist
- **Step 4**: Associate your account with your organizational account
- **Step 5**: Begin funding opportunity application

Application Initiation Via GATA Portal 1 of 2

https://grants.illinois.gov/portal



Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act
Welcome to the GATA Grantee Portal

Grantee Portal Sign In | Euna Grants Sign In | Create Account | Public Account Help | Partner Account Help

To access the Portal or Euna Grants you must have an Illinois.gov account.
To create an account, click the Create Account button.
For Public domain account help, click the Public Account Help button.
For Partner domain account help, click the Partner Account Help button.
Partner account usernames end in "@external.illinois.gov" and are most likely DHS CRV account users.
Note: To bookmark this Portal, bookmark this page. Bookmarking the sign in page will cause an error.

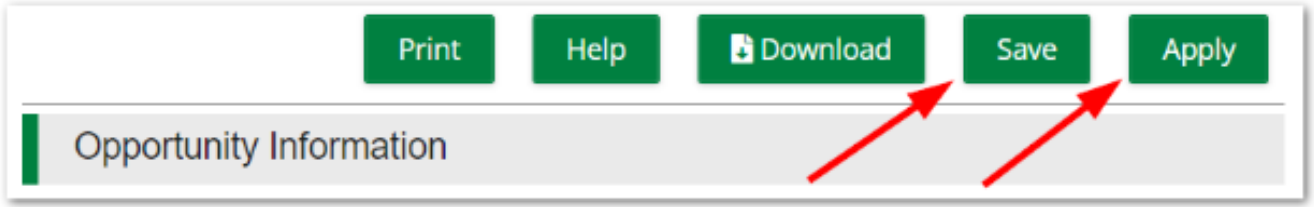
Grantee Portal Frequently Asked Questions

GATA Learning Management System (LMS)
GOMB/GATU, in partnership with the University of Illinois at Springfield, is pleased to offer a single learning management course (LMS) for grantees, potential grantees, and state agency personnel. To read more about this course, including instructions to access the GATA LMS, please click Training & Technical Assistance.

Application Initiation Via GATA Portal

PLEASE NOTE:

To Apply or Save an opportunity using the AmpliFund system you will be prompted to sign in.
You must have Grantee Portal access and your organization must be registered in the Grantee Portal.



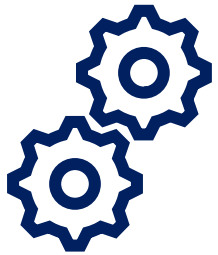
For help completing these requirements, see the Grantee Portal User Guide.

Continue to the NOFO in AmpliFund...

HFS Social Health Care Network (SHCN) Program

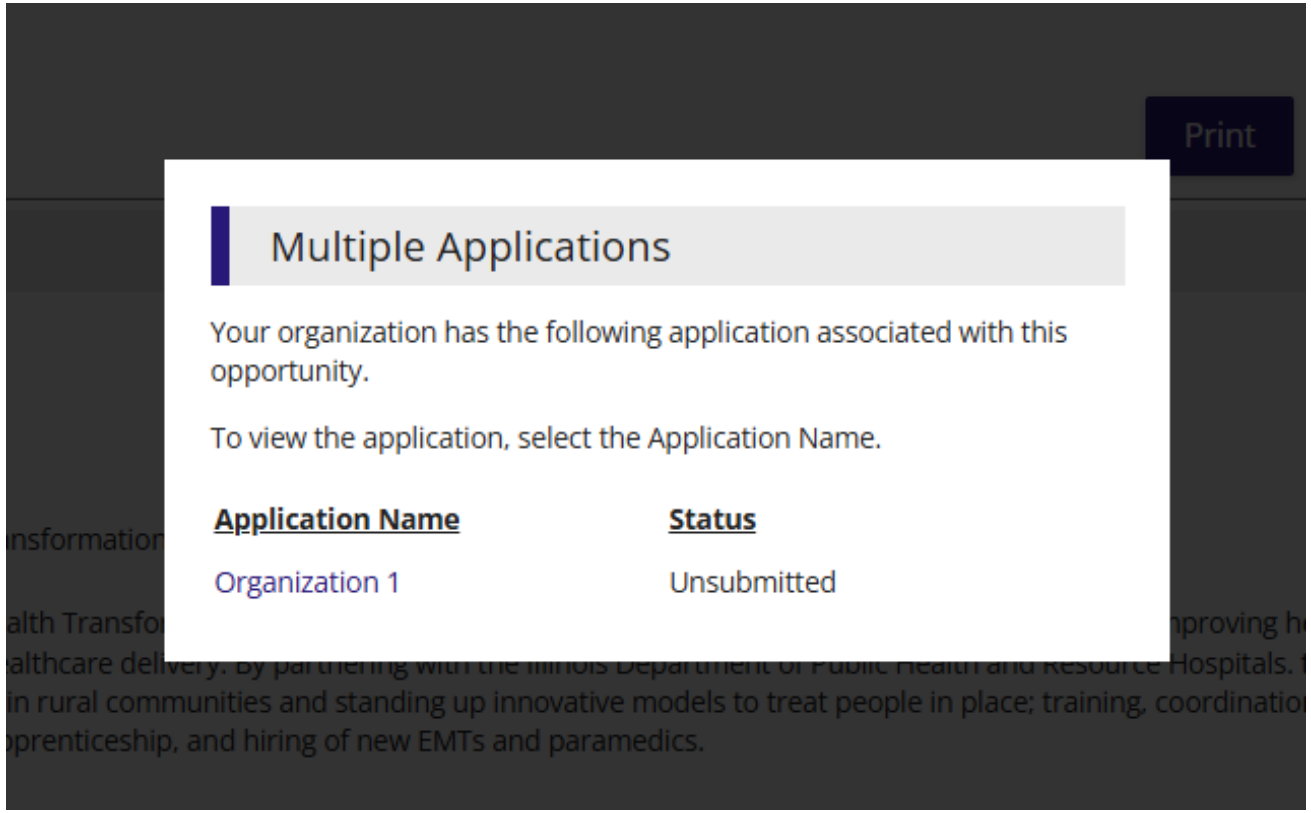
Euna Walkthrough – Workflow

Application Submission Components

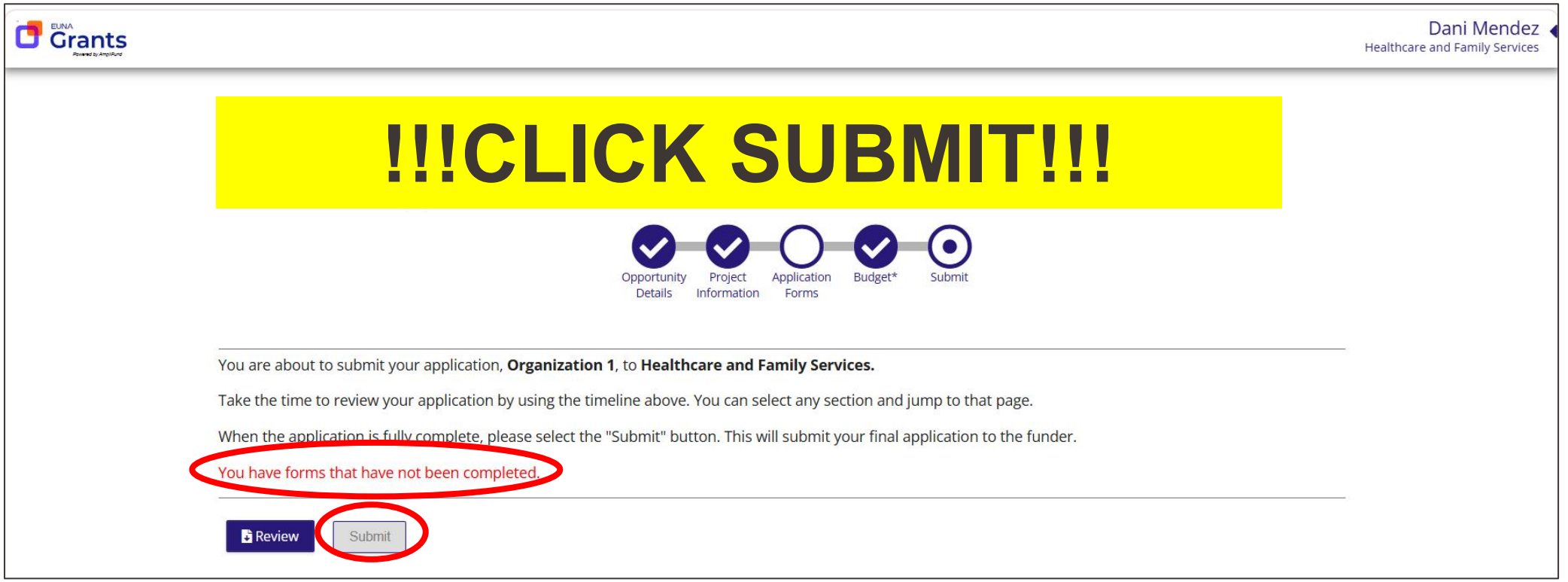


- **Section 1: Uniform Grant Application**
  - Applicant Information, Organizational Unit, Contact Information, Proposed Service Area
  - Program Description, Requirements, Funding Information
- **Section 2: Organizational Eligibility**
- **Section 3: Applicant Grant History**
- **Section 4: Scope of Work/Project Narrative**
  - History and Mission
  - Program Requirements
  - Organizational Capacity and Experience
- **Section 5: Program Work Plan**
- **Section 6: Program Budget**
- **Section 7: Attachments**
  - Required: W-9, audit report, org chart, proof of 501(c)3 status
  - Optional: Letters of support, letters of intent to participate, provider organization participation, governance member roster and by-laws

Euna Walkthrough – Apply



Euna Walkthrough – Review and Submit



Troubleshooting

If you are experiencing issue during the application process either submit a question to Thea Kachoris-Flores or access the Gata Resource Library.

- Thea.Kachoris-Flores@illinois.gov
- GATA State Grantee Portal New User Guide

Critical Reminder

- **Your application must be completed and submitted via the Euna system no later than July 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time (CT).**
- Applicants must upload all required documents in the designated sections of this opportunity. HFS will not accept documents sent by email, mail, or any method outside of the Euna system.

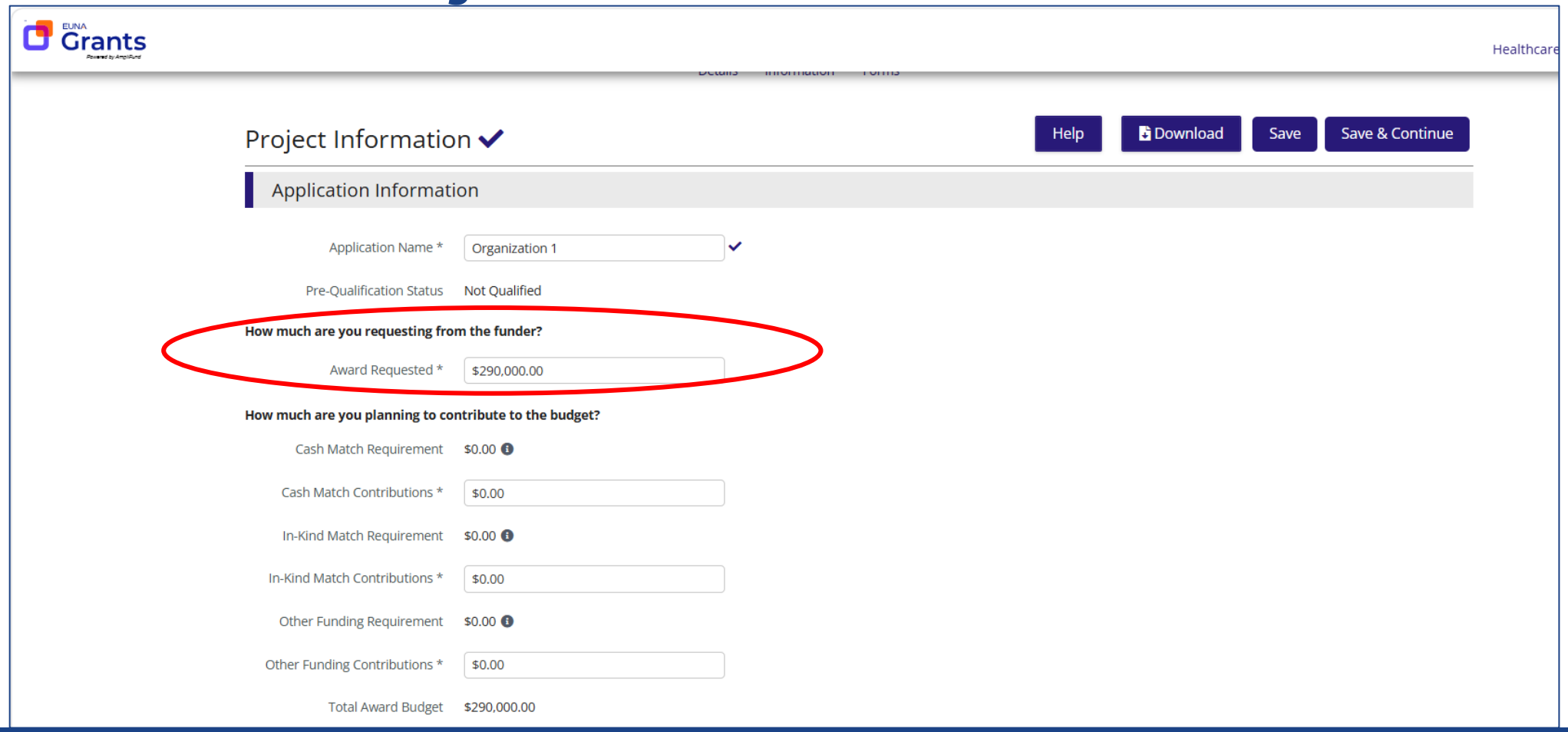
3. Budget

Budget Submission

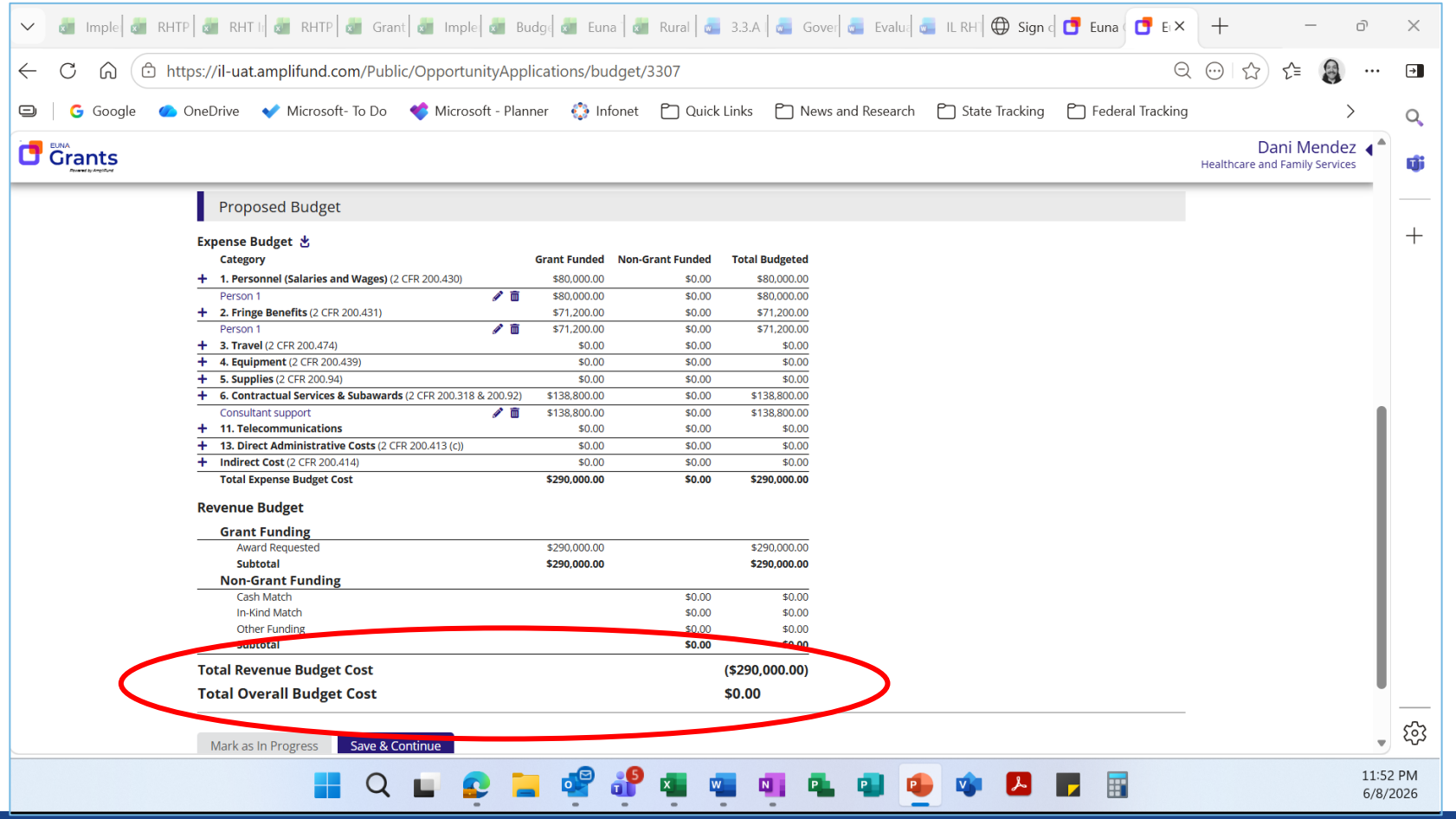
Budget submission completeness includes two steps:

1. **Completing and submitting a Year 1 budget form in Euna**
2. **Completing and uploading an Excel Worksheet for Years 2 and 3**

Euna – Project Information



Euna - Budget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Proposed Budget
Expense Budget
Category
Grant Funded
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Total Budgeted
1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430) $80,000.00 $0.00 $80,000.00
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2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431) $71,200.00 $0.00 $71,200.00
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3. Travel (2 CFR 200.474) $0.00 $0.00 $0.00
4. Equipment (2 CFR 200.439) $0.00 $0.00 $0.00
5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94) $0.00 $0.00 $0.00
6. Contractual Services & Subawards (2 CFR 200.318 & 200.92) $138,800.00 $0.00 $138,800.00
Consultant support $138,800.00 $0.00 $138,800.00
11. Telecommunications $0.00 $0.00 $0.00
13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c)) $0.00 $0.00 $0.00
Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414) $0.00 $0.00 $0.00
Total Expense Budget Cost $290,000.00 $0.00 $290,000.00
Revenue Budget
Grant Funding
Award Requested $290,000.00 $290,000.00
Subtotal $290,000.00 $290,000.00
Non-Grant Funding
Cash Match $0.00 $0.00
In-Kind Match $0.00 $0.00
Other Funding $0.00 $0.00
Subtotal $0.00
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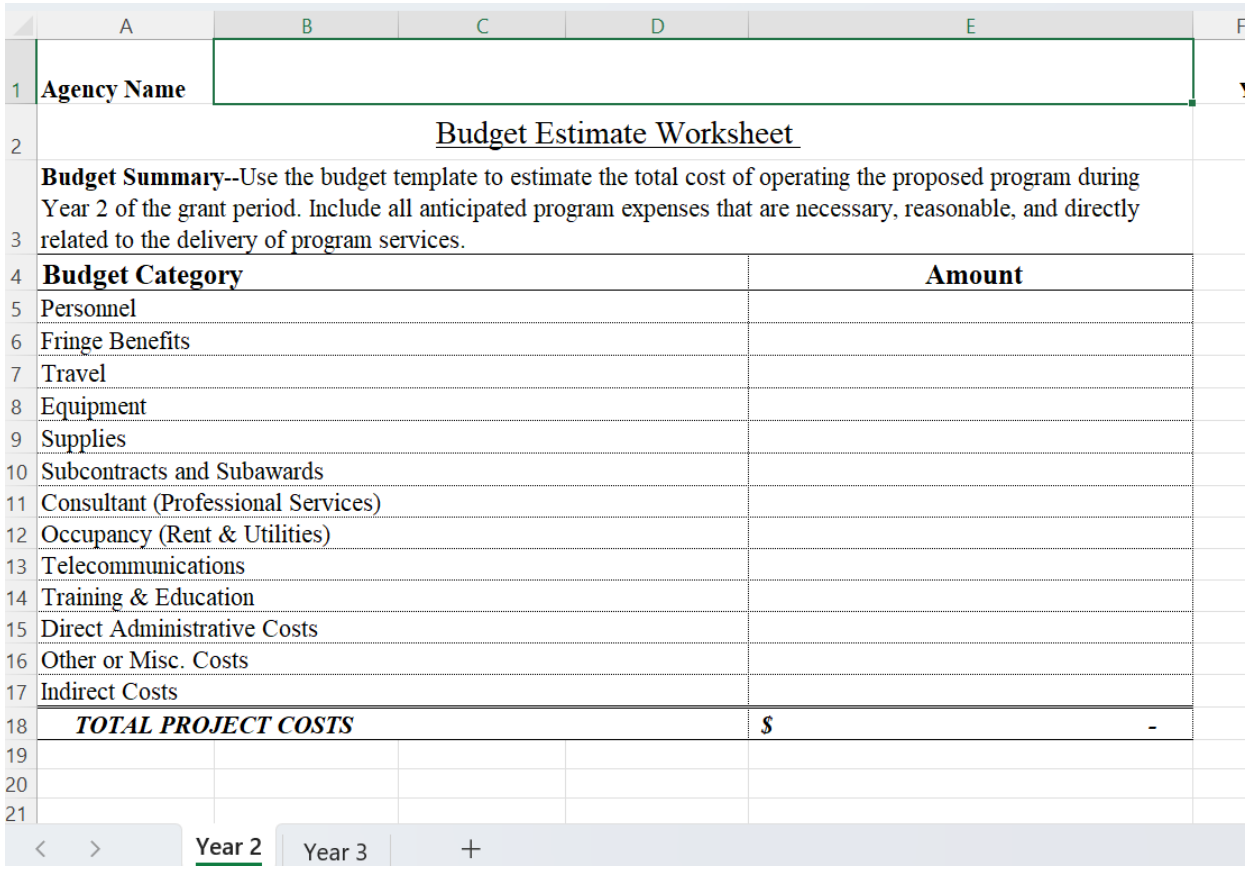
Excel Budget Worksheet



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1	**Agency Name**					
2			Budget Estimate Worksheet			
3	**Budget Summary**--Use the budget template to estimate the total cost of operating the proposed program during Year 2 of the grant period. Include all anticipated program expenses that are necessary, reasonable, and directly related to the delivery of program services.					
4	**Budget Category**				**Amount**	
5	Personnel					
6	Fringe Benefits					
7	Travel					
8	Equipment					
9	Supplies					
10	Subcontracts and Subawards					
11	Consultant (Professional Services)					
12	Occupancy (Rent & Utilities)					
13	Telecommunications					
14	Training & Education					
15	Direct Administrative Costs					
16	Other or Misc. Costs					
17	Indirect Costs					
18	***TOTAL PROJECT COSTS***				***$***	-
19						
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Year 2 | Year 3 | +

4. Next Steps

Next Steps

- Complete application submission by July 20, 2026, 5:00PM CST
- Continue to asks questions via email to Thea.Kachoris-Flores@illinois.gov until July 10, 2026, 4:00 PM CST
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High Level Timeline

Activity	Week of 6/1	Week of 6/8	Week of 6/15	Week of 6/22	Week of 6/29	Week of 7/6	Week of 7/13	Week of 7/20	Week of 7/27	Week of 8/3	Week of 8/10	Week of 8/17	Week of 8/24	Week of 8/31	Month of September
Application go live	6/3														
Application open window*	6/3 to 7/20														
Application window closes								7/20							
Application review								7/21 to 9/1							
Award made, UGAs signed, Contract Approval Document (CAD) approved														9/1 to 9/30	

5. Q & A

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