



Illinois Navigator Grant Q & A

CMS FUNDING

? As a current CMS Nav grantee for 42 subgrantees and applying for one more full year of funding to support the transition to state-based exchange we are looking at how we can best utilize both funding programs to grow the Illinois workforce. We wanted to clarify the best way to prepare our application based on information in the NOFO.

NOFO Information:

“Applicant organizations may also apply for and receive funding through other programs providing funding for ACA enrollment assistance efforts. However, applicant organizations that are selected for the Illinois Navigator grant program may not use other funding sources designated for outreach, education, or enrollment through the Marketplace to pay staff working as Illinois Navigators under this grant program (i.e., each Illinois Navigator staff member must be dedicated to this grant on a full-time basis, though additional staff may be hired with other funding). Organizations that receive funding through another program must demonstrate that activities performed under the Illinois Navigator program will be distinct from those performed under the other program and maintain separate accounting and financial records for each program. If an organization is applying for funding for the same activities through this NOFO and another program, please include an attachment that clearly identifies areas of overlap. If the organization receives an award in any of these areas, it will not be eligible for funding through this NOFO for overlapping activities or program staff. If an organization receives funding from another source, it should submit the Project Narrative or similar document submitted with that application.”

As we read the above information. Our understanding is we will need to add to our Narrative a section stating we are applying for CMS Nav funding. If we are awarded both grants we will submit documentation to show that no sub-grantee will have shared staff of the two programs and will have separate contracts, fiscal reports, and activities.

Illinois Navigators cannot be funded under any other source because they must remain fulltime as an Illinois Navigator. Any other funding must remain separate. Awardees must submit documentation on how funding streams and reporting will not overlap.

PROJECT PERIODS

? In the NOFO we see 3 different project periods. Can you tell us what we should plan for?

All project Periods listed in the NOFO should read August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

SERVICE AREAS

? The NOFO talks about regions but doesn't define the counties within regions. If we plan to apply for statewide coverage would you like us to show counties in specific regions? Example IDPH regions...

Each individual applicant may define their specific service area by listing the counties they will serve within that service area. If an applicant is focusing on a specific target population within a county, please specify the county but also list neighborhoods, county wards as necessary.

TRAINING

? We work closely with experts in IL to help provide TA/training for both Marketplace and Medicaid. Does the grant allow us to contract with them to provide TA/training.

Contractual training is not a reimbursable expense under the grant. However, all training, technical assistance and associated costs will be provided for selected applicants by the state.

