

## DSME Mini-Grant Q&A Session 9/1/2021

### **Question and Answer Session:**

**Should we list staff in the application even though we currently don't have any indicated for the DSME program?**

Yes, please put in the application any proposed staff that you plan to have working on the DSME program.

**I submitted an application already but it's not complete, can I submit another application?**

Yes, you can resubmit your application through SurveyMonkey. The grant reviewers will review the most recent submitted application from your agency.

**If we are serving uninsured demographic who cannot access local DSME programs in our area, will we meet the funding priority?**

Yes, you will, since you are planning to provide services to a underserved population. Make sure to include that information in your application responses.

**Do you or can you offer any assistance in identifying clinics, health care providers or patient that would utilize services?**

Yes, the mentor could help identify strategies to help you identify how to increase your marketing and partnership efforts.

**When is grant funding paid out?**

The first invoice/payment will be submitted 30 days after contracts are signed. Payments paid quarterly after the first invoice.

**Is there preference given to agencies that have received funds in the past?**

There will not be any preference to previously funded agencies.

**Are a budget and narrative required as part of the application process or just within the 30 days?**

This is done within 30 days of being selected as a mini-grantee. You will work with your contract manager and/or mentor to build out budget based on your award amount.

**If our solution is a video course/curriculum, are we eligible for this grant?**

If the agency is providing telehealth, yes you are eligible. A pre-recorded video curriculum would likely not meet DSME standards.

**Do we request an amount or do you offer an amount?**

The amount of the award will depend on the total number of funded applicants and the scope of work each applicant proposes to provide.

**How many agencies are you funding this year?**

We do not have a set number of agencies that we will fund.

**If we have questions during the application, who may we reach out to?**

We cannot answer one-on-one questions since this will be unfair to the other applicants.

**How is the application submitted?**

The application must be submitted through SurveyMonkey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSMEMiniGrantApplication>

**We already offer DSME but we are not accredited or recognized and we do not bill, we rely on grant funding to continue to provide services. Would we be eligible?**

As long as the agency is striving towards the objectives to be accredited or recognized then yes. If your agency does not wish to be accredited or recognized, then no.

**If I want to provide DSME services with children, can we use these funds?**

No, this mini-grant cannot be used to provide services to children, only adults.

**Can the funds be used on prevention services?**

No, this funding opportunity is used for Diabetes Self-Management Education Services only.

**Can Department of Health apply?**

No, county DOH's cannot apply. Please reach out to the state office for any potential funding.

**When applying, do I need to have an existing entity/agency before the grant due date to qualify for the grant?**

Applicants must be able to accept and track funds in a way that meets state and federal laws and regulations including having a federal tax id.

**Are there expectations regarding who is to be involved with the program? Is there a need to bring onboard a registered dietitian for the time being?**

Eventually in order to meet accreditation/recognition standards there are particular staffing requirements. However, funds can be used to begin to build a program prior to all required staff being hired.

**The program I'm developing varies slightly from current models to address diabetes, do you believe varying from what most DSME entities do may present an issue?**

Programs must either meet or be striving to meet the national standards for DSME. Those standards can be seen in the reference materials linked in the application instructions.

**Would the professional versions of continuous glucose monitors (Freestyle Libre Pro System or Dexcom G6 Pro) be allowable as "supplies" or would the Libre Pro be considered telehealth since**

**there is a dashboard (where the patient's data is automatically uploaded) that can be monitored daily?**

Individual budget items will be considered during the budget approval process, as part of the first deliverable. This budget item will need to be reviewed. If the item is for educational purpose, then it is an allowable expense. If the item is for clinical use, then it is not allowable.