**Frequently Asked Questions – Project Build Up 2.0 Funding Opportunity**

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**Background:** This resource is intended to provide answers to questions you may have if you are interested in applying for Project Build Up 2.0 funding. **This resource will be updated as new questions are received.**

**General Questions**

**Q**: Was there a “Project Build Up **1.0**”? Has this funding been available before?

**A**: Yes! We have had four previous cycles of PBU funding.

**Q**: Why is this funding called PBU ***2.0***?

**A:** PBU 2.0 incorporates lessons learned from the initial Project Build Up funding program and provides even more financial support and workforce development opportunities. PBU 2.0 improves on PBU 1.0 through:

* A Community Advisory Committee that co-created the application materials for this funding opportunity, providing input based on lived experience, equity considerations, and centering community input to address problem gambling.
* A Review Committee that will vet all applications and make recommendations for funding. The Committee represents highly diverse perspectives, professional experiences, and relevant lived experiences to inform funding decisions.
* More financial support, for a longer period of time. PBU 2.0 provides **up to $50,000** for up to **20 organizations** to engage in workforce development related to problem gambling treatment **over two years**

**Q:** Is funding in year 2 of this grant program guaranteed?

**A:** No. Second year funding will be contingent on the applicant’s adherence to their first-year work plan and the reporting requirements in year one.

**Q**: Do I have to reapply for second year funding?

**A:** No, you will not have to submit a new application. But you will have to update and submit a revised work plan and budget documents for year 2 of the program.

**Q**: Should my work plan and budget submission be for one year or two years?

**A:** One year. We’re interested to know what your plan and budget are for year one. For year two funding we’ll ask you to submit an updated work plan and budget.

**Q**: My organization has previously received Project Build Up funding. Are we eligible to apply for PBU 2.0 funding?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** I am a clinician/provider that runs my own practice – I don’t work with an organization. Am I eligible to apply for this funding opportunity?

**A**: No. Individuals are not eligible to apply for funding only to support one clinician, or their own practice. However, organizations are eligible to apply for this funding. It is therefore possible for you to partner with an organization to submit an application.

**Q:**How important are my organization’s DEI efforts to our application and consideration for this grant?

**A:**The most important aspect of your application is detailing your plan to build workforce capacity to address problem gambling treatment. Regardless of whether you choose to articulate any DEI policies or initiatives, your commitment to address problem gambling as a public health issue is supportive of our vision.

**Application Process Questions**

**Q**: Am I required to attend the Kickoff Webinar or the other technical assistance opportunities that are being offered during the application period?

**A:** No, you are not required to attend these, but we encourage you to visit the website to review recordings of past sessions, and to see upcoming opportunities and resources to support a successful application.

**Q**: Will there be technical assistance available to prospective applicants?

**A:** Yes! We are offering the following applicant support sessions- all virtual. These include:

* **Kickoff & Informational Session** (Webinar) **May 6, 4-5PM,** The recording is available here:
* **Tips For a Successful Application** (Webinar) on May 15th, 11AM-12PM
* **Office Hours** on May 20th and 27th, 2-3PM:
* **Blackbaud Portal Walkthrough** (Recording)
* **Budget Development** (Recording)
* **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ)

**Eligibility Questions**

**Q:** Which types of organizations are eligible - and not eligible - to apply for the PBU 2.0 funding opportunity?

**A:** The RFP answers these questions in detail. Please refer to the RFP document.

**Q**: If I received a Project Build Up “mini-grant” this year, am I still eligible to apply for this funding?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** If I received Gambling Disorder Screening Day (GDSD) host site funding this year, am I eligible to apply for this funding?

**A**: Yes, as long as you meet the criteria for application.

**Q**: I work for a town/city health department, or another municipal job. Is my municipality eligible to apply?

**A**: No, municipal offices/programs are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

**Q**: I work for a college or university. Are we eligible to apply?

**A**: No, higher education institutions are not eligible for this funding.

**Q:** I work as a provider in a role through the Department of Mental Health (DMH.) Am I eligible to apply for funding?

**A:** No, programs that provide services through DMH are not eligible for this funding.

**Q:** My organization currently works primarily on prevention. Are we eligible to apply?

**A:** Organizations that focus on prevention *may* be eligible to apply, but applications will require applicants to demonstrate how receiving the funding will build their organizational capacity to address problem gambling treatment*.* Your organization does have the ability to partner with another organization and submit a joint application for this funding. If you are interested in this option, please refer to the RFP and partnership letter template, which you will need to include with your application in this case.

**Q:** My program is a BSAS (Bureau of Substance Addiction Services)-funded Peer Recovery Support Center. Are we eligible to apply?

**A**: Yes, your program is eligible to apply.

**Q:** My organization has multiple programs, and more than one program is interested in applying. Can multiple programs within an organization apply separately for this funding?

**A:** Yes, multiple sites within an organization can apply separately for this funding. Each site requires an application.

**Q:** Does it matter what type(s) of insurance my organization bills for reimbursement – or if we do not bill to insurance - to provide clinical services? Will this impact our eligibility?

**A:** No, this does not impact your organization’s eligibility. This *could* be relevant for your application in how you would propose supporting provider staff for the time they would spend in M-TAC trainings and PBU-related activities. It depends on how your organization reimburses your provider staff for their time. **If you have further questions about this topic, please email** **projectbuildup@hria.org** **to clarify before submitting your application.**