

Peer Policy Fellow Grant Program Teleconference: Questions & Answers

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1. Does this grant have a maximum cap?

No, there is not a set maximum amount for the overall grant, however, each grant amount will depend on the fellow's salary and the organization's fringe benefits. The salary and the fringe are the only line items that are discretionary. The highest salary we will pay is 95 percent of \$45,000 and 100 percent of your organization's fringe benefits.

2. Will the foundation consider projects that focus on substance use policy?

We will consider peer fellow proposals focusing on mental health, substance use, or co-occurring conditions, although policy issues typically cross the lines of both conditions.

3. Are substance use recovery coaches required to have mental health peer certification?

Substance use recovery coaches are not required to have mental health peer certification although some professional development in mental health will be necessary to have a meaning impact on behavioral health policy.

4. Our program engages in public policy and offers community education. Should we outline what the fellow will be doing in the work plan?

We are seeking proposals that include a comprehensive work plan specifying activities and issues the fellow will be working on. While advocacy and grassroots activities are acceptable, we will be looking for a broad range of work experiences and professional development.

7. Would you consider presentations to reduce stigma to be considered grass roots advocacy?

This type of presentation could be part of a grassroots advocacy initiative. However, if that is the only policy activity the peer fellow is engaged in, it would not be considered a comprehensive policy experience.

8. How many grants will be awarded?

Depending on the quality of the proposals, up to five grants will be awarded.