

Grants Proposal Readiness & Awards Checklist

Starting a Medicaid-funded grant proposal can be overwhelming, especially in a quickly changing landscape. For the latest information, check the [Grants.gov dashboards](#) regularly for updated opportunities, and connect with your state's mental health authority about block grants and CCBHC planning grants still available under Medicaid 1115 Waivers.

To stay informed, subscribe to [grant updates via email](#) (register if you haven't already).

We hope this checklist saves your team time and effort in the process. Good luck!

— The Radicle Health Team



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Groundwork & Readiness List

☐ Know Your Funding Context

Understand the new Medicaid rules for your state: work requirements and eligibility redeterminations, service copays, one-month retroactive coverage, etc.

☐ Application Preparedness

Engage people with lived experience early (required in [CCBHC planning grants](#)).
Build documentation and clinical justification from the start.

☐ Compliance & Data Readiness

Confirm your EHR system supports Medicaid and other compliance requirements in your field regarding billing, eligibility, and data collection supporting program impact.

☐ Analyze the ROI of an EHR system

Use an [ROI calculator](#) to learn how the right platform can help you adapt to shifts in policy and funding by saving your team time and money.

☐ Boost Your Grant Writing Capabilities

Stretched thin or lack in-house grant writing expertise? Consider a grant writing partnership with a foundation like [RWJF](#), [Kresge](#), and [Well Being Trust](#).

☐ Sustainability & Contingency

Develop fallback plans if Medicaid reimbursements shift or if federal grants are reduced unexpectedly (e.g. block grants are rescinded).

☐ Braided-funding Planning

Ensure alignment of federal funds e.g. Medicaid, AHA (formerly SAMHSA), and any local or foundation funding streams. (Learn more about [braided funding](#) for sustainability).

Where to Apply for Grants in 2025 and Beyond

Mental Health Grants

○ State Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

States use these funds along with Medicaid to support mental health services.

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○ Pilot Effectiveness Trials of Peer Support Services for Suicide Prevention

A research grant opportunity to pilot the feasibility, safety, and early effectiveness of peer support strategies to reduce suicide risk in clinical and community settings, encouraging collaboration among experts in peer support, intervention research, and implementation science.

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○ The Lawrence Foundation

Designed to provide U.S.-based nonprofits (as well as public schools and libraries) with unrestricted program or operating support in the areas of human services, environment, disaster relief, and similar public-focused causes.

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○ The MOORE Equity in Mental Health Community Grants Program

Supports community organizations that have undertaken innovative awareness programs and/or have provided services to improve the mental health of young people of color.

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○ Advancing Strategies to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs to Support Older Adults with Behavioral Health Conditions

To develop and implement multi-faceted strategies that support the delivery and sustainability of evidence-based chronic disease self-management education (CDSME) programs for older adults with one or more behavioral health conditions.

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School-Based Mental Health Grants

○ National Center on Early Learning, Health, and Family Engagement (ELHFE)

Operates a National Center delivering evidence-based training and technical assistance on early learning, health (including behavioral health), and family engagement across Head Start programs.

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○ HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education & Training (BHWET) — Paraprofessionals

Expands the behavioral health workforce by training behavioral health paraprofessionals (including peer specialists and counselors).

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○ School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Program

Supports recruitment and retention of credentialed school-linked mental health professionals—especially school psychologists—in high-need districts, for use in fiscal year 2025 and beyond.

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Residential Behavioral Health Grants & Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Grants

Gupta Family Foundation

Supports anything that holds a person back from realizing their potential, such as poverty, physical or mental disability, social alienation, etc. The foundation also supports relief agencies that serve people affected by emergencies such as natural disasters.

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FORE: Opioid Response Grants

Past grants have included opioid crisis innovation challenges, prevention, and community-driven responses.

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance Funding

Supports residential treatment linked to justice-involved Medicaid populations.

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Targeted Capacity Expansion–Special Projects

Supports capacity-building for Medicaid-eligible SUD treatment providers.

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Innovation in Behavioral Health (IBH) Model – Cohort II

A seven-year voluntary program testing a value-based payment system to support integrated care for adults with moderate to severe mental health or substance use disorders in Medicaid and Medicare behavioral health settings.

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Foster Care & Children's Services Grants

Title IV-E Prevention Program

Funding preventive and kinship services braided with Medicaid for child welfare.

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Children's Mental Health Initiative Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances

Provides grant funding to improve mental health outcomes for children and youth (birth through age 21) with or at risk for serious emotional disturbances (SED), including support for their families.

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Reimbursement Funding Through Your State's Title IV-E Plan

Supports training for Medicaid-eligible foster care providers and caseworkers.

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Workforce Development Grants

These grants support workforce programs that often integrate with Medicaid-funded service providers.

○ Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants

Funds workforce boards that train and support behavioral health and Medicaid provider staff.

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○ Apprenticeship Building America

Supports apprenticeships for Medicaid-relevant roles like behavioral health technicians.

(Search for “Building America” or “Registered Apprenticeship”).

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○ H-1B Job Training Grants

Workforce training that includes Medicaid providers.

Set up keyword alerts on Grants.gov for “**H-1B Skills Training**” or “**H-1B Workforce Grants**” to get notified immediately when new a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) posts.

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