

Addendum 2:

During the NOFO information conference on 6/26/26, a question was asked that the answer would be posted later. Please see below for that question/follow up and answer now provided.

Question: May a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serve as the lead applicant and fiscal/ administrative grantee for an MIH implementation site when partnering with a Vermont-licensed EMS agency responsible for delivery of the MIH services?

Follow up: If an FQHC is not eligible to serve as the lead applicant, is there any guidance regarding the extent to which an FQHC may serve as the administrative, clinical integration, and reporting partner within an EMS-led application?

Answer: Per the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), an FQHC could qualify under the healthcare facility language of “hospital or healthcare facility” mentioned throughout the NOFO. The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) will consider applications with an FQHC as a “healthcare facility” if all other requirements of the NOFO are met.

Please note: FQHCs have distinct requirements and all applications should consider how the FQHC will maintain its current operational status. All applications with a potential FQHC as the healthcare facility should outline how MIH will interact with the funding methodology currently used by FQHCs. This grant has limited funding, and the State of Vermont is still working to develop a sustainable funding methodology.

Addendum 3: Updates to timeline.

During the information conference it was mentioned that the **grant spending will now need to be finalized on July 30th, 2027**, instead of September 30th, 2027. This is due to there being no liquidation period following September 30, 2027. This means that all invoices must be submitted and paid, and all federal funds must be drawn down by the State no later than September 30, 2027. To ensure sufficient time for invoicing, payment processing, and closeout activities, we will need all Year 1 grants and contracts to conclude by July 30, 2027.

Updates in red regarding dates in NOFO:

Grants/contracts executed from this NOFO will be for a period of **12** months with an anticipated start date of August 1, 2026. The grant period is anticipated to extend from

August 1, 2026, through **July 30, 2027**, for a period of **12** months. Year 1 funds must be fully spent by **July 30, 2027**.

Year 1 Estimated Timeline – Revised

June 11, 2026	NOFO Posting Date
June 26, 2026 at 11 AM (Eastern Time)	Information Conference
July 10, 2026 at 4:30 PM (Eastern Time)	Letters of Interest due to VDH
July 13 – August 14, 2026	VDH team reviews Letters of Interest
August 17 – August 28, 2026	Negotiations with grantees
August 28, 2026	All grantees notified of award
September 2026	All subrecipient grants executed and funds obligated
September, 2026 – June, 2027	VDH and CMS provide oversight, monitoring, and evaluation of grants for spending and performance to determine eligibility for continued funding.
July 30, 2027	Year-1 funds are fully spent