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Speaker 1
Well. Thank you, everybody, for joining us here today. This is the BHECN ARPA informational webinar just to make sure you're in the right place. So today we wanted to take the opportunity to go through the application that was developed for the ARPA awards, which are now open. They've been open now for about a week and we wanted to provide this in case you are thinking about applying or maybe currently working on an application and needed a little bit more guidance.

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Speaker 1
So hopefully this will be helpful and we will have an opportunity to do a Q&A at the end of the session. All right, Erin, next slide. Okay. So I'm Dr. Molly Doyle. I'm the director of the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska. I'm an adult psychiatrist by training and have been in this role for about three and a half years.

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Speaker 1
But BHECN itself has been in existence since 2009. We were established by the state legislature in order to address the behavioral health workforce shortage needs, especially in rural and urban underserved areas. And so since that time, we have worked on defining our mission and supporting students, trainees, as well as current licensed behavioral health providers, and assuring that we try to keep as many people here in the state of Nebraska as possible.

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Speaker 1
And part of the Tenet that we have is trying to create learning and training opportunities across the state so people don't have to travel to find a mentor. For example. And as you can kind of see from this map, we still have a lot of areas that are designated as shortage areas. So there's still a lot of work to be done.

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Speaker 1
But we have made some improvements over the past decade or so. Next slide. Okay. So this is a nice little graphic trying to kind of explain all the the BHECN mission areas. So the way that we think about it is that we want to have touch points to influence the workforce at every level. So starting with the students, we provide opportunities for them to just learn about behavioral health careers.

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Speaker 1
What are the possibilities that are out there? What does a marriage or family therapist do compared to a counselor, for example? So we do a lot of career panels getting out there and even just providing general education about mental health and behavioral health, wellness, resiliency, things like that to destigmatize mental illness as well. And then we move into the training period of the trainees journey.

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Speaker 1
So once a student has identified a behavioral health career, they enter a graduate program. And we have support for them along the way, too. We work a lot with the programs that are training these students to make sure that we are trying to kind of meet them where they're at and develop ideas and programs based on input from our stakeholders.

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Speaker 1
And then we, you know, hopefully they graduate on and become full on licensed behavioral health professionals. And when they're at that period of training, we will do webinars, conferences, free continuing education credits to try to make it easy for people to continue to be licensed. As we all know, we have licensure requirements and so we have opportunities that people can meet these licensure requirements but do it at no cost to the person.

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Speaker 1
We also do networking and mentorship events to try to continue to kind of create a community among the behavioral health providers. And we'll we'll do these in different areas. So we have a rural provider networking group that needs occasionally. And I think it is really important that because this work is difficult. And so we'd like to try to really kind of build that sense of community.

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Speaker 1
And then the other thing that we do is we study the workforce in the workforce trends. So every two years we do a workforce survey and then we present those results and have done a side research projects based on the needs and what we're seeing kind of in the current landscape. And so we have a dashboard on our website that shows all the trends, and you can go on and even look at that number of behavioral health providers down to the level of county.

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Speaker 1
So that's a great resource if you're interested in news. And since BHECN was developed, we have had some success in making strides anyway, I would say. So we've developed a lot of successful programs and got to a point where we saw an increase of 30% of the behavioral health workforce, according to our most recent Workforce Survey data results.

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Speaker 1
And so we've kind of been come to be seen as the workforce development center of the state and a good place to have educational and mentorship programs run out of. So last fall around this time, there was an interim study that was initiated by Senator Skinner, and he brought together a working group to try to identify what the current landscape of the behavioral workforce was and what needs still needed to be met.

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Speaker 1
So this working group was made up of people all across the state from different disciplines, different organizations, and came together to develop a plan of what was thought to be the highest need areas in the state. In response to the COVID 19 pandemic, which we all kind of now know and have lived to see higher demand for behavioral health services, as well as a lot of burnout among the current workforce.

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Speaker 1
So this group was brought together and ended up introducing a couple bills that came from this working group, and we were able to pass L.D. 1014, which was the funds that are responsible now for why you're here today. So you can go to the next slide, Erin. And this is kind of the ARPA legislation, the words that essentially BHECN was found to be the best place to kind of have the

infrastructure to be able to act as a pass through organization, to make sure that we can get these funds to behavioral health providers and organizations across the state.

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Speaker 1
So we ended up getting $25.5 million to be able to get the money directly to people in four different high need categories. So Area will kind of go through those in a little bit more detail, but that is essentially the history behind it. All right. And so from here, I will let Erin take over and we will kind of get into the nitty gritty of the application itself.

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Speaker 1
So thank you again for joining.

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Speaker 2
Thank you, Marlee. So there are four different funding categories that came out of the ARPA bill, the behavioral health training opportunities category, selling behavioral support in rural areas, behavioral health workforce projects for behavioral issues caused or exacerbated by COVID and the licensed professional support for supervision. So this ARP application process, as you all know, is are open to all providers in the state of applicants can request for up to three years of funding and applicants are able to apply for more than one funding category.

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Speaker 2
So if you're interested and let's say Category one and Category three, you're more than welcome to apply for both. So as you all might know, this is an online application process. The online application link is on the website. All applications are going to be scored by an independent review committee. These awards are going to be awarded on a quarterly basis and there will be ongoing reporting outcomes that will be required of awardees.

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Speaker 2
So I'm going to talk a bit more in detail about each of the different opportunities. So the behavioral training Opportunities Awards, the budget can't exceed more than $500,000. These awards are for things like internships, practicum, fellowships, certifications, things like that. So it's really a category that focuses on providing training and clinical experience to behavioral health students, trainees or professionals who tell behavioral health support in rural areas.

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Speaker 2
Category. The funding limit for this category is $1,000,000. These are really these awards are really focused on increasing access to behavioral health care through tailored behavioral health services. This these kinds of awards can be for total behavioral health equipment, technical assistance, getting a certification and providing behavioral health services, developing a console, networks, things like that. The third award category, Health Workforce Projects related to COVID.

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Speaker 2
The maximum budget for this is $100,000, and those projects can include things like providing training on the behavioral health impacts of COVID or doing wellness initiatives, working on provider burnout, doing recruitment and retention initiatives, working with students, things like that. So this this category really is pretty wide open. And if you can make the case that you have a

project that's related to issues caused by the pandemic, then that might be a good fit for this category.

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Speaker 2
And finally, finally, the funding for these supervisors. This has a budget cap of $100,000 and this one provides stipends for supervision and just providing support for provisionally licensed professionals that are working towards getting fully licensed.

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Speaker 2
So I'm going to shift gears a little bit and talk to you about the online system that you'll be using to apply. I noticed earlier today that there are many folks that have already submitted applications. So for those of you who have already done that, then this will be old news. But for those of you who haven't looked at the system, I'll give you a brief overview.

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Speaker 2
So anyone who wants to apply or help with an application will have to develop a username and password. As you can see, it's a pretty straightforward process to start an application on the homepage, you need to scroll down to the bottom of the page. There is a start button and that's what you'll process to begin your application.

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Speaker 2
Once you begin the application, you will select which award program you're applying for. So you should know that if your organization wants to apply for more than one type of award, you'll have to create entirely different applications for each award category. So none of none of the applications are connected necessarily. You'll have to apply for each award separately if you're interested in having collaborators on your applications with other staff.

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Speaker 2
Want to also work on your application. You can find a manage collaborators buttons on the page where you're selecting your awards program. You should know that the only people that can add to your are the only people that can submit your application and are the primary applicants. So that's the person that originally created the application. So then the rest of it, I think is pretty straightforward.

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Speaker 2
You just fill out your organizational information. Most of the fields, all these pages are all required information. You fill out budgetary information. So the way that the budget form works is that you will click on which budget categories that you need for your particular application. Once you click on those categories, then the the amounts, the, the like. For instance, on this, the personnel will pop up underneath it to put in the total cost for your personnel and then you'll put in your justification right under that.

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Speaker 2
So each cost that you are asking for your application has to have a budget justification.

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Speaker 2
So in addition to the budget justification, you'll also need to complete a budget form template. And this is a unanimous document that's used to create subcontracts. So it's a required document that you'll need to find to fill out if you are ending up being an awardee, and you need to fill it out for your application as well. So you have to download and complete the form.

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Speaker 2
The form is within the application, so it's right underneath the budget justification information to click on that, download it. So all in all your information within the form, then you can upload it again within the application. This is really straightforward. If anyone has any questions about this, as you're creating your budget in your application, feel free to reach out to you.

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Speaker 2
So once you're done with the budget section, then the rest of the questions are based on your specific award categories. So we'll look different depending on what sort of awards you're looking for.

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Speaker 2
So in addition to the questions that are specific to your award category, you'll also be required to read the terms and conditions of the awards. This is related to federal reporting requirements and see related subcontracting requirements. And those that language and those terms of conditions are also on the application. And you can read through those.

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Speaker 2
There are places to upload letters of support and supporting documents. Both of these are optional. They're not required. And we ask that you only submit supporting documents that help reviewers to better understand your application. So you're allowed to submit three different documents on page one to some of those documents. But since they're optional, we don't expect applicants to put the core of their projects within these documents.

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Speaker 2
Your main project information should be located within your application. These are basically just supporting documents.

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Speaker 2
So then once you're done with all of that, you submit your application. Again, only the primary applicant can submit. Once you pick out buttons, then once you click, okay, then your submission is accepted into the system and you're no longer able to make changes to your application. So if you press okay, you need to be sure that you're done.

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Speaker 2
In addition to addition to what it says on the screen, you also receive a confirmation email that you're that we've received your application.

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Speaker 2

So if you have any questions, you can reach out to us on the Opera Awards Web page, and you can also email us at the BHECN ARB account.

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Speaker 2
So I see that there are a number of questions in the Q&A.

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Speaker 1
Erin So the first question is from says, we have identified the need for community health workers in addressing the behavioral needs of our community based on the lack of behavioral health professionals. The use of behavioral health community health workers is evidence based. And we apply and this is the first category, the appropriate category for public health. Working on increasing access to behavioral health care says is Central District Health Department Grant Island.

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Speaker 2
I would suggest that this applicant look at the review criteria that's located on our website to see what might make the most sense for them. I can't speak to all of the details because I don't know enough about the application, but it's best if you're if you are unsure about which type of category to apply for. I would suggest looking at the different applications on our website and also looking at the review criteria.

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Speaker 1
But I think one thing to to add is if you apply and the review committees that are going to be reviewing each application, if they feel like the application would be better in a different category, we will have an opportunity to move it on the back end. And so just do your best in guessing which category. And if it seems like it's, you know, it needs to be in a different one, then we can always move it over.

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Speaker 1
Great. Next question is, does that PDF of the budget form need to be completed prior to submission? Or is it something we complete or fill out? After you received notice that we are getting an award.

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Speaker 2
Is required to be filled out prior to submission. It should be part of your application. Okay.

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Speaker 1
Next question. If the initial application is not selected, does the organization need to start over with a new application and information? Is applying for subsequent applications?

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Speaker 2
This is a good question and I will have to look at our the platform that we're using. There might be a way to clone an application so that you don't have to resubmit. You ought to look into that. But the way that the system works, I think that if you've submitted an application, you'll still be able to see your submission even after you've submitted it.

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Speaker 2
It's gone through the process. So I think if nothing else, you'll still have that information. It just might not. You might have to copy and paste or something. And if you weren't awarded the first time, it's likely that you probably need to make some adjustments to your application as well. Based on what the review committee tells you.

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Speaker 1
Next question Will applications be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis or only at the October deadline?

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Speaker 2
They'll be out on a rolling basis. So I apologize. I had some more slides and I'm not sure where they went to my slide deck, but applications are going out on a quarterly basis after this October deadline. The next one will start in January, and the goal is for us to do applications the month of January, how reviewers review the applications in February and then have the awardees announced next March.

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Speaker 2
So and then that will just keep going until the the funds are expended some.

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Speaker 1
But one thing to note is that the funds will be spent on a first come first serve basis. So there will be an advantage to applying earlier.

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Speaker 1
Next question. Are there character or limit preferences for the application questions?

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Speaker 2
For any of the questions that are with text boxes, they have a 500 word limit.

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Speaker 1
I just want to confirm that an agency can submit multiple applications.

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Speaker 2
Yes, that is correct.

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Speaker 1
If you like the concept but have questions about the budget when you ask for revision, will the application be excluded from consideration?

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Speaker 2

So the budget narrative in the budget is not actually scored. So the the review committee, if the budget needs to be revised, will will give feedback to the applicant that the budget needs some tweaking. That won't necessarily exclude you from consideration. However, if you're asking for more than the award cap that could excluded from consideration. Okay.

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Speaker 1
So I mentioned that they missed the beginning of the webinar and it is recording and we will post this and we'll have access to it for future viewing. So that will be coming in the days to come on our website. Next question. Can you talk a little bit about the reporting requirements for approved grants?

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Speaker 2
Sure. So the reporting requirements will be largely related to ARPA federal financial reporting requirements. That's a piece of it. And then also evaluation measures that began is going to be developing for each of the various award categories. So there are some example evaluation measures on the ARPA website that you can take a look at. These aren't final yet.

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Speaker 2
We're still working on them, but that gives you kind of an idea about the types of information that people will be collecting, and they will be providing some training and technical assistance as evaluations start rolling out and as we're working to get the information from from awardees. So it shouldn't be too much of an arduous process for folks, but it will be a requirement.

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Speaker 1
Will the applicant receive feedback scoring weaknesses if their applications are not approved?

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Speaker 2
Yes. So that actually was one of the slides that I did not have in my deck that I had originally created. But anyway, so how the review committee process works is that everyone submits applications. Once these applications are closed in October, the four different review committees will have will review each application they'll be getting they'll be giving numerical scores for various pieces of your application, and then they'll be providing written feedback for each application.

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Speaker 2
So you'll get a strengths and weaknesses for each of the numerical scores. So you'll have an understanding about what you did well and maybe areas for improvement. So the review committee is going to be then ranking applications based on score and then the review committee, these are going to be making recommendations for funding. So just so you all know, is is a member of the review committee only in terms of looking at diversity, equity and inclusion measures, none of which are scored, but just things for consideration.

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Speaker 2
And also as a program staff. And that's just a person that's there to help the review committee with any logistics or questions about the application process began. Staff are not voting. Members of the review committees. So the the report or the awards are going to be chosen by the review committees if.

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Speaker 1
What evaluation is expected beyond the evaluation questions listed on your website specifically ask about the covered category where the total funding available per project is lower.

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Speaker 2
Specifically. So I'm just reading it again. Mm hmm.

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Speaker 2
And since we don't have the evaluation measures all figured out, yeah, I think it's going to depend on what type of project is being proposed for that particular category, since that category has such a wide variety of potential projects. You know, I think we'll be working with awardees to figure out what makes the most sense. I think the basics are on our on our website right now.

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Speaker 2
But beyond that, we haven't discussed that. So I don't think it's going to be a lot more, but I can't say for certain right now. Mm hmm.

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Speaker 1
Next question. I'm having issues getting my duns number, and I'm concerned that it will delay my application. Submission? Can I submit without that number?

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Speaker 2
Yes, I think that that's fine. I don't think that the university business and finance people like me for saying that, but I don't want it to be a hindrance to folks being able to submit. So I think that that's fine.

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Speaker 1
Are there any on allowable costs and thinking about administrative costs, such as software needed for trainees?

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Speaker 2
So there are on allowable costs. It's actually there's an allowable costs lists within the application. We have a list of all of the allowable costs. So this money is considered federal funding. And so we have to use what's allowable based on federal statutes and regulations. And so that that list is within the application and it's in the budget section.

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Speaker 2
I can't say off the top of my head, I believe that things like software are allowable, but you'll want to check that list to make sure. And that just one more point is just that, all that sort of thing, you know, that's stuff that we can work with awardees on the back end. If you're given an award, you're not going to be excluded from an award because maybe you had software that wasn't allowable.

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Speaker 2
Those are things that we can work with you on and we can help you adjust your budget and things like that.

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Speaker 1
So how do we estimate FTE required to collect data required by BHECN since it's not yet final? Could you give a suggestion of how many hours it may take an evaluator to collect that data?

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Speaker 2
I would say less than 5% of someone's time.

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Speaker 1
Can we budget to use money to supplement our training programs for school counselors or as only for students who are in a program to become licensed behavioral health providers?

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Speaker 2
I'm not sure what award category this person is asking about, but I would refer to the application and the review criteria to make sure that your program fits in the best category. There's likely a category for you to say. It's just I'm not sure, but one that might be based on what you're proposing.

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Speaker 1
Do I understand correctly that no reviews will start until October one, so there's no advantage for turning in proposals before that date?

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Speaker 2
So the the deadline for these applications is October 14th. The reviewers, it depends on whether or not we are going to be having review committees, review early, depending on the number of awardees or a number of applicants. I'm sorry, because this is our first round and because we haven't ever done this before, we weren't sure how many people were going to be applying for this first round.

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Speaker 2
So if it appears as though we are going to have a massive amount of applications and we need to break that up into multiple review committee meetings, we will do that. So I wouldn't say that there's no advantage to it, but I also think it's fine if you do it at the deadline as well.

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Speaker 1
And if you do it, you'd submit by, say, on October 13, then the plan is to have the review committee's needs in the month of November and make decisions, and then you'll be notified of the decision in December. And that'll be the same for everybody that submitted this application cycle. Can indirect costs be included, such as faculty salary and benefits for training programs.

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Speaker 2
And no indirect costs are allowed for these awards?

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Speaker 1
Who are members of the review committees? Not specific individuals? Of what fields or departments do they come from?

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Speaker 2
Sure. That's a that's a great question. So our review committees are made up of people from across the state and actually from across the country who have expertize in the various award categories. So we work and they represent a variety of professions. We were very diligent about making sure that we had broad geographical and professional expertize within each of the categories.

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Speaker 2
So they're not specific to UMC or within university system. They come from all different types of organizations, large and small, and we have folks from out of state as well.

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Speaker 1
Can metro programs or organizations who serve metro training programs or clients applying for the grants, or is it only for rural programs?

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Speaker 2
It is not only for rural programs. The one category that that in the end will be 1014 in state statute talks about rural is to tell a behavioral health category. You know the the spirit of SB 1014 is to get more access to behavioral health care services across the state. Obviously, there's a huge need in rural areas. However, these are not exclusive to rural other than the television rural health category.

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Speaker 1
And with that too, I would say that protective behavioral health, the organization can be located anywhere. It's just that the spirit of it is to provide services to rural and communities that don't currently have access.

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Speaker 1
Next question is why are indirect costs excluded?

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Speaker 2
Because the state told us that they on this.

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Speaker 1
If the budget is $100,000, is that the full amount renewable over three years or split across three years?

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Speaker 2

Yeah. So the budget caps or for however long your program is. So if you're if your program is three years long, then the budget cap is $100,000. For those three years, you will not be able to get $100,000 each year for that same project. So I hope that that makes sense and again.

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Speaker 1
Similar question about who makes up the review committee. Is this information posted to our online? I suspect this one that's coming in before we answer that.

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Speaker 2
So we don't have we're not going to post the names of people that are on the review committees. But we are working on a document that describes the types of organizations that people work for their professions, where they're located and things like that. And we'll be getting that up on our website as well. Okay.

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Speaker 1
Little question about grant writing workshop as opposed to on the website, correct? Yes, that is correct. There is a grant rating chocolate, some previously reported that you can do at any time. And I will as an facilitating the the challenge in the Q&A section, I will also try to send the link I'll drop the link to that webinar in the chat.

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Speaker 1
So you got the direct access, but you can also just Google BHECN ARPA funds and it is one of the first thing that comes up. So okay. Next one, if we want to seek funding for three years, do we submit information in a yearly format or three year total for this one round about patients? Or should we reapply every year?

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Speaker 2
You can you can submit for the three years. I don't remember how the budget form looks the one that's required by you see that one might split it up among in the three year timeline within your application. Though in the online system you should submit for the three year total. When will all.

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Speaker 1
Applications be reviewed then? If you are reviewing early?

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Speaker 2
Yes, all applications will be reviewed in this round. As long as you submit an application before October 14th, it will get reviewed.

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Speaker 1
On following up a question recently asked. This is not the indirect indirect costs. Excuse me, can you describe some examples of indirect costs? You may wanting examples of things that do not that are not allowable within that indirect cost category.

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Speaker 2

Typically, typically indirect costs are for overhead types things. So building rentals, if you're renting where you are located in your organization is located or for things like telephone service or internet service, stuff like that. Those are generally indirect costs. Staffing time is not typically a cost.

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Speaker 1
And just to clarify, if I submit an application early, say September 1st, is it possible to be awarded and receive funding prior to December?

00:34:05:19 - 00:34:12:02
Speaker 2
No, it is not.

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Speaker 1
So again, an indirect costs say through that, right. You can't use the funds to pay for faculty or instructors to teach more courses in the training programs to increase the number of students trained.

00:34:22:23 - 00:34:37:24
Speaker 2
So I don't think I could pay for faculty or instructors. That's fine. Okay.

00:34:37:24 - 00:34:43:11
Speaker 1
Since there is no indirect allowed, it can include administrative staff.

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Speaker 2
If you can make the case that an administrative staff person is critical to the success of your project, I think that that is acceptable.

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Speaker 1
The biggest yeah. The biggest thing with the indirect costs that's not allowable is you can't just say put in your budget and 8%, for example, overall cost to apply to something kind of nonspecific, you know. And so that's really what you cannot do. But you can, you know, if you pass these things out and it's for the project like time or, you know, support, that is something you can't do.

00:35:17:19 - 00:35:40:12
Speaker 1
You just can't do the broad, overarching percentage. Yeah, applications are currently. So one of the questions is, are applications open beginning January 23? Are they currently open? Yes, they are currently open and will remain open until October and that will begin in the first round of reviews. Are that.

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Speaker 2
That sort of that process that.

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Speaker 1

Is the funding giving a reimbursement basis. I think what the person is asking there is what. Well if you are successful in securing an will the funding be given upfront or will they have to be reimbursed for expenses? Do you like a reimbursement model?

00:36:05:10 - 00:36:25:13
Speaker 2
So the university will be giving Apple or awardees a subcontract will be subcontracted with with UMC, and you will be required to submit invoices for for your projects. So it's probably going to be more of a reimbursed model.

00:36:25:13 - 00:36:39:18
Speaker 1
And then the last one that I'm seeing right now is with an agency apply for more than one award in a specific category. For example, 100,000, a pre doctoral internship program, and then a separate application for HP training or behavioral health certification.

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Speaker 2
Yeah, organizations can apply for more than one award within the same category.

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Speaker 1
That's all of the questions that have come in right now and give Erin a break for just a second and just highlight, we do have a very helpful website which can I can send out again through the chat. You've missed it. And in that section or within our website, there is a thank you page for a lot of these questions are answered.

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Speaker 1
So just always want to direct everyone there. We're continuing to update that as you all are sending in these really good questions and so we'll do it again. These are questions that were asked today. And if you have specific questions, a lot of the questions have been asked and are not a fake page. Erin, another question that just came in is on the list of what is allowed in the budget in the application, several categories state allowable with restrictions.

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Speaker 2
How do we find.

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Speaker 1
Out what is allowable?

00:37:40:01 - 00:38:00:02
Speaker 2
If you have a very specific question about a very particular piece of your budget, that you're worried whether or not it's allowable, which is the email that you can tell. And we can talk to our business and finance people at IMC who have extensive knowledge on what's allowable on a federal level. And we can get that answered for you.

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Speaker 2

So I will also we will post the the slides on our website and I have some other slides that have more detailed information on them, and we'll post that on our website. So you'll have those notes, which are actually a lot of the questions that have been answered. So that'll be on the website so we can that.

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Speaker 1
And also just kind of a one exciting general announcement is that we just recently hired an ARPA administrator who will be in charge of overseeing this grant in its entirety. And so that's a very exciting thing. And so you will have some contact with her over the next few years as this project unfolds. So her name is Jessie Boutique, and she's coming to us from the University of Michigan and has a lot of experience at a center there called the Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center, which was first funded.

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Speaker 1
And so we're really looking forward to her expertize with the review processes. And she's a wealth of knowledge and thinks she'll be a great addition to adding richness to this project. So you'll be seeing her name and probably face on future webinars to come. So questions on dissertation tuition so it can dissertations where she paid using this funding.

00:39:31:10 - 00:39:58:18
Speaker 2
This funding is meant to provide scholarships for people it's it's more meant to provide training opportunities for people. So if somebody is basically if somebody is through their educational process and they're working on getting clinical hours or doing an internship or things like that, that's really what this funding is intended to do.

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Speaker 1
Jesse is here in the audience just for the shout out. So Jesse is with us today. We're super. We're so thrilled to have her join us. So, yes, you'll be seeing her name and her face very soon. Next question is if an organization has two applications in one category and the total of both the over the maximum allowed, let's say $100,000.

00:40:24:22 - 00:40:42:00
Speaker 2
Yes. You just have to make sure an applicant just has to make sure that that application is within the budget cap. So each application just needs to be within $100,000.

00:40:42:00 - 00:40:45:18
Speaker 1
Question is, who can apply for this grant, a profit or nonprofit organization?

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Speaker 2
Anyone can apply. This isn't specific to 501c threes or educational institutions. Small businesses for profits. Anybody can apply for these.

00:41:04:15 - 00:41:25:14
Speaker 1
Not see any additional questions right now. All right. Well, we can wrap up then. And of course, if there's more questions that come, we can always host another one of these in the future if people

feel like it was helpful. But like Katie said, this will be on our website and please feel free to check out the website.

00:41:25:14 - 00:41:46:04
Speaker 1
There's a ton of resources on there and we're really excited and hope that all of you are thinking about applying because that's what ultimately we want. This money is supposed to go towards the behavioral health workforce itself, so really appreciate you taking the time to learn more and hopefully this makes you feel more confident and empowered to go to the application today.

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Speaker 1
So thank you for coming.