



State Crisis Intervention Program

Wisconsin Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Programs

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the target population for these SCIP grants?

- **Both adults and youth** – If your proposed project will involve minors, you must fill out the “Determination of Suitability Special Condition” form found at the end of the grant announcements and submit the form with your application.
- **Demographics vulnerable to suicide** including, but not limited to, veterans, law enforcement, farmers and other agricultural workers, rural populations, LGBTQ+ youth, and people who struggle with substance use disorders or other mental/behavioral health disorders.

Who is eligible to apply?

- **County/Tribal agencies** (e.g., county health/human services departments, sheriff’s departments, etc.).
 - **Neighboring counties/tribes** can coordinate on one application for a larger project, covering the total participating region. This collaboration enables the applicant agency to multiply the maximum award amount by the number of participating counties/tribes.
 - This is often helpful for smaller county agencies who have limited resources for grant applications and management.
 - **Nonprofits may partner with their counties/tribes**, serving as a contracting organization on the governmental agency’s application.
- **Local/Municipal agencies** – if the following conditions are met:
 - Training-only projects (e.g. local police department wants CIT training)
 - If a county agency is unable to serve as applicant/fiscal agent for proposed training project.

Can existing SCIP subgrant recipients apply for this opportunity?

- **Yes!** If your agency is supplementing or expanding a prior/ongoing SCIP project, please include those details in your application.

Are there options for counties who don’t have enough staff/resources to dedicate to grant paperwork and management?

- **Neighboring counties and tribes can partner with each other** on a project to serve the entire participating region! In this case, only one of the participating counties/tribes would have to serve as the applicant/fiscal agent. Please reach out to your neighboring counties/tribes who might be interested in similar crisis intervention initiatives to find out who you could partner with.
- If you partner with other counties/tribes, **your project would be eligible for a greater maximum award**, multiplied by the number of participating counties/tribes.
 - Example: \$100,000 x 3 participating counties/tribes = \$300,000 maximum award.

What expenses are allowable?

- SCIP can reimburse expenses for personnel, employee benefits, travel/training, equipment, supplies and operating expenses, and consultants/contractual.
- **SCIP cannot supplant funds** (replace existing funds). This restriction primarily comes into play when funding SCIP-related personnel, in which case, SCIP can:
 - Fund overtime costs in order to implement SCIP initiatives (e.g., pay overtime expenses for staff to complete SCIP project requirements or to attend training).
 - Support the creation of a new position (e.g. adding a social worker position to a co-response initiative at a law enforcement agency) or the expansion of an existing part-time position.
- **SCIP cannot fund incentives** of any kind (e.g., gift cards, cash stipends).
 - While SCIP can provide hourly wages for people's time (e.g., compensating a speaker to appear at a community event), SCIP cannot support incentives for participation (e.g., purchasing gift cards or token rewards to encourage program participation).
- **SCIP cannot purchase food for an event** (e.g., a catered lunch at a training event).
 - SCIP can fund travel meals at the state rate (e.g., staff traveling to attend a conference; travel expenses for an instructor to conduct a local training event).
- Helpful resources:
 - Allowable vs. Unallowable Costs: <https://www.ojp.gov/fmvs/allowable-vs-unallowable-costs.pdf>.
 - WI State Rates: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/BoardCouncils/PocketTravelGuide.pdf>.

With indirect expenses being ineligible for this grant, how can we fund the necessary administrative costs to implement our project?

- **While indirect expenses are not allowable, SCIP can reimburse overtime payroll expenses for employees' time.** Examples of this administrative time categorized as personnel expenses include:
 - A county employee works on a SCIP project for five overtime hours each week for eight weeks.
 - The designated SCIP project director and financial officer meet for one overtime hour each week for the entire six-month project period to discuss progress.

Can we reimburse individuals who work on SCIP initiatives if they are not employed by the applicant agency? Can youth be compensated (e.g., youth peer support)?

- **SCIP can reimburse people (both adults and youth) for their time spent working on a SCIP initiative.** Just like if a county was contracting with a local organization to work on a SCIP project, individuals can also be compensated under the Contractual section of the budget. Those compensation expenses should be categorized in the budget depending on the individuals' employment:
 - Expenses for employees of the applicant agency should go under the applicable budget categories (e.g., Personnel, Employee Benefits, Travel/Training, etc.).
 - Expenses for anyone who is not employed by the applicant agency should go under the Contractual category. For example, if SCIP is funding the travel expenses of an out-of-state instructor traveling to facilitate a local training event, those expenses would fall under the Contractual Travel budget category.
 - This is also how employees of partnering county agencies would be compensated. For example, if County A and County B collaborate on one application with County A being the applicant and fiscal agent of the subgrant, then any County A employees working on the project would be compensated under the Personnel budget category, and County B employees would go under the Contractual category.
- Whether the individuals working on SCIP initiatives are applicant agency employees or contractual workers, their reimbursable time must be tracked and documented in order to be allowable for SCIP.

Can we contract with trainers/organizations from out-of-state?

- **Typically yes**, but they would be reimbursed using Wisconsin's [state rates](#). If you have a unique situation and are unsure, please reach out to the SCIP Grant Manager.

Does the grant announcement include templates for workplans or budgets?

- While it does not contain official templates, **the grant announcement does contain all the questions that must be answered in the application, outlined by section** (e.g., Agency Profile, Budget Narrative, Project Narrative, etc.).
- The SCIP application is located online at <https://egrants.wisdoj.gov/>. If you don't already have an Egrants account, you will need to create one and complete the online application for a SCIP subgrant.
- The application also contains a Budget Detail section where you will enter all anticipated expenses for the proposed SCIP project, including their justifications, estimated expenses per unit/hour, and calculations for total costs.
- If you have questions regarding SCIP applications, please reach out to the SCIP Grant Manager.

The grant announcement says funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. What does that mean?

- **All submitted applications will be reviewed as they are submitted, meaning the first applications received that are both *complete and allowable* will be submitted for approval and awarded until available funds are depleted.** The application deadline for this opportunity is January 16, 2026, and applications will not be accepted after that date.
 - Sometimes submitted applications are incomplete (e.g., the applicant forgot to complete a section of the application) or include unallowable expenses in their budgets (e.g., they want to purchase gift cards to incentivize participation), and we must return the application for revision.
 - Ex: A promising SCIP application is submitted, but it includes a few unallowable expenses, so it must be returned for revisions. Meanwhile, a second applicant submits a *complete and allowable* application prior to the resubmission of the first incomplete application. In this case, the second application would be reviewed/awarded first.
 - Applicants are encouraged to submit applications early so that, if revisions are needed prior to approval, you have time to make the necessary changes and still receive funding.
- The first-come, first-served element only comes into play if we receive applications for a total funding amount greater than the amount available for this opportunity.

Is there a match requirement with this funding?

- **No**, there is no match requirement for SCIP.

Is there a list of existing SCIP projects?

- While there is no publicly available list of SCIP projects, Wisconsin's SCIP Grant Manager (contact information below) can connect counties with those who are working on similar projects, organizations who have existing program models, or other resources. Please reach out if you would like assistance in exploring potential SCIP ideas or have any questions.

With any further questions, please contact the grant manager for Wisconsin's State Crisis Intervention Program:

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