

2026 Infrastructure Funds Application Guide

1. Overview

To be eligible to receive Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Infrastructure Funds, organizations must complete the Infrastructure Funds Application. These funds may be used to reimburse allowable administrative costs and infrastructure not otherwise eligible for Medicaid payment. HRSN Infrastructure Funds may be utilized to support HRSN Service Delivery in the allowable use categories listed in Section 3 of this document.

2. Eligible Providers

HRSN Infrastructure Funds may be awarded to Eligible Providers of the following services:

- Case management, outreach, and education
- Housing transition navigation services
- Rent/temporary housing
- Medical respite
- Nutrition support
- Caregiver respite
- Medically necessary environmental adaptations
- Community transition services
- Personal care and homemaker services; and/or
- Transportation for non-emergency, non-medical needs

3. Categories for the Allowable Use of Health-Related Social Needs Infrastructure Funds

Technology (35%)

- Procuring IT infrastructure and data platforms needed to enable specific services, including but not limited to Authorization of HRSN Services, referral to HRSN Services, HRSN Services delivery, HRSN Services billing, and HRSN program oversight, monitoring, and reporting;
- Modifying existing IT systems (e.g., Community Information Exchange) to support HRSN Services delivery and closed-loop referral systems;
- Developing an HRSN Services eligibility screening tool;
- Integration of data platforms, systems, and tools; and
- Supporting successful adoption of IT infrastructure and data platforms related to the HRSN Initiative.

Development of Business or Operational Practices (25%)

- Development of policies and procedures related to: HRSN referral and service delivery workflows, billing and invoicing, data sharing and reporting, program oversight and monitoring, evaluation, and privacy and confidentiality;
- Training and technical assistance on HRSN program roles and responsibilities; and
- Administrative and/or overhead costs necessary to perform HRSN duties or expand HRSN Service delivery capacity, including development and implementation of Community Hubs.

Workforce Development (25%)

- Hiring staff;
- Training staff members on HRSN Initiative policies and procedures;
- Salary and benefits for staff that will have a direct role in overseeing, designing, implementing, or executing HRSN responsibilities prior to launch of delivery of HRSN Services;

- Necessary certifications, training, technical assistance, or education for staff participating in the HRSN Initiative (e.g., on culturally competent or trauma-informed care);
- Privacy and confidentiality training and/or technical assistance related to HRSN Services delivery; and
- Production costs for training materials and/or experts as it pertains to the HRSN Initiative.

Outreach, Education, and Stakeholder Convening (15%)

- Development and production of materials necessary for marketing, outreach, training, or education;
- Translation of materials;
- Development of culturally competent materials;
- Planning for and facilitation of community-based outreach events to support awareness of HRSN Services;
- Planning and facilitating learning collaboratives or stakeholder convenings;
- Community engagement activities necessary to support HRSN implementation and launch;
 and
- Administrative or overhead costs associated with Outreach, Education, and Stakeholder Convening.

4. Alignment with Medicaid Transformation Project Waiver 2.0 Goals:

Proposed infrastructure improvements must directly support the goals of MTP 2.0, including:

- Expanding access to whole-person, community-based care.
- Addressing social determinants of health such as housing, nutrition, and transportation.
- Supporting vulnerable populations through coordinated service delivery.
 - Eligible HRSN Service Providers applying for HRSN Infrastructure Funds must commit to

collaborating with ACHs and other partners to ensure effective implementation and sustainability of HRSN services.