

**Region V Systems**  
**Special Populations in Behavioral Health**  
**FY 18-19 Grant Funding Cycle**

**General Information**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Special Populations in Behavioral Health Grants is to develop comprehensive approaches and support capacity-building efforts in **special population priority areas as they relate to behavioral health**. Grants will be awarded to initiate activities within programs, organizations, and community coalitions to meet the needs of the special populations they serve. Multi-agency collaborations and partnerships are encouraged.

**SPECIAL POPULATIONS PRIORITY AREAS**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cultural Competency</li><li>• Elderly</li><li>• Families of Children with Serious Emotional Disorders</li><li>• Hearing Impaired</li><li>• Race &amp; Ethnicity</li><li>• Women</li></ul> |
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**GRANT PROCESS INFORMATION**

Interested parties must complete a Letter of Interest and submit it to Region V Systems. All parties submitting a Letter of Interest will receive a Special Populations in Behavioral Health Grant Application, which shall also be submitted to Region V Systems. The Special Populations Subcommittee, made up of Region V staff and members of Region V's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC), will review the applications and make recommendations for funding to the BHAC and, subsequently, to Region V's Regional Governing Board (RGB). Applications that are approved will receive funding; applications that are not funded will receive a letter indicating such.

**TIME-LINE**

April 2, 2018	Grant Announcement
April 16, 2018	Letter of Interest must be received at Region V
May 1, 2018	Grant Application must be received at Region V
Week of May 7, 2018	Application Review
May 30, 2018	BHAC Review and Recommendation
June 11, 2018	RGB Awards Grants
June 13, 2018	Award Notifications

## GRANT CRITERIA

- All grants will be limited to awards of \$1,000.
- Proposals must reflect a clear connection to behavioral health to be considered for funding.
- Applicants may address one or more of the Special Populations categories.
- Priority consideration will be given to proposals addressing the “Special Populations Priority Areas” identified.
- A grant application for an activity that would benefit a special population, not identified as a priority, may receive consideration based upon identifiable community needs of the special population addressed.
- Priority consideration will also be given to proposals that are a coordinated effort of multiple organizations.
- If more than one application for the same or similar activity is submitted from the same general geographic location, Region V Systems may ask that the agencies involved coordinate their efforts by completing a collaborative application.
- Application selections will be based on the potential impact of the proposed activity on the special population as identified in the grant application.
- Grant funds will need to be spent in FY 18-19 and receipts must be submitted by June 14, 2019.
- Grant applications will be reviewed by the Special Populations Subcommittee and the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) and will then be forwarded to the Regional Governing Board (RGB) for approval prior to funding disbursement.
- Method of payment for the approved activity will be negotiated with the identified agency(ies) once the RGB has acted upon the BHAC’s and Special Populations Subcommittee’s recommendations.
- The approved program/service/activity and funding awarded through the grant process is subject to reporting standards established by Region V Systems and/or recommendations of the BHAC and/or RGB.
- When possible, CEUs should be offered for the approved program/service/activity.
- When possible, Region V Network Providers will be able to attend the approved program/service/activity free or at a reduced rate.