

Region 5 Systems
Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services Grants
FY 26-27 Funding Cycle

General Information

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Grants is to support the efforts of behavioral health providers, and other agencies that work with them, to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of consumers, especially through multi-agency collaborations and partnerships.

CLAS PRIORITY AREAS

- Training for behavioral health providers on cultural proficiency
- Training for interpreters to work in behavioral health settings
- Training for community-based, cultural liaisons, or caseworkers on identification and referral for behavioral health needs

GRANT PROCESS INFORMATION

Interested parties must complete a *Letter of Interest* and submit it to Region 5 Systems. All parties submitting a *Letter of Interest* will receive a CLAS Grant Application, which shall also be submitted to Region 5 Systems. The review committee will review the applications and approve funding. Region 5 Systems will notify all applicants of the outcome of their application.

TIME-LINE

April 15, 2026	Letter of Interest must be received at Region 5.
April 30, 2026	Grant applications must be received at Region 5.
May 8, 2026	Application Review
June 9, 2026	Award Notification

GRANT CRITERIA

- All grants will be limited to awards up to \$3,000.
- Priority consideration will be given to proposals addressing the “CLAS Priority Areas.”
- A grant application for a CLAS activity not identified as a priority may receive consideration based upon identifiable community needs. Please make case for such need in your application.
- Priority consideration will also be given to proposals that are a coordinated/combined effort of multiple organizations and show partnership with identified cultural group(s) being served.
- If more than one application for the same or similar activity is submitted from the same general geographic locale, Region 5 Systems may ask that the agencies involved coordinate their efforts and/or complete a combined application.
- Application selections will be based on the potential impact of the proposed activity on the population as identified in the grant application.
- Grant funds will need to be spent in FY 26-27. All receipts and the reimbursement claim form must be submitted by May 31, 2027.
- Grant applications will be reviewed by the review committee.
- Method of payment for the approved activity will be negotiated with the identified agency(ies) following grant award notification.
- The approved program/service/activity and funding awarded through the grant process is subject to reporting standards established by Region 5 Systems and/or the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee and the Regional Governing Board.
- When possible, CEUs should be offered for the approved program/service/activity.
- When possible, Region 5 Network Providers will be able to attend the approved program/service/activity for free or reduced rate.
- Following the implementation of the program/service/activity, each agency must submit a reimbursement claim form which includes a summary of the event and evaluation outcomes.