



AHI PPS INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION FUNDS FAQ

Q. What’s the difference between Innovation and Transformation funds?

A. This side-by-side comparison differentiates the two funding opportunities:

Innovation Funds	Transformation Funds
New, innovative projects.	Projects that “fill the gaps.”
Applications include two or more partners.	Single or multiple partners may apply.
Comprehensive application and scoring process.	Simplified application and scoring process.
Awards monitored quarterly through work plan updates submitted during the invoicing process.	Payments will be made in a lump sum or installments based on individual contracts. Project progress to be reported at the Population Health Network (PHN) level.
Goal for a successful project to be expanded and replicated in other Population Health Networks (PHNs)	Projects/funding are one-time in nature.

Please work with your regional AHI Executive Director for guidance in determining the proper funding stream to pursue. If you are unsure of your AHI contact, please submit an inquiry to the AHI PPS DSRIP mailbox at dsripahi@ahihealth.org and we will share with you the appropriate name and contact information.

Q. What types of projects will receive funding preference?

A. Each application will be judged on its individual merit. Strong consideration will be given to projects deemed to have a greater chance of success and positive, far-reaching impact. Innovation, collaboration, replicability and sustainability are important components to be reviewed.

Q. How do I submit an application for Innovation and/or Transformation funds?

A. Each application will be submitted to the AHI PPS DSRIP mailbox at dsripahi@ahihealth.org, and then routed directly to the appropriate AHI Executive Director to begin the review process. Visit [Innovation and Transformation Funds](#) to access application packets for each funding opportunity.

Q. What is the application submission deadline?

A. There is no submission deadline. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

Q. If we submitted an application during the first round of Innovation funds for a project that was not funded, may we apply again for the same project and, if so, do we have to resubmit our paperwork?

A. Yes, you may apply again, but will have to submit new paperwork.

Q. If we submitted an application during the first round of Innovation funds that received funding, are we allowed to submit a proposal for the second round? If yes, can we seek additional funds for the project that already received funding or can we only apply for funds for a different project?

A. You can apply for additional funding related to a project for which you previously received an award, or for a different project.

Q. Are we allowed to submit applications for both types of funding?

A. Yes, although we ask that you please refrain from submitting applications for both funding opportunities for the same project.

Q. Is there a maximum amount of funding for which we can apply?

A. For innovation funds, the preferred funding request should not exceed \$250,000 per year. There is no prescribed cap for transformation fund awards, however the approval process will vary based on the size of the request (please refer to application packets for more information on funding tiers).

Q. If we have received funding from a different source for a particular project, are we allowed to submit an application to you for funding for the same project?

A. Yes.

Q. Are we allowed to use the services of an outside grant writer to write our application?

A. Yes, but that expense would have to be paid for by the submitting applicant(s).

Q. Do all organizations submitting a multi-partner application need to be a member of the AHI PPS?

A. The lead applicant must be an AHI PPS member.

Q. Are there exclusions regarding the types of projects for which we can apply?

A. Yes. You have a myriad of options on how funds may be used, however they may not be used for major capital investments, to support lobbying or political activities, to establish or continue Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) participation and/or connection, or for services that are eligible for reimbursement.

Q. What's the timeframe for selecting award recipients?

A. The AHI PPS plans to expedite the approval process so partners receiving funds can begin working on their projects at the earliest possible time.

Q. What happens if my project is not selected for funding?

A. The AHI PPS will work with you to determine if other funding sources and/or support resources may be available for your project.

If you need further clarification regarding these two funding opportunities, please submit your question(s) via the AHI PPS DSRIP mailbox at dsripahi@ahihealth.org. Your inquiry will be forwarded directly to the appropriate AHI Executive Director for response.



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