



Civil Money Penalty-Reinvestment Program (CMP-RP) Nursing Facility Grant Application Process

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), per 42 CFR 488.433, requires that ninety percent of collected civil money penalties (CMP) from states be returned to the responsible state agency and used entirely for activities that protect or improve the quality of care or quality of life for nursing facility residents. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is the responsible state agency for CMP funds per ORC 5162.66. All activities and plans for utilization of CMP funds must be approved by CMS. The state plan for Ohio states that at least one time per year, Ohio will solicit CMP-Reinvestment Program grant applications that will benefit nursing home residents.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will post funding opportunities for the Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program (CMP-RP), Nursing Facility Grant Program on the [Ohio Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program](#) website. The funding announcement will also be sent via email to stakeholders and interested parties. The grant cycle will be open for sixty (60) days. Applications must be completed in full. Partial applications may be denied funding. ODM may request additional information, as needed, to verify or clarify information contained in the application. ODM will only accept applications and supporting documentation, including letters of support, through Alchemer ([Civil-Money-Penalty-Reinvestment-Program-Application](#)). Costs associated with completing the application are the responsibility of the applicant. Applicants may contact the Ohio CMP-RP Team with questions via email at the [CMP mailbox](#).

The application tool will require the following documents to be uploaded:

1. [Ohio CMP Reinvestment Program Application Budget](#) (xlsx. Format)
2. Letters of support (LOS) from **all** participating nursing facilities (pdf/docx format)
 - a. Non-nursing home applicants must include letter(s) of support from all participating nursing home(s) demonstrating that they are requesting and committed to participating in the proposed project.
 - b. A corporation submitting a project request on behalf of its nursing facilities or a LOS for participation in another project, the above criteria on one letter listing all participating nursing facilities will suffice.
 - c. The commitment letter **must** include the project title, time frame, name, address, and CMS certification number (CCN) of the facility and be signed by an authorized individual.
3. For expansion/extension/continuation projects:
 - a. A letter or email from the State Agency (SA) where the CMP-RP was approved, stating whether the applicant met or is meeting project goals/objectives, and whether the SA recommends expanding the project to additional nursing homes.

When CMP-RP funds are requested for educational purposes, the applicant must include:

1. Anticipated number of attendees
2. Target audience
3. Accrediting authorities
4. Timeline for implementation
5. Plan for sustainability
6. Letters of support

All applications will be carefully screened and reviewed for completeness through a four-tiered process. Tiers 1 & 2 may occur while the funding cycle is open. Tier 3 will not occur until the funding cycle has closed and all applications have been scored. Applicants who do not proceed to Tier 3 will be notified by ODM via email.

Tier One: Application Screening

The Ohio CMP-RP review team will conduct an initial screening to ensure the application is completed in full and all the required documentation has been submitted.

Tier Two: Application Scoring

The Ohio CMP-RP review team will score applications. Applications with the highest scores will advance to the next round. Scoring is based on:

1. Benefit to residents;
2. Capacity of applicant to complete the project;
3. Budget is consistent with the size and scope of the project;
4. Project is cost effective; and
5. Goals, objectives, and timeline are realistic, actionable, and relevant to the project's objective.

Tier Three: ODM Determination

Selected proposals will be submitted to ODM senior leadership for approval. Approved applications will be submitted to CMS for review.

Tier Four: CMS Submission & Determination

Recommendations for grant projects must be sent to the appropriate CMS Regional Office for review and final approval. CMS will respond no later than 45 calendar days after receiving a request with either.

1. Approval;
2. Denial, with explanation; or
3. Request for more information.
 - CMS may also seek additional information to approve or deny the proposal.
 - Once CMS denies a proposal, there is no appeal process.
 - The applicant may reapply during any subsequent CMP-RP funding cycle.

ODM will notify the applicant of CMS' decision. If CMS approves the application, ODM will contact the applicant with instructions on how to proceed with entering into a grant agreement and the release of CMP-RP funds. Work on the project cannot begin until the grant agreement is fully executed.