

**Does my project have to address your suggested topics?**

No. Projects are not required to pertain to our suggested topics, but they may score higher if they do so. HPHC chooses the topics to focus on because they represent a significant need.

**Does my project have to be measured with the HPHC suggested measures?**

Absolutely not. HPHC suggests measurement like the topics, because there is a need to focus on them in the health care industry, either due to waste or inefficient care that can be captured in that data. The measurement set for your project(s) may or may not include the measures we suggest. The best approach is to use the best process measures and clinical and financial outcomes that relate directly to your proposed interventions.

**Would a project get higher priority if it aims to impact all of the suggested topics?**

Not necessarily. Projects are evaluated and scored on multiple factors along with topic addressed. Some of those factors include the size of the population, the strength of the planned interventions, the value of the anticipated outcomes, the measurements chosen to demonstrate outcomes, and the sustainability of the project.

In many instances, when a proposal tries to address too many issues at once, it becomes too big to execute thoroughly or to measure thoughtfully.

**Can the Quality Grant fund salary and/or fringe?**

HPHC does not fund fringe or existing salaries for your staff implementing the grant. Salary consideration is made for new employees that are being hired to complete a role within the project (i.e. social workers, community outreach workers, data analyst, patient navigators, etc.) and whose future salary will be maintained after the grant by business success with the project

Occasionally, with enough detail and rationale outlined in the proposed budget, HPHC will approve funding pieces of existing salaries needed for grant project execution.

The ultimate goal of the grant, however, is to create a sustainable process that will support the proposal merits after grant completion.

**Can the Quality Grant fund IT infrastructure or equipment?**

The Quality Grant may fund some IT infrastructure or equipment as a component of a larger, integrated approach to improve care. It would not be funded as the only proposed budget item.

**Can transportation cost be included in funding?**

A gap in care related to transportation is included in social determinates of health (SDoH) and may be included in budget if it is demonstrated that filling this gap could improve measurable quality outcomes for patients.

Transportation for your project needs and staff, however, is considered fringe and would not be covered as part of an approved budget.

**Can I submit more than one LOI?**

Yes, there is no limit to the amount of LOI’s that a group can submit but there are a few things to be considered:

- Every submitted LOI must describe a distinctly innovative project
- In such case that more than one LOI submitted by a group is invited to apply and is then accepted to receive grant funding, then each of the grants can receive up to \$100,000 per proposal
- Funding cannot be combined or borrowed across projects in any circumstances if more than one proposal is accepted

**How often are more than one proposal accepted?**

Projects from groups with multiple LOI’s are reviewed equitably by the HPHC Quality Grant Committee. Each proposal needs to meet requirements based on a multi-tiered scoring system for funding. We have accepted more than one proposal from a group when the distinct projects proposed are innovative, well designed, have meaningful measurements, and meet industry needs for quality care innovation.

**Can a project include all patients or is it only allowed to have the HPHC population?**

The HPHC Quality Grant aims for innovative health care improvement in our provider offices and is there to encourage and support these efforts so that all patients can benefit from a more efficient health care system. While HPHC requires that HPHC members are included in the projects, we do not expect that efforts will be applied only to our members. In fact, the project proposals and their measurements should include all patients in your population.

**What are the deliverable timelines if my LOI and Application were to be approved?**

This estimated timeline is provided so that groups can review their commitment needs for the 18-month cycle. The below is only an estimation of deliverables and may be subject to change:

First Milestone	December 2021
Second Milestone	June 2022
Third Milestone	October 2022
Final Milestone	December 2022