



STATE OF TENNESSEE
HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION # 31607-27501
AMENDMENT # 1 FOR ACLF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: June 22, 2026

RFA # 31607-27501 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFA Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFA dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT	TIME (Central Time)	DATE (all dates are state business days)
1. RFA Issued		CONFIRMED
2. Pre-proposal Teleconference	1:30 p.m.	CONFIRMED
3. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	1:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
4. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		June 22, 2026
5. Deadline for Applications	2:00 p.m.	July 20, 2026
6. Evaluation Notice Released		September 28, 2026
7. Effective Start Date of Contract		January 1, 2027

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFA.

Any restatement of RFA text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFA document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1. Is the \$10,000 per project limit \$10,000 per facility involved or total budget limit?	Applications cannot exceed \$10,000 per project.
2. We are interested in offering a program to support the Hospice Care Planning initiative. Will TN assist interested vendors by providing contact information for the ACLFs in TN?	Interested applicants will need to submit a State Records Request via the Health Facilities Commission Request Center Link: https://tennesseehfc.govqa.us/WEBAPP/rs/(S(xisg32nxusen5yzkoc1mkkd5))/supporthome.aspx

3. Can a licensed ACLF submit multiple applications for separate quality improvement projects during this funding cycle, provided each project is distinct, independently budgeted, and does not exceed \$10,000?	Each application will be scored independently and cannot exceed \$10,000. Project approval will be based on available funding.
4. May an ACLF submit a project that addresses multiple funding priorities, such as care planning, staff education, resident safety, and service coordination, within a single proposal?	ACLFs can apply for funds for one-time projects based on the funding focused areas listed in the RFA document. The total project cannot exceed \$10,000.
5. Are technology-based projects designed to reduce service initiation delays and improve resident access to healthcare, benefits, medications, and community resources eligible under the ACLF Quality Improvement Fund?	For this funding cycle, successful applicants should submit applications related: • Staffing recruitment and retention. • Education and training related to hospice care coordination and care planning. • Education and training related to care planning. • Elopement technology safety and preparedness. • Emergency backup systems and preparedness.
6. Are projects focused on improving resident transitions into assisted living and reducing barriers to service access considered eligible quality improvement initiatives?	For this funding cycle, applicants should submit applications related: • Staffing recruitment and retention. • Education and training related to hospice care coordination and care planning. • Education and training related to care planning. • Elopement technology safety and preparedness. • Emergency backup systems and preparedness.
7. Can grant funds be used to purchase software for resident intake, service coordination, care planning, transition tracking, document management, and benefits navigation?	The application requires a budget narrative in which an applicant should provide a detailed description of the budget outlining specific cost requirements. i.e. equipment purchase description, the number of items requested, and cost per unit.
8. Can grant funds be used to purchase tablets, laptops, scanners, printers, and related equipment when these items are used to support resident care coordination, telehealth, benefit applications, and service access?	For this funding cycle, applicants should submit an application and budget based on the focused area listed in the RFA document. Budgets should include specific cost requirements. i.e. equipment purchase description, the number of items requested, and cost per unit.
9. Is telehealth equipment considered an allowable expense if it improves resident access to healthcare services and continuity of care?	Equipment listed on the budget should be related to the proposed project. The funding focus areas are listed in the RFA document.
10. Are projects designed to improve continuity of medications during admission and transition periods eligible if they focus on coordination, technology, workflow improvements, and resident safety?	The applicant should provide a summary of the project and its purpose. The one-time projects should be related to: • Staffing recruitment and retention. • Education and training related to hospice care coordination and care planning. • Education and training related to care planning. • Elopement technology safety and preparedness. • Emergency backup systems and preparedness.
11. Can grant-funded projects include systems and technology that assist residents in obtaining identification documents, Social Security cards,	For this funding cycle, applicants should submit applications related: • Staffing recruitment and retention. • Education and training related to hospice care coordination

insurance cards, and other documentation necessary to access healthcare and public benefits?	and care planning. • Education and training related to care planning. • Elopement technology safety and preparedness. • Emergency backup systems and preparedness.
12. Are projects designed to improve access to Medicaid, CHOICES, SSI, SSDI, and other public benefits eligible if the primary purpose is to improve resident stability and continuity of care?	For this funding cycle, applicants should submit applications related: • Staffing recruitment and retention. • Education and training related to hospice care coordination and care planning. • Education and training related to care planning. • Elopement technology safety and preparedness. • Emergency backup systems and preparedness.
13. Can staff training costs related to care planning, benefits navigation, resident transition support, service coordination, and technology utilization be included in project budgets?	Applications cannot exceed \$10,000 per project. A description of how dollars will be used must be provided for each line item completed on the project budget.
14. Can grant funds be used to cover staff time dedicated to implementing approved quality improvement projects and resident support activities?	There are 5 funding focus areas for this funding cycle. Applications cannot exceed \$10,000 per project. Personnel cost/salaries should be documented on the budget template and narrative. All awarded funds must be spent in furtherance of the proposed program and may not utilized for activities not approved by the state.
15. What documentation will be required to support reimbursement for technology purchases, training expenses, software subscriptions, and project implementation costs?	Approved projects will be reimbursement based. Please refer to the sample grant contracts that are listed on the HFC website. https://www.tn.gov/hfc/division-of-licensure-and-regulation/tennessee-civil-monetary-penalty--cmp--reinvestment-program/assisted-care-living-facility-quality-improvement-fund.html The sample contracts detail payment methodology and invoice requirements.
16. Are curriculum development, training materials, educational resources, and staff competency assessments allowable expenses under the education and training categories?	Cost related to training materials and resources should be included in the project budget in detail. Projects should be related to: • Staffing recruitment and retention. • Education and training related to hospice care coordination and care planning. • Education and training related to care planning. • Elopement technology safety and preparedness. • Emergency backup systems and preparedness.
17. Can facilities contract with external trainers or consultants to provide person-centered planning and care planning education?	A detailed breakdown of costs related to external trainers or consultants should be included in the project budget.

18. **RFA Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFA not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.