

Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Funds Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: What are CMP Funds?

Answer: CMP are Civil Money Penalty funds. CMP funds are collected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from nursing facilities (NFs), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and from dually-participating SNFs that have failed to maintain compliance with federal requirements. A portion of the funds are returned to states for use in activities for the protection and benefit of nursing home residents.

Question: How must CMP funds be used?

Answer: The Social Security Act provides that a portion of CMP funds could be used to support activities that benefit nursing home residents, including projects that assure quality care within nursing homes.

Question: Who can apply for CMP funds?

Answer: States may contract with, or grant funds to, any entity permitted under state law provided the funds are used for CMS approved projects to protect or improve nursing home services for nursing home residents and the responsible receiving entity is:

- Qualified and capable of carrying out the intended project(s) or use(s);
 - Not in any conflict of interest relationship with the entity(ies) who will benefit from the intended project(s) or use(s);
 - Not a recipient of a contract or grant or other payment from federal or state sources for the same project(s) or use(s);
 - Not paid by a state or federal source to perform the same function as the CMP project(s) or use(s).
- CMP funds may not be used to enlarge or enhance an existing appropriation or statutory purpose that is substantially the same as the intended project(s) or use(s).

Specifically, requests to use CMP funds may be made by various organizations and entities.

Applications may be submitted by:

- certified nursing facilities,
- academic or research institutions,
- state, local or tribal governments,
- profit or not-for-profit, or
- other types of organizations that are interested in promoting quality of care and/or quality of life for residents of nursing facilities.

Question: Are there prohibited uses?

Answer: Yes. Please see the examples of prohibited uses in the [Survey and Certification](#) memo 12-13-NH.

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Question: Is there an application or application process?

Answer: Yes. Please refer to our website [here](#) for the application CMP Funds Grant Application and instructions.

Question: Is there an approval process?

Answer: Yes. The application and supporting documents must be reviewed by the State Survey Agency, Bureau of Health Provider Standards (BHPS), for initial review of compliance with CMS criteria. BHPS shall review the completed submitted application for approval or disapproval and recommendation to CMS. The BHPS review process should not exceed forty-five (45) calendar days. However, please allow at least 14 business days for the preliminary review and initial feedback.

Next, the application, supporting documentation and BHPS' recommendation will be forwarded to CMS for a final decision. CMS will provide feedback within 45 calendar days of receipt. Alabama will provide a status update upon direction from CMS. All inquiries regarding the status must be submitted to dennis.blair@adph.state.al.us.

Question: How should the request be submitted?

Answer: The application shall be submitted electronically to dennis.blair@adph.state.al.us. Requests will not be accepted by fax, hand delivery or mail. Once the application has been received, an email will be sent acknowledging receipt.