

Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program

Board of Psychology Overview

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HCAI's Vision and Mission



Vision

A healthier California where all receive equitable, affordable, and quality health care.

Mission

HCAI expands equitable access to quality, affordable health care for all Californians through resilient facilities, actionable information, and the health workforce each community needs.

LMH Services Provider Education Program Overview

- The program was established in 2007 to increase the supply of mental health professionals practicing in mental health professional shortage areas and qualified facilities.
- Grantees must commit to providing a 12-month service obligation at a qualifying facility in either an eligible facility type and/or geographic area where they will need to provide 32 hours or more per week of direct client care.
- The maximum award amount for LMH is **\$15,000**.

LMH Eligible Professions



LMH applicants must be currently licensed and/or certified, and practicing in one of the following professions:

- Associate or Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Associate or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Associate or Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
- Licensed or Waivered Psychologist
- Postdoctoral Psychological Assistant
- Postdoctoral Psychological Trainee

LMH Eligible Practice Sites

For a facility to be eligible, it must be in one of the following eligible geographic or site designations:

- Health Professional Shortage Area-Mental Health (HPSA-MH)
- A publicly funded facility
- A public mental health facility
- A non-profit private mental health facility that contracts with a county mental health entity
- Clinics providing reproductive health and abortion-related services
- Children's hospital
- Correctional facility
- County health facility
- Public school facility
- State-operated health facility
- Substance use disorder facility
- Veteran's facility

Board of Psychology Fund Balance

- As of September 2024, we have \$234,540 in licensure fees that have been deposited from the Board of Psychology into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund.
- Funds deposited into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund from Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Sciences are used to provide awards and to cover administrative costs. Not all funds received are used for awards.
- Eligible Licensed Mental Health professions may be awarded using funds from the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund. Other eligible professions, **must** be awarded using other supplemental funds.

LMH Budget Overview

Program	Funding Source	Available Funding FY 2022-23	Available Funding FY 2023-24	Available Funding FY 2024-25
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP)	Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund: \$20 licensing fee through Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Science	\$693,000	\$693,000	\$693,000

LMH Awards Summary FY 2024-25

Program	Number of Applications Received	Number of Awards	Available Funding	Amount Awarded
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP)	936*	46	\$693,000.00	\$684,540.00**

*Of the total applications received, not all applicants were eligible.

** Of the total awarded, not all applicants accepted the award.

Board of Psychology Awards Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Applications Received	Number of Applications Awarded	Available Funding	Amount Awarded
FY 2022-23	76*	72**	\$209,850.00	\$1,992,820.00**
FY 2023-24	33	8***	\$214,560.00	\$154,159.00
FY 2024-25	29	16	\$234,540.00	\$234,540.00
Total	138	96	\$658,950.00	\$2,381,519.00

*Of the total applications received, not all applications are eligible or meet the minimum scoring criteria to receive an award.

**Number of Applications Awarded and Total Amount Awarded includes awards made using BOP funds and funding from other sources.

***Number of Applicant's Awarded includes those that declined and accepted an award from another program.

Other HCAI Programs for Psychologists

Loan Repayment Programs

- State Loan Repayment Program (Application cycle is currently closed and will open in July 2025).
 - Health Service Psychologist

Scholarship Programs

- Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (Application cycle closed February 13, 2025).
 - Assistant Psychologist
 - Licensed Clinical Psychologist
- Golden State Social Opportunities Program (Application cycle is currently closed).
 - Licensed Clinical Psychology (PhD or PsyD)

LMH Application

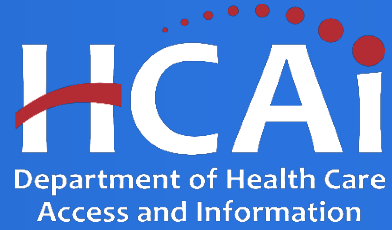
During the application cycle, Applicants must:

- Complete an on-line application through the web-based eApp (<https://funding.hcai.ca.gov/>)
- Include the following documents
 - Employment Verification Form
 - Lender Statement
 - Conflict of Interest Letter (**if applicable**)
 - Proof of licensure and/or certification

LMH Questions

Please email: HWDD-LRP@hcai.ca.gov





Thank You!

**For further questions, please contact:
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