

FAQs (Addendum December 9, 2015)
Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program
Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Funding Opportunity Announcement
HRSA-16-059

1. Can an institution submit a proposal with a stipend rate for trainees that is lower than stipulated in the funding opportunity announcement?

Yes, per the funding opportunity announcement, if the stipend levels in the funding opportunity announcement are more than is allowed per institutional policy, or restricted by another formal contractual agreement, applications must include a written statement in the budget narrative justification.

2. Can an institution charge the GPE Program for higher stipend rates than listed in the funding opportunity announcement if it is their institutional policy?

No, the amounts that can be charged to the GPE Program cannot not exceed the stated trainee stipend in the funding opportunity announcement. However, recipients may choose to provide supplemental stipends from other non-federal sources.

3. What are the allowable costs that can be charged to the GPE grant?

Applicants are required to provide a budget, with narrative, that includes no less than sixty (60) percent of a recipient's overall requested budget (direct and indirect costs) dedicated and distributed as stipends to trainees in practica, internships, and residencies. Up to forty (40) percent of funding may be dedicated to (1) development or enhancement of didactic and experiential training activities in integrated and team-based care; (2) financial support for the supervision of students, interns, residents and other allowable trainee-related expenses; (3) program administration and management; and (4) data collection.

4. Is health insurance for trainees an allowable expense?

Yes, health insurance is allowable as a trainee related expense, but may not be included in the sixty (60) percent of dedicated funding for trainee stipends.

5. Can the trainee stipend be used to pay for health insurance, tuition, and fees associated with training?

No, stipends are subsistence allowance for trainees to help defray living expenses during the training experience, and are not provided as a condition of employment, or for tuition, fees, health insurance, or other costs associated with the training program.

6. Is it ok to spend down the 40% of the total requested budget if the 60% that must be dedicated and distributed as stipends to trainees in practica, internships, and residencies has not been fulfilled? Grant Recipients must maintain the 40/60 level in accordance with the program requirements.

