Potential Projects

The Agency is interested in receiving applications for projects related to:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Infection control and prevention
- Life Safety Code requirements

For more information about CMP Projects in Florida, visit: http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Health_Facility_Regulation/Long_Term_Care/CMP.shtml

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Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Projects

Civil Money Penalties (CMP) are monetary penalties (fines) imposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) against nursing facilities that have failed to maintain compliance with federal requirements. A portion of these funds are returned to States and may be used for projects supporting activities that benefit nursing facility residents or that protect and improve their quality of life or care. CMP funds may be used for, but not limited to the following:

- Training
- Transition preparation
- Culture change/quality of life
- Projects that support resident and family councils
- Resident transition due to facility closure or downsizing

The Agency for Health Care Administration began this project in 2005 in an effort to use federal CMP funds (fines) to support innovative ideas that directly impact quality of care or quality of life of nursing home residents beyond minimum standards. The ideas proposed must be innovative to the facility, the state or to long-term care.

Applying for Funds

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).

Process

The application and supporting documents must be reviewed by the Agency for Health Care Administration staff for initial compliance with CMS criteria. Then the application, supporting documentation and the Agency’s recommendation will be forwarded to CMS for a final decision. CMS will provide feedback within 45 calendar days of receipt.

There is no minimum requirement; however, projects cannot exceed three years.

The application and instructions can be found at: www.ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Health_Facility_Regulation/Long_Term_Care/CMP.shtml

Prohibited Uses

The prohibited uses are:

- Conflict of Interest—CMS will not approve projects for which a conflict of interest exists or the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- Duplication—States may not use CMP funds to pay entities to perform functions for which they are already paid by State or Federal sources.
- Capital Improvements—CMP funds may not be used to pay for capital improvements to a nursing home, or to build a nursing home.
- Nursing Home Services or Supplies—CMP funds may not be used to pay for nursing home services or supplies that are already the responsibility of the nursing home, such as laundry, linen, food, heat or staffing costs.
- Temporary Manager Salaries—CMP funds may not be used to pay the salaries of temporary managers who are actively managing a nursing home.
- Supplementary Funding of Federally Required Services—For example, CMP funds may not be used to recruit or provide Long-Term Care Ombudsman certification training for staff or volunteers or investigate and work to resolve complaints as these are among the responsibilities of Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs under federal Older Americans Act (OAA), regardless of whether funding is adequate to the purpose.