



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## **Grant Award Announcement**

Congratulations to Puertas Abiertas and Catherine's Health Center on receiving significant federal funding! We are excited to celebrate these grant awards alongside our new REA partners.

Puertas Abiertas has been awarded the HHS Family Violence Prevention Grant, providing vital support to expand their services to new locations and assist women and families in need.

Catherine's Health Center has been awarded the HHS Behavioral Health Expansion Grant, enabling them to broaden their mental health and substance use disorder services for the homeless and those experiencing housing instability in Kent County, Michigan.

We look forward to seeing the incredible impact these organizations will make and congratulate them on their well-deserved grants.

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## **Grant Procurement**

REA Analytics continues to monitor FY 2024 grants as new opportunities for 2025 are continuously forecasted. We will update relevant grants in our [blog](#) and newsletter.



## **Funding Opportunities**

This list of 2024 and 2025 funding opportunities is regularly updated

This list of 2025 forecasted grants and current funding opportunities is regularly updated on the REA Analytics [blog](#).

[Schedule](#) a FREE application meeting to discuss your grant opportunities.

## **Homeless Youth**

Forecasted Opportunity

[HHS-2025-ACF-ACYF-YO-0108](#) - Est Post February 28, 2025 up to \$150,000

FY25 Street Outreach Program

## **Marriage and Family Relationships**

Forecasted Opportunity

[HHS-2025-ACF-OFA-ZB-0109](#) - Est. Post July 29, 2025 up to \$1,250,000

Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works - Adults (FRAMEWorks)

[HHS-2025-ACF-OFA-ZD-0013](#) - Est. Post July 29, 2025 up to \$1,250,000

Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (READY4Life)

[HHS-2025-ACF-OFA-ZJ-0014](#) - Est. Post July 29, 2025 up to \$1,250,000

Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (Fatherhood FIRE)

[HHS-2025-ACF-ACYF-TS-0007](#) - Est. Post February 28, 2025 up to \$450,000

Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education

## **Mental Health**

Forecasted Opportunity

[SM-25-002](#) - Est. Post January 15, 2025 up to \$1.3 million

Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances

## **Opioid Response**

Open Solicitation

[HRSA-25-010](#) - Due April 16, 2025 up to \$300,000

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Overdose Response

## **Substance Abuse Prevention**

Open Solicitation

[SP-23-004](#) - Due Date Feb 26, 2025 up to \$375,000

Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for Communities, Local Governments, Universities, Colleges, and Tribes/Tribal Organizations

[SM-23-021](#)

Due March 6, 2025 up to \$250,000

Tribal Behavioral Health

[HHS-2025-ACF-ANA-NA-0114](#)

Due April 15, 2025 up to \$900,000

Social and Economic Development Strategies -SEDS

[HHS-2025-ACF-ANA-NB-0115](#)

Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance-Esther Martinez Immersion

Due April 14, 2025 up to \$900,000

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Email [rea@reanalytics.com](mailto:rea@reanalytics.com) to be included in this funding alert and receive qualifying grant announcements.

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**Insights from a nonprofit leader who successfully secured her first federal grant**

Federal grants offer significant benefits for nonprofit organizations—substantial funding, long-term stability, and increased credibility. However, the highly competitive nature and technical requirements of these grants can make them seem out of reach, especially for first-time applicants. Navigating this process successfully requires preparation, persistence, and expert guidance.

Andrea Inostroza MS, ATR, LLPC, Founder and Executive Director of Puertas Abiertas, knows firsthand the challenges of securing federal funding. Recently, she and her team were awarded their first major federal grant—the HHS Family Violence Prevention Grant. Here, we share Andrea's journey and six practical tips to help you start your own federal grant application with confidence.

## **1. Match Your Nonprofit's Mission with Available Federal Grants**

When deciding to apply for a federal grant, Andrea's motivation was clear: federal grants provide financial stability and offer long-term support that can help her organization expand its services. For Puertas Abiertas, this grant would allow them to better meet the needs of underserved communities.

**Tip:** Start by evaluating your nonprofit's long-term goals. Federal grants typically offer larger funding over extended periods, making them ideal for organizations looking to scale their impact and ensure sustainability.

## **2. Manage the Application Process with a Clear Plan**

Like many first-time applicants, Andrea faced numerous challenges, from understanding the technical language to gathering the required documents.

*"The biggest challenges I encountered during the application process were the overall procedure, required documents, and unfamiliarity with certain words," said Andrea Inostroza, "I overcame these challenges with the guidance of REA, and I am thankful for their support."*

**Tip:** Create a detailed timeline with milestones for each step of the application. Break the process into manageable sections, and designate team members to handle specific tasks. This approach will help you stay organized and on track, especially with larger federal grants that require extensive documentation.

## **3. Start Early and Give Yourself Time to Prepare**

One of Andrea's biggest lessons was realizing how crucial it is to start early. She emphasized the importance of beginning the process well in advance, especially when managing a small nonprofit with limited staff.

*"The time commitment was challenging while managing a small nonprofit organization and juggling multiple responsibilities," said Andrea Inostroza, "However, I have an outstanding team that excels in their tasks. Anyone applying for a federal grant should start immediately and allocate sufficient time. Working with your team to set clear and accurate expectations while gathering all the necessary information for the grant application is essential."*

**Tip:** Start preparing months before the application deadline. Divide tasks among your team and use a checklist to ensure all required documents, data, and narratives are completed ahead of time. The earlier you start, the more time you'll have to perfect your proposal without the stress of last-minute changes.

#### **4. Leverage Expert Support and Resources**

Working with an experienced team made a significant difference for Andrea. She credited their expertise with helping her overcome unfamiliar terms and complex requirements, ultimately leading to her success.

*“My time working with REA was truly outstanding,” said Andrea Inostroza, “Their team demonstrated an exceptional level of patience and courage in taking the time to thoroughly explain things to me, which I found to be absolutely critical to my understanding and success.”*

**Tip:** Seek guidance from professionals and organizations experienced in federal grant writing. Utilize resources like [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and reach out to nonprofit networks for advice and insights. Learning from others' experiences can save time and help avoid common mistakes.

**5. Build a System to Manage Grant Requirements** Receiving a federal grant is just the beginning. Managing compliance, reporting deadlines, and fund utilization is a critical aspect of grant success. Andrea shared that setting up a management system from the start helped her team track their progress and meet their obligations.

*“I would advise starting the federal grant application process early to become familiar with the portals and mandatory documentation,” said Andrea Inostroza, “Additionally, I would strongly recommend seeking the support of REA.”*

**Tip:** Implement a project management system as soon as you begin the application. Familiarize yourself with the portals, reporting requirements, and the use of funds to ensure compliance and avoid delays in future funding.

#### **6. Be Ready for Transformative Impact**

For Puertas Abiertas, securing the **HHS Family Violence Prevention Grant** is a game-changer. With the additional funding, they will be able to expand their services to new regions, bringing much-needed support closer to their clients.

*“This grant is a significant milestone for us and will profoundly impact our organization and the community we serve,” said Andrea Inostroza, “With this funding, we are excited to expand our services to the communities of Kalamazoo and Muskegon. This expansion will significantly benefit our clients, who will no longer have to travel long distances to access our services. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community better and look forward to this expansion's positive impact.”*

**Tip:** Winning a federal grant can have a profound impact on your organization and those you serve. Use this momentum to grow your programs and cultivate stronger partnerships, Building a foundation for future achievements.

### **Key Takeaways for First-Time Grant Applicants**

Puertas Abiertas’ experience provides valuable insights for other nonprofits looking to secure federal funding. By aligning your goals with the right grants, starting early, and seeking expert support, you can overcome the challenges of the application process and set your organization up for long-term success. Whether you’re just beginning your search or are in the middle of an application, keep these strategies in mind.

With persistence and the right approach, securing a federal grant can truly transform your organization—just as it did for Puertas Abiertas.

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