**Section 670.100 Grantee Eligibility Requirements**

a) A human services provider is eligible to receive a grant award directly from DCEO if the provider:

1) offers services within Illinois in a manner that supports and fulfills the mission of DHS;

2) has delivered services for a minimum of two years directly to low-income or marginalized populations in Illinois in one of the core program areas of DHS − mental health, rehabilitation services, substance use prevention and recovery, family and community services, developmental disabilities, early childhood and any additional core program areas DHS creates;

3) has an active GATA registration and is qualified on the GATA Grantee Portal (https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/) at the time the application is submitted; and

4) is considered a regarded entity by the Internal Revenue Service for federal income tax purposes.

b) A human services provider is ineligible to receive a grant award directly from DCEO if the provider:

1) does not meet the eligibility criteria set forth in this Section;

2) is delinquent on payment of any State of Illinois tax obligation and the provider does not have an approved installment payment plan in place with the Department of Revenue;

3) is on the Illinois Stop Payment List, the State's debarred or suspended contractor lists, or is in default of any contractual obligation to DHS or DCEO;

4) is engaged in an enterprise that is unlawful or renders the provider ineligible under applicable State or federal law;

5) is on the federal System for Award Management excluded parties list (https://sam.gov/content/exclusions); or

6) is considered a disregarded entity by the Internal Revenue Service for federal income tax purposes.

c) Human services providers that are faith-based organizations, to be eligible, must use grant funds to make capital improvements to parts of their facility (whether the facility is owned or leased) that are used exclusively to provide human services. Grant funds may not be used for projects that provide a benefit to space used for the purpose of religious worship (e.g., chapel or sanctuary, etc.). Grant funds also may not be used to improve a facility for the benefit of members, clergy or attendees participating in religious activities (such as a parking lot or an elevator).