

Title 20. Public Health and Welfare

Chapter XIX. Department of Finance and Administration, Generally

Subchapter A. Generally

Part 790. Method of Administering the Pregnancy Help Organizations Grant Program

Codification Notes. This part as promulgated prior to codification into the Code of Arkansas Rules provided as follows:

"Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-8-102(a), §§ 25-15-204(c), and Act 125 of the 2024 Fiscal Session, 94th General Assembly, the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Governor, does hereby promulgate the following Rule."

"Source: Act 125 of the 2024 Fiscal Session, 94th General Assembly."

Subpart 1. Generally

20 CAR § 790-101. Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Certify" means to attest affirmatively, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, to the truth, accuracy, and completeness, under penalty of perjury;

(2) "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administration; and

(3)(A) "Pregnancy help organization" means a nonprofit organization or an organization exempt from federal income tax, existing as of January 1, 2024, that:

(i) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children;

(ii) Promotes infant and maternal wellness and/or reduces infant mortality by providing:

- (a) Nutritional information and/or nutritional counseling;
- (b) Prenatal vitamins;
- (c) A list of prenatal medical care options;
- (d) Social, emotional, and/or material support; or
- (e) Referrals for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and community-based nutritional services, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Food banks;
- (2) Food pantries; and
- (3) Food distribution centers; and

(iii) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

(B) "Pregnancy help organizations" includes without limitation:

- (i) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";
- (ii) Maternity homes;
- (iii) Adoption agencies; and
- (iv) Social services agencies that provide material support and other assistance to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy to help those individuals give birth to their unborn children.

Authority. Acts 2024, No. 125, § 3; Acts 2025, No. 1006, § 38.

History. Ark. R. 2026-1 (eff. January 1, 2026)

20 CAR § 790-102. Pregnancy Help Organizations Grant Program.

(a)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration created the Pregnancy Help Organizations Grant Program (the "program") in order to comply with Acts 2024, No. 125 and Acts 2025, No. 1006.

(2) The program will provide grant funding to pregnancy help organizations.

(b) Any entity seeking grant funding under the program shall make application to the department on the form or forms provided by the department for that purpose.

(c)(1) Any entity seeking grant funding under the program shall provide a grant plan to the department on the form or forms provided by the department for that purpose.

(2) Grant plans shall include the following:

(A) A narrative describing the current activities of the entity;

(B) A narrative that details the range of services the entity proposes to provide with grant funds and the experience that it has in providing the proposed services;

(C) A narrative describing the entity's management and key staff with information concerning their experience in working with individuals facing an unintended pregnancy; and

(D) An annual budget with line items specifically detailing the proposed expenditures.

(d) Funding under the program shall not be disbursed all at once, but in increments in accordance with the plan described in subsection (c) of this section.

(e)(1) Any entity receiving funding under the program shall report to the department on a quarterly basis on the form or forms provided by the department for that purpose.

(2) Failure to provide the quarterly report or reports may result in a delay or refund of funding.

(f) By signing the program application, grant plan, and reporting forms, the chief executive officer of the entity seeking or receiving grant funds shall certify that the information provided on the form or forms and all documents submitted with the form or forms are true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury.

(g) In accordance with Acts 2025, No. 1006, the program shall only be in effect from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, unless the program is extended by the General Assembly.

Authority. Acts 2024, No. 125, § 3; Acts 2025, No. 1006, § 38.

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