

**Consumer Assistance Program Limited Competition Funding Opportunity Announcement
FAQs**

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Q1: Why are only grantees that were awarded funds for this program in 2010 eligible to apply for this funding?

A1: The funds available through this announcement are no-year funds that were appropriate in 2010 and which can only be shared among the entities that received 2010 grants. Because the amount of grant funds available is relatively small, this approach ensures that the funds are used most efficiently by leveraging the progress made by existing grantees. These grant funds will be used to re-establish, extend, or enhance activities that were funded under the 2010 grants.

Q2: The amount of funds available for this award is smaller than what was available in 2010. Why are grantees required to fulfill all of the same duties?

A2: These new grants are intended to help grantees re-establish, continue, or expand the activities that they started under the original 2010 Consumer Assistance Program grants. As such, this funding is subject to the same statutory requirements as the original grant. All the duties listed at Public Health Service Act section 2793(c) must be carried out by grantees.

Q3: What is the grant period of performance for this award?

A3: The grant period of performance is 12 months.

Q4: Can I request funds under this announcement to perform activities I am currently performing under the 2010 Consumer Assistance Program award funds?

A4: Yes. These grant funds can be used to re-establish, extend, or enhance activities being funded under the 2010 grants. For example, if a Consumer Assistance Program was performing an outreach campaign that included a 6-month public service announcement (PSA) on the radio under the 2010 grant award, that Consumer Assistance Program could extend the PSA beyond the original six months, or add a different PSA. The Consumer Assistance Program could also use these funds to add to the radio campaign through other media not currently included in their project plans, such as newspapers, local magazines, or television. Funds awarded under this grant funding opportunity announcement cannot supplant funding under any prior or future Consumer Assistance Program funding opportunities if grant periods overlap.

Q5: How long is the budget period for this award? Can I apply for this opportunity if my program is currently operating under the 2010 Consumer Assistance Program grant in a No-Cost Extension period?

A5: The budget period is 12 months. 2010 Consumer Assistance Program grantees are encouraged to apply for this grant opportunity regardless of their status as a currently operating program. Applicants must be in good standing to qualify for an award, which includes being up to date on all quarterly Federal Financial Reports at the time of submission of this application through the award date of this grant. Project plans for this grant opportunity must expand upon work currently in progress through any Consumer Assistance Program No-Cost Extension period, but can also provide new funding for projects or activities that may have ended under previous grant periods.

Q6: Several U.S. Territories received a 2010 Consumer Assistance Program grant. Can U.S. territories apply for this award?

A6: Territories may not apply for this funding announcement even if they were 2010 Consumer Assistance Program grant recipients. HHS recently determined that the provisions of the PHS Act enacted in title I of the Affordable Care Act do not apply to the territories. See <http://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Letters/Downloads/letter-to-Francis.pdf>. The Consumer Assistance program grants are authorized by section 2793 of the PHS Act, which was enacted under title I of the Affordable Care Act. This means that, under HHS's recent determination of the applicability of those provisions to the territories, the Affordable Care Act opportunity to receive grant funding for a consumer assistance program will not apply after July 14, 2014 to the U.S. territories.