Greetings,

Welcome to the Mental Health Fund for Queer and Trans People of Color (MHF for QTPoC). The MHF for QTPoC is a program of the National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network (NQTTCN). The MHF was created to provide financial support to increase access to psychotherapy for QTPoC by QTPoC*

*Although priority will be given to QTPoC practitioners, in places where they are unavailable, funds can be used to access services from competent non-QTPOC clinicians chosen by the recipient.

During the application process, each applicant provides information regarding their psychotherapist, the fee per individual session, and the amount of financial assistance requested from the MHF. Applicants can request up to $100 per session for 6 sessions total. Upon acceptance, this financial support needs to be utilized within a 16 week time period.

Upon acceptance, if none of the sessions have been utilized within 30 days, the funding awarded may be redistributed back to the Mental Health Fund for other applicants.

All funds are paid directly to the psychotherapist as a third party payor. Prior to distribution, a third-party payor form needs to be completed by recipient, psychotherapist, and NQTTCN via DocuSign. In addition to the Third Party Payor form, psychotherapists also need to provide a W-9 and invoice to receive payments. All these documents must be provided before payment can be made.

All psychotherapists participating in the mental health fund need to be either licensed in their field as a mental health provider and/or are a registered intern/associate in their respective field.
CONTINUATION OF CARE

The Mental Health Fund is designed to provide short term financial support to QTPoC in need of mental health services. In the event that MHF recipients require care beyond assistance provided by MHF, we expect psychotherapists to make reasonable efforts to support clients in continuing care by either offering sliding scale fee slots, or providing referrals. Per the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, psychotherapists are expected to avoid unnecessary interruption in services.

INVOICES

Psychotherapist is responsible for submitting invoices to NQTTCN - Mental Health Fund for QTPoC. NQTTCN is fiscally sponsored by Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) and all financial payments will come from SEE on behalf of NQTTCN. In addition to submitting a W-9 and invoice, you may also complete an electronic payment form to receive payment directly to your bank account. Other forms of payment include PayPal, Venmo or CashApp. All payments will be made electronically at this time.

Invoices to be submitted monthly using this form: https://forms.gle/dpr29GnjrKwzavzQ6

Payments will be distributed within 30 days of the invoice being received.

DIRECTORY

If you are a Queer and Trans Therapist of Color, please consider joining NQTTCN’s national directory of psychotherapists. The psychotherapists that are part of the NQTTCN directory have shared that they have received referrals from being found on the directory. We hope that you’ll join us in increasing access for QTPoC to find and receive mental health support services by QTPoC. More information about the directory can be found at: https://www.nqttcn.com/directory

THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting healing justice for queer and trans people of color. For more about the National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network, come visit us at www.nqttcn.com

If you have questions or need further support related to the NQTTCN Mental Health Fund, please contact us at nqttcn.mhf@gmail.com.