



## Mental Health Fund

*for Queer and Trans Black, Indigenous and People of Color*

### **INTRODUCTION for PSYCHOTHERAPISTS**

Greetings,

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

*\*Although the MHF was designed to support QTBIPOC working with QTBIPOC practitioners, funds can be used to access services from competent non-QTBIPOC clinicians chosen by the recipient.*

During the application process, each applicant is required to provide information regarding their psychotherapist, the fee per 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 QTBIPOC 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 QTBIPOC. NQTTCN is fiscally sponsored by Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) and financial payments may 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:** [ADD FORM]

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 QTBIPOC to find and receive mental health support services by QTBIPOC. 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 Black, Indigenous and people of color. For more about the National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network, come visit us at [www.nqttcn.com](http://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](mailto:nqttcn.mhf@gmail.com).