



Mental Health Fund

for Queer and Trans Black, Indigenous and People of Color

INTRODUCTION for PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

Greetings,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our Mental Health Fund (MHF) 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 (name, contact info, license info, and supervisor info if applicable), 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, therapist's supervisor (if applicable) and NQTTCN via DocuSign for electronic signature. In addition to the Third Party Payor form, psychotherapists will 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 MHF need to be a fully licensed mental health practitioner or a registered intern/associate in their respective field and must provide their supervisor's name, state of licensure and license number.

CONTINUATION OF CARE

The Mental Health Fund is designed to provide short term financial assistance to QTBIPOC in need of mental health support. 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 NQTTTCN - Mental Health Fund for QTBIPOC. NQTTTCN is fiscally sponsored by Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) and financial payments may come from SEE on behalf of NQTTTCN. 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.

Invoices to be submitted monthly using this form:

<https://nqttcn.com/en/mhf-documents/>

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

DIRECTORY

If you are a QTBIPOC therapist, please consider joining NQTTTCN's national directory. Psychotherapists in our directory have shared that it is meaningful to receive referrals from QTBIPOC wanting to work with a therapist from our community. We hope that you'll join us in increasing access for QTBIPOC to find and receive transformative mental health support. More information about the directory can be found [here](#).

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 <https://nqttcn.com/en/>

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