Organizations that may qualify for use of CMP grant funds include, but are not limited to:

* Consumer advocacy organizations
* Resident or family councils
* Professional or state nursing home associations
* State Long-term Care Ombudsman program
* Quality improvement organizations
* University graduate programs
* Private contractors
* Corporations, both non-profit and for-profit

Project proposals should demonstrate current and sound evidence-based practices that promote quality of care and quality of life for nursing facility residents.  CMP fund grants are only available for quality improvement initiatives that are outside the scope of normal facility operations.  They cannot be used to fund goods or services that the applicant already offers or is required to provide by state or federal law or regulation.

Sections [1819](https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1819.htm) and [1919](https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title19/1919.htm) of the Social Security Act allow CMP funds to be used for projects and activities that benefit residents, including those that:

* Support and protect residents of a facility that closes or is decertified
* Support resident and family councils and other consumer involvement to ensure quality care
* Improve the facility through CMS-approved initiatives, such as culture change