



Questions and Answers from the Bidders Conference

April 24, 2019 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Q: Are there any items that are **restricted** in response to the RFP?

A: Yes, there are items that are ineligible to be included in the RFP responses. The grant is not intended for the direct purchase of food, housing, needles, research or development, or to overlap in funding to existing programs. We are considering applications with Narcan contingent on implementation of the materials, as well as the individual initiative.

Q: With regard to the Project Lazarus Model, would the RFP be applicable to include individuals who have been directly impacted by overdose?

A: No, the RFP would not be applicable to an individual who has been directly impacted by an overdose. However, there are limited funds from the SOR grant allocated to provide support to families and/or individuals impacted by an Opioid-Related overdose. Grants will be awarded with the intention to provide support to individuals/families. This support will include funding to complete recovery support activities to improve the social/emotional /physical health of these families/individuals.

Q: Other regions have already posted their RFPs, and they include more money in their overall amount. Is there any money set aside or earmarked from your RFP?

A: Yes, Region 1 decided to earmark \$10,000 from the total budget to set aside for the Recovery Support Activities Grants that will be awarded separately.

Q: With regard to the format of the RFP responses, who should I list as the contact for the Proposal?

A: The person listed should be the CEO of the organization applying.

Q: With regard to the minimum qualifications listed on the RFP, is experience a disqualifier from applying?

A: We are encouraging individuals to have innovative ideas, and do not have a starch time line on the amount of experience noted. However, it should be noted that individuals should have general knowledge and some experience with the population to be serviced.

Q: Could professional development be included in a Request for Proposals, as a way to utilize funds?

A: Yes; the initiative can include professional development as a means to utilize funds from the SOR grant. Keep in mind that the initiatives should be tied back to reducing the risk of opioid overdose.

Q: Is collaboration with other agencies allowed in the RFP?

A: Yes! Collaborations with all agencies within the region is allowed.

Q: What is the maximum grant that will be awarded?

A: The maximum grant amount will be \$50,000.

Q: What would happen if another school in the Region applied? Could we be competing with each other for the grant award?

A: Yes. Other schools could apply for the grant, and you would be in competition with each other for the grant funding. This would assume you had similar initiatives. Otherwise, collaboration may be an option.

Q: Is there a cap on the funding awarded to each town within the region?

A: No. There is no cap on funding awards in each town within the region.

Q: Do you know how many grants will be awarded, total?

A: No. We do not know how many grants will be awarded. This is dependent on response to the RFP.

Q: Is there a specific format that you want us to follow when responding to the RFP?

A: Please follow the format given in the Request for Proposals, answering items 1-10 as listed.

Q: Can we apply for a grant to continue our CODE initiative?

A: Yes. Expansion on the CODE grant initiatives is allowed.

Questions and Answers after Bidders Conference up to 5:00 PM on April 26, 2019

Q: I have contacted an agency for quote for a .5 half time substance abuse counselor. They responded that I would have to give them a two year commitment. Would I able to include a two year commitment in the proposal? If not, at the bidders meeting they said it would be a good idea. How would we include that?

A: One cannot commit to funds past the first year until funding is secured for the next funding period. There are other agencies that provide counselors you can contact.

Q: Can we include "food" for students during programs?

A: The purchase of food is not allowable with this grant.

Q. I read that there will be an estimated \$170,000 distributed. Will the grant proposal be considered for partial funding? For example, if you apply for \$50,000, could they possibly aware you only \$25,000.

A. Yes.

Q. Can you give stipends to people to attend meetings?

A. A response from BHDDH has not been given to this question at this time. Please continue to check back; an answer will be posted as soon as it is available.

Q. Can you include bus transportation for the children of abusers to pay for a bus from Ricci Middle School to their home one day per week so that the child can stay after school for our opioid programs?

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