

Addendum to RFA# 67-81

Male Involvement Initiative

Date: March 12, 2019

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Addendum Changes:

- 1) This addendum is to provide answers to all questions per the RFA Potential Applicant Letter.

Question 1: What will the overall budget be for CBIM?

Answer: Under Part I, Section C, 2, (e). The overall 36-month budget for the application shall not exceed \$450,000. The yearly budget shall not exceed \$150,000.

Question 2: Is there a limit on how many schools/organizations that CBIM can be involved with?

Answer: There is no limit, minimum or maximum.

Question 3: Is there an age limit on the kids we are focusing on? What level coaches? Youth level? Middle school? High school?

Answer: No. There is no age limit indicated in the RFA. There is no coaching level indicated in the RFA.

Question 4: Do the coaches need to be strictly in a school-organized setting?

Answer: No. Under Part I, Section B, 4, (c). The awarded applicant shall identify schools or organizations in the community where CBIM shall be implemented.

Question 5: Can you provide greater detail of the expectation of the youth trainings?

Answer: Under Part I, Section B, 4, (d, l, m, n). The awarded applicant shall use CBIM materials offered by Futures Without Violence to include, but not limited to, CBIM card series curriculum, CBIM playbook and Adaptation Guidelines. The awarded applicant shall provide knowledge of IPV awareness, reporting and prevention to young male athletes. The awarded applicant shall promote greater gender equity by providing skills that build respectful and non-violent relationships with dating partners. The awarded applicant shall provide knowledge and skills to reduce risk for IPV perpetration and victimization.

Question 6: What is the estimated time commitment for coaches to be trained/implement program?

Answer: Under Part I, Section B, 4, (f). The awarded applicant shall create a timeline when coaches shall be trained on CBIM, when coaches shall begin implementation of the CBIM playbook and card series curriculum, and when the pre and post evaluation surveys shall be administered.

Question 7: Are collaborative efforts encouraged? Preferred?

Answer: Under Part I, Section C, 2, (d)(G)(6). Applicants should list any potential partners, subcontractors, grantees, consultants or any other individuals who shall be working on tasks related to this RFA. Collaborative efforts are neither encouraged nor discouraged. No preference is given to collaborative efforts.

Question 8: What is your vision of gender equity as it pertains to this RFA?

Answer: Under Part I, Section A, page 5, 3rd paragraph. The overall goal of this funding is to promote violence prevention and greater gender equity. Under Part I, Section B, 4, (m). The awarded applicant shall promote greater gender equity by providing skills that build respectful and non-violent relationships with dating partners.

Question 9: Can partners be faith-based (churches, youth ministries, etc.)?

Answer: Yes. Under Part I, Section B, 4, (c). The awarded applicant shall identify schools or organizations in the community where CBIM shall be implemented. Faith-based organizations are included in the community.

Question 10: Have you done this in the past? If yes, will data be available?

Answer: No. This RFA is the first for these services. No data is available.

Question 11: Is there an incumbent? Who?

Answer: No. This RFA is the first for these services.

Question 12: How closely will the PA Agency work with the selected organization?

Answer: This awarded applicant will have a Project Officer assigned during the term of the Grant Agreement. The Project Officer will verify invoices, address budgetary concerns, review reports and provide total oversight of the Grant Agreement.

Question 13: Any minority or women owned goals?

Answer: No. Under Part I, Section A, page 5, 3rd paragraph. The overall goal of this funding is to promote violence prevention and greater gender equity.

Question 14: What went into the decision to select C.B.I.M.?

Answer: Under Part I, Section A, page 5, 1st and 2nd paragraphs. Developed and supported by Futures Without Violence, CBIM has been shown to both decrease perpetration of sexual violence and increase bystander intervention. CBIM recognizes that most youth coaches see their role as much bigger than promoting athletic skills, and

already embrace character building as a critical component of their job. Coaching Boys into Men builds on that practice and adds specific content to help coaches better address and prevent relationship abuse. CBIM was first recognized as a promising program when the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recorded positive effects on dating violence perpetration (including physical and sexual violence) according to a controlled trial of 16 high schools in Northern California. Coaches found the program to be feasible and valuable, which suggests potential for long-term uptake and sustainability. The CDC now supports CBIM as evidence-based and has funded local health departments to implement the program.

Question 15: It's my understanding there will be only one provider?

Answer: Yes. Under Part I, Section A, page 5, 3rd paragraph. The Department is awarding one applicant for the Grant Agreement.

Question 16: The trainings are not provided by the coaches they are provided by the organization?

Answer: Under Part I, Section B, 2, (c). The applicant shall describe how training shall be used to prepare coaches for the implementation of the CBIM curriculum.

Under Part I, Section B, 4, (g). The awarded applicant shall train coaches on the CBIM playbook and CBIM card series curriculum to conduct group trainings for young male athletes.

Question 17: Being that we never did it and CDC is the benchmark, will they be involved? Will they share data?

Answer: No.

Question 18: If in budget can coaches be certified in mental health?

Answer: Yes. Coaches may be certified in mental health. Question 19: Is there anyway to communicate with the CA model?

Answer: Yes. The awarded applicant may contact the Primary Investigator, Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, for additional information on the controlled trial intervention in California. Contact information can be found on the Coaching Boys into Men page of the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's website.

Question 20: Has there been much interest in this topic?

Answer: Yes. Under Part I, Section A, page 5, 2nd paragraph. The CDC now supports CBIM as evidence-based and has funded local health departments to implement the program. CBIM is being replicated in countless schools across the US, and in areas of India and Australia. The exact number of replications is unknown, as all documents are open source and can be used without notifying the CBIM administrative team. A current research study by Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is being conducted within 40 middle schools throughout southwest Pennsylvania.

Question 21: Have you had many questions prior to this meeting?

Answer: There were no questions received prior to the February 27, 2019 deadline.

*Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the RFA and any previous addenda, remain as originally written.