

Questions and Responses

	RFP Section	Question	Answer
1		Are dollars for the cost of an external evaluator’s services allowed in the budget presented by the applicant, and is there a limit or parameters for program evaluation?	An Applicant may include evaluation services as a cost in the Operations Costs in the proposed budget.
			Answer
2		Also, is APPENDIX C on Trade Secret/Confidential Proprietary Information Notice submitted only if the applicant is asserting relevant trade secrets, or is it to be completed and included regardless?	An applicant only needs to submit a completed Appendix C Trade Secret/Confidential Proprietary Information Notice if it is asserting that its application contains trade secrets or confidential proprietary information. If Applicant is not making an assertion of trade secrets or confidential proprietary information, it need not submit Appendix C.
			Answer
3		Given a discrepancy between the funding opportunity’s targeted zip codes listed on page 13 and those listed on page 17 of the Application Requirements, can you confirm that 19122 is an included programmatic zip code for this grant?	19122 is an included programmatic zip code for this grant. DHS will post an addendum.
			Answer
4		Is this grant possibly renewable post the effective funding timeline posted of one year?	The term of this grant will be one-year with no options to extend for additional time.
			Answer
5		Can an applicant apply to use both community health workers and peer support workers in their program design or must they choose between the two categories?	An Applicant may use either community health workers, peer support workers or both.
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6		Is there an anticipated award notification date/estimated timeframe of decision within the next 6 months?	Yes, the Departments intend to announce the grant awards within the next three months.
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7		Is the grant anticipated to be renewed or just one year?	See the response to Question No. 4.
			Answer
8		Are grant dollars only available to be spent on CHW's or PSW's. If we hired a social worker to supervise the CHW's is that permitted?	An Applicant may propose to use grant funding for expenses related to other project staff. These costs must be included as part of Appendix B.
			Answer
9		Although hospitals are not eligible to apply, are community-based organizations allowed to partner with hospitals?	Community-based organizations may engage with hospitals as collaborative partners. In this case, the community-based organization would be the Applicant.
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10	III-5	<p><i>III-5. Eligibility. The Applicant must have and provide documentation of its official status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization or have and provide written documentation specifying its association with a 501(c)(3) national charitable organization. The Applicant cannot be owned, operated, or controlled by a hospital, institution of higher education, or managed care organization ("MCO"), even if the hospital, institution of higher education, or MCO is a non-profit organization.</i></p> <p>What kind of "affiliation" with a 501(c)(3) organization counts?</p> <p>Can a 501(C)(3), like a community development organization, and a for-profit company team together and bid? If so, and they share the financial Capability responsibilities outlined in section III-6?</p>	<p>An affiliation refers to the Applicant's relationship with a 501(c)(3) national charitable organization; for example when an Applicant is a chapter of a national umbrella organization."</p> <p>Community-based organizations may partner with for-profit companies as collaborative partners; however, the Applicant and the for-profit may not submit a joint application. The application must be submitted by the community based organization only.</p>

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			The financial capability information requested in III-6 pertains to the financial stability and economic capabilities of the Applicant only. If the Departments need additional financial information to made the determination, they will request it.
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11		For scoping purposes, is there an expected or maximum grant size per award?	The maximum award is \$500,000. See RFA Part III, Section III-7.C.
			Answer
12		If a program is led and/or facilitated by a Community Health Worker (CHW) or Peer Support Worker (PSW), can the grant funding also be used for expenses related to other project staff (i.e., nursing, podiatry, vision screening)?	See response to Question No. 8.
			Answer
13		Is it possible to dedicate project funding to expenses that do not directly fall under CHW and PSW services?	See response to Question No. 8. The applicant may add lines to Appendix B to document proposed costs for all costs associated with the proposed demonstration project.

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14		Is it possible to provide additional information related to and examples of populations that would qualify as having "multi-generation household health needs" (e.g., older adults, pregnant mothers, new mothers/parents)?	A multi-generation household is a household in which at least two generations of the same family reside together, and each individual presents with a health need or experiences a barrier to health equity. Examples include an older adult residing with their adult child, a parent living with their school age child, or a grandparent residing with their grandchild.