

Addendum to RFA# 67-126

Community-based Health Disparities Program

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Addendum Number: 1

Addendum Changes:

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

Q1: I am a certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business seeking subcontracting work. I specialize in project quality management and compliance auditing service. I have attached my veteran certification letters. Can you provide a bidder's list of prime contractors who have an interest in bidding on the subject project?

A1: Yes, after the RFA closes on October 28, 2021, the list of all applicants responding to the RFA can be provided in another addendum posting on eMarketplace.

Q2: If an eligible applicant does not have a federal negotiated indirect cost rate, can it elect to use a 10% de minimis option?

A2: Yes. Proposed indirect costs must clearly demonstrate a relationship to the selected strategy.

Q3: In Part One, Section C 4, p. 12, the RFA states that b) Recipients may not use funds for clinical care except as allowed by law. What does "except as allowed by law" mean in this context? Will PADOH allow the use of funds for clinical personnel and clinical care that addresses the strategy for which funding is being sought?

A3: Use of funds for clinical personnel and care must directly relate to the proposed provision of services and activities of the selected strategy to be implemented. The purpose of this RFA is to develop strategies and plans to address the expansion and improvement of COVID care provided to disparate populations through the various strategies listed. The purpose of the RFA is not to fund the hiring of additional health care providers for a short period of time but to develop forward thinking plans to address disparities.

Q4: We are a large hospital system with multiple health clinics. Can projects be multi-site or must there be just one site identified at which activities will occur?

A4: Proposed projects may include multiple clinic sites. The proposed project must clearly define activities and responsibilities of personnel for each identified clinic site included in the implementation of the project.

Q5: Can you please provide more information about the funding restriction 4b) Recipients may not use funds for clinical care except as allowed by law? For example, which law(s) is applicable? Are there broad groups of clinical care that are unallowable or allowable through this RFA?

A5: Please see response to Q3 above.

Q6: Under RFQ 67-126, Section C, number 4 Funding Restrictions- please clarify the statement – Recipients may not use funds for clinical care except as allowed by law.

A6: Please see response to Q3 above.

Q7: Can medical equipment be purchased under this grant (e.g. machine for COVID testing)?

A7: Yes, if the purchase of equipment is appropriate for the strategy selected. A clearly defined scope of work, how the equipment shall be deployed and how that purchase shall impact disparate populations must be included in your proposed project. The purpose of this RFA is to develop forward thinking plans to address disparities, not a short-term infusion of funding to purchase supplies and equipment.

Q8: Are COVID testing supplies allowed in budget?

A8: Yes, if the purchase of supplies is appropriate for the strategy selected. A clearly defined scope of work, how the supplies shall be deployed and how that purchase shall impact disparate populations must be included in your proposed project. The purpose of this RFA is to develop forward thinking plans to address disparities, not a short-term infusion of funding to purchase supplies and equipment.

Q9: Would this funding be appropriate for helping setting up a new satellite location to better serve an underserved population in the future? If that is determined to be an effective strategy?

A9: The Department does not have enough information to answer this question as stated. It is too vague as submitted.

*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.