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Violence Prevention Planning and One Time Supports

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

General Questions:

1. Q: When will the NOFO specific technical assistance recording be available and where can I access it?
A: It will be posted on the ICJIA GATA site: <https://grants.icjia.cloud/> by October 2, 2019.
2. Q: How is a letter of commitment different from a letter of support?
A: A letter of commitment states the entity's assurance that they will participate in the project by attending meetings etc while a letter of support conveys positive regard for the applicant.
3. Q: Is Peoria eligible to apply for this funding?
A: Yes, Peoria is included in the "Balance of the State" category.
4. Q: I submitted a NOI for Track One. Can I also submit one for Track Two?
A: Yes. The NOI Survey does have a BOTH option but since you have already submitted one, please submit a separate NOI for track two.
5. Q: My colleague and I are interested in applying for a research grant to evaluate the electronic program (which is a combination of stationary and mobile GPS) that is used in Cook county to prevent repeat domestic violence. Is such a research project eligible for a violence prevention grant?
A: Your interest area is outside the scope of this solicitation.
6. Q: Do the goals and objectives chart and implementation schedule that are required count against the page limit of the narrative?
A: The goals/objectives and implementation schedule are part of the program narrative, so yes, it counts.

Track One:

7. Q: Would a State's Attorney's Office or a school district eligible to apply for these funds?
A: Yes. Since a state's attorney's office is not a required cross-systems member, this type of applicant should be mindful to obtain all the required letters of commitment for Track One.

8. Q: We are hoping to get guidance into whether our situation and future goals will “fit” appropriately to apply for this Violence Prevention grant. We are a city police department. We are wrapping up a 3-year Focused Deterrence grant project, ending Dec 13th, 2019. We are looking for a bridge option to fund research to identify a sustainability model specifically for the social service delivery function within our Focused Deterrence plan we have built and currently implementing. Is it feasible to apply for this grant justifying the need to research sustainability options; shift the case management function to a social services agency and away from law enforcement responsibility; and identify program expansion to encompass a larger target population not currently served under the Focused Deterrence parameters to better serve city violence prevention needs?

A: Track one is for a comprehensive violence prevention planning process. If focused deterrence was found to be needed through that comprehensive planning process, it could be included as an action step. This planning grant wouldn’t fund the services.

9. Q: If one of the organizations we would like to partner with to fulfill one of the required partner agencies is also planning to separately apply for a grant in the same track, can they still also serve as our partner on our application?

A: There is nothing that would preclude them from being a partner.

10. Q: On page 16, the NOFO notes “Under Track One, ICJIA intends to only fund one entity for a given geographic area”. Does this mean there will only be one Track One grant awarded in Chicago?

A: No, this is an error. We have clarified as follows:

C1. Eligible Applicants: Non-profits or governmental entities of the proposed community. ~~Under Track One, ICJIA intends to only fund one entity for a given geographic area. Applicants are strongly encouraged to collaborate.~~ See Background Section for more information on multi-sector collaborations.

11. Q: When addressing at least two types of violence, would child sexual abuse and sexual violence (against youth) be considered two separate types?

A: Yes

Track Two:

12. Q: Would the purchase and installation of a wheelchair ramp be allowable for a one-time support?

A: The applicant would need to explain how this would enhance the existing violence prevention program.

13. Q: I am writing with questions/clarifications for the Track 2 portion of the recent NOFO. It seems that funding is only available for procured items. Does

this mean that we cannot use grant funds to support salary costs for existing programs that would be expanded to new sites or youth? If not, would contractual costs for professional development of agency staff or school staff be eligible? Or vendors to provide services to students within an existing violence prevention-related program? We are just trying to clarify if any budget items besides purchased items would be eligible under Track 2.

A: The intent of Track Two is to infuse one-time supports into existing violence prevention programs because it is unknown whether ICJIA will receive a FY 21 appropriation similar to this one. Therefore, salary costs are outside the scope of this solicitation. Professional development would be allowable but the applicant should review the narrative thoroughly to ensure adequate explanation of how such training would have FY 21 benefits. It is difficult to answer your question regarding vendors without more detail.

14. Q: My agency is planning on submitted for our current violence prevention programming in three areas of the state. Should we submit separate applications for each area?

A: Yes, please submit three separate applications, program narratives, and budgets.

Fiscal Questions:

None.