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Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program (ICJR)

**CREST IL Pilot Program - NOFO # 2357-1812
RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS**

Day posted: July 23, 2021

Question

I am processing the NOFO and have a couple of initial questions:

1. Re 2 'areas of focus' will work together.
 - a. I understand we must select one or two of **each**.
 - b. Does that mean that we are to **integrate** the areas of focus (selected 'crime area' to selected 'population group')?
 - i. So...for example, is the intention that we create/present **integrated** training/s on strangulation as it affects PWD/OA?
 - ii. When I look at the list of crimes I have difficulty mapping them on PWD/OA (which is my initial interest area-my Protected Adults team is looking for a project for this coming year.)
 - c. Or, do we have more freedom to mix it up - could we
 - i. One: Present a training (or trainings) to help learners respond more effectively to people with disabilities and older adults (PWD/OA) who experience violence (and we choose the narrower content focus), and then
 - ii. Two: Present an additional training focused on, for example, strangulation
2. Delivery format/platforms
 - a. Webinars -I imagine as live events. To me, podcasts are pre-recorded learning modules- and are available for learners to 'attend' at their convenience (asynchronous learning). Would an LMS training with learning modules fit the requirements of the "podcasts" in the grant language?
 - b. We have an LMS in our FY2022 budget where our plan is to create learning modules that will be posted for asynchronous learning. I envision combinations of various learning content including: audio recordings, video recordings, interactive 'ppt' slide presentations, etc. with engagement activities and assessments woven in.



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3. Number of trainings to be offered

- a. This is left totally open- I realize there are variables based on the project scope, funds requested, etc. I find myself at a loss of number of trainings expected and to consider offering. I have limited time available and do want to do this project so cannot over promise # of trainings. Can you offer any guidance?

Response

The crime area focus, and population focus could be integrated or independent of one another. On pages 8-9 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), there is no language that indicates the two focus areas must be integrated.

On page 9 of the NOFO, there is no requirement that the webinars and podcasts are either live or recorded.

A learning management system (LMS) is not a podcast nor a webinar.

On page 9 of the NOFO, there is no minimum requirement of number of trainings. This is a competitive opportunity; therefore, you must be mindful of the number of trainings provided as well as the number of participants attending trainings. On page 8 of the NOFO, it states that “grantees will be chosen as a pilot site based on demonstrated need, chosen crime area(s), focus population(s), and program design”.

Day posted: July 16, 2021

Question

Family Violence Coordinating Councils provide training and work toward enhancing a coordinated community response. How would the CREST Pilot Program differ from the work the council is already engaged in?

The program requirements reflect CREST Pilot committee members may also be members of IFVCC but must meet separately from those meetings. May the CERST pilot program coordinator be the same person who also coordinates the FVCC?

Response



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The Family Violence Coordinating Councils (FVCC) are funded through state grants and the CREST IL Project is funded through federal grants, therefore the project goals and objectives as well as reporting expenses are separate. An applicant can employ the local FVCC coordinator as the CREST IL Project coordinator, however the time, expenses, goals and objectives, and work must be separate.

For example, if a local FVCC coordinator was also a CREST IL Project coordinator, they would work 15 hours on FVCC and 10 hours on CREST IL. The time is separate and cannot be double counted. (this is an example of hours and not actual expectation of time)

The CREST IL Pilot Program has a specific focus on using the Responding to Victims of Domestic Violence Facilitator's Toolkit to train criminal justice and social service professionals on topics related to family violence. Additionally, sites will provide peer mentoring to local FVCCs across the state and participate on the CREST IL Evaluation Committee to develop pre- and post-tests, evaluations, and critical feedback of the Facilitator's Toolkit (detailed in 3. Program Design of the NOFO Instructions document).

Question

I am writing to let you know that I was unable to access the NOFO and other application details from the link below. I searched online and got a link to some details, including your name and email address. Saint Anthony Hospital is very interested in reviewing this application and would be grateful if you could send a live and working link. Thank you in advance.

Response

Please use this link to access the NOFO information, including application materials: <https://icjia.illinois.gov/gata/funding/2021-ilcrest>

The technical assistance recording is available at

<https://illinois.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/illinois/recording/4cc484d0c25a1039bfff0050568fe89b/playback>

You can also access the NOFO through the ICJIA GATA website:

<https://icjia.illinois.gov/gata/>

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There were no questions for the week of: July 6, 2021, through July 9, 2021



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