Program Development Grant Cycle 42 Pre-bidders

Conference Call

Questions and Answers

1. Would you please clarify if this is a statewide project?

   Cycle 42 is a statewide project. SCDD is looking for projects that have a statewide impact or have the potential for statewide impact.

2. Would you please clarify if Cycle 42 is looking to fund only 1 grant or could more than 1 be funded?

   SCDD has allocated $450,000 for Cycle 42 for one or more projects meaning, there could conceptually be more than one project awarded.

3. Where can we find the Performance Measures?

   The Performance Measures and all Cycle 42 exhibits and attachments can be found at https://scdd.ca.gov/grantinformation.

4. What is SCDD's view on having an online statewide project?

   SCDD does not provide any feedback for individual proposals.

5. Is it allowable to partner with other agencies, districts, or counties?

   Yes, partnering is allowable. If a bidder elects to partner with another entity, a MOU or Letter of Commitment between the bidder and the other entity must be submitted with the proposal.

6. If you are partnering with another entity, how do you identify the poverty area?

   Please use the location where the services are being provided.

7. What is the statewide poverty level?

   California currently has a 19% poverty level. For information on poverty levels, please click on the following link: https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/demo/p60-265.pdf

8. Does all the work need to be completed by September 30th, or can it be extended?

   The funding period follows the federal funding period of 10/1/19/- 9/30/20 so all work needs to be completed during the 1-year timeframe.

9. Does the organization need to be non-profit or can it be for profit?

   Under the Request For Proposal (RFP), an applicant must have a taxpayer ID number, be able to provide the required fiscal assurances, and meet all other requirements of the RFP.

10. Would new and innovative projects include expanding services to a new area or is it up to the proposer to describe what is new and innovative?

    Yes, expanding services would fall under new and innovative.

11. Do you have information on methodology?

    Please refer to Pages 8 and 9 of the RFP for information regarding methodology.

12. What is a duty statement and is it required for everybody on the project?

    A duty statement is a description of the work each person will be doing on the project. Yes, a duty statement is required for anybody working on the project.

13. Can the project dates be different than the federal fiscal year dates?

    They need to stay within the federal fiscal year timelines. A project cannot begin before 10/1/2019 and cannot end after 9/30/20.

14. Does a person working on the project need to be an employee or can we have volunteers working on the project?

    Volunteers are allowed to work on the project.

15. If selected would our budget be reduced if you also want to fund another project?

    If the top scoring proposal requests the full $450,000 and they have met all of the requirements then they would be awarded the entirety of the $450,000.

16. If we already have a MOU in place with an agency for work that is happening now, would we need a new MOU for this project?

    It would depend on what the MOU currently covers but there should be documentation from the other entity about what their role in this proposed project would be.

17. Would expanding a project fall under new and innovative?

    The purpose of the Program Development Grant is to fund new and innovative projects. Because each proposal is scored in accordance with the scoring evaluation, a proposal that expands on an existing program would need to address how it is new and innovative in accordance with the appropriate performance measures.

18. Relating to commercial insurance, if there is a partnership with another agency, does the primary vendor pay for this or is it collective?

    Insurance requirements are contained in Pages 20 and 21 of the RFP.

19. Can we write for multiple areas?

    There is not a need to write for a specific area or region. As long as it has statewide impact or the potential for statewide impact.

20. Can the project be larger than $450,000 if we meeting the match.

    Yes, but the amount requested from SCDD cannot exceed $450.000.

21. Are there any models or prior applications that we can review?

    No.

22. Can you please repeat the 15% or 25% percent match?

    A 25% match is required for Non-Poverty Areas and a 15% match is required for Poverty Areas. The match may be in-kind funding. If the area that you are targeting to serve has a 20% or high.er rate you will need a

15% match. If the area you are targeting to serve has a 19% or lower, then you will need a 25% match. If you are serving more than one county, add the counties you plan on serving together and divide by the number of counties to obtain the average percentage of poverty to determine your match responsibility.

23. Can you provide the link to the state requirements for the state per diem and mileage?

Information about all travel and per diem rates can be found by visiting CalHR's website http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx.

24. Do all partners have to be eligible entities?

Entities that receive grant funding pursuant to the RFP must comply with all requirements set forth in the RFP, as addressed in the response to Question 9 above.

25. Can one of the partners be a state agency?

Yes, so long as all requirements set in the RFP are met.   As explained above in the answer to Question 5, if a bidder elects to partner with another entity, a MOU or Letter of Commitment between the bidder and the other entity must be submitted with the proposal.

26. If awarded, who pays for the cost of the ongoing work?

The grants provide initial funding for projects to create or expand services. Awardees are expected to secure ongoing funding for sustainability of the work.