

2017 WA Opioid -State Targeted Response (STR) Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) Expansion Grant RFA

Questions and Answers

Q: I missed the informational webinar that was held on May 2nd to learn more about CPWI and the grant. Are the slides available and was the webinar recorded?

A: The slides for the Informational Webinar are posted on TheAthenaForum.org you can find them [here](#) for download or sharing. There are several helpful links found on slide 33. No, we did not record this webinar.

Q: Please confirm that the application deadline is July 14, 2017.

A: Yes, the **deadline for application submission is 5:00 PM PST on July 14, 2017**. We want to ensure that communities and schools have enough time to prepare a complete application and gather support.

Q: If I have questions about the RFA, who should I contact?

A: For technical assistance with any questions related to the application please email prevention@dshs.wa.gov.

Q: Have the evidenced-based interventions been selected? If yes, please identify these interventions and any efforts taken (or to be taken) to ensure their validity and reliability among American Indian populations. If no, state how these interventions will be selected (e.g., during each community's strategic planning process.)

A: The specific program and environmental strategies that the successful applicants will have to choose from for their Action Plan are not identified yet. The strategic planning process used for CPWI relies heavily on community/sector involvement and input in the strategy selection process and selection of culturally appropriate programs. There is a large focus on documenting this process to ensure cultural competency in planning and implementation. We will strive to have programs on the list that have been evaluated with heterogeneous (diverse) populations. We do allow for some adaptations to non-core elements with approval. We plan to have the list of programs available for the successful applicants by November 2017.

Q: What measures, if any, have been or will be taken to ensure the cultural competence of the prevention and intervention strategies among American Indian populations (e.g., planned flexibility in program design and implementation; priority for awarding funds to culturally competent entities)?

A: We have included Project Narrative questions ask the applicant to address how they will advance health equity and provide culturally competent services. The scoring criteria is on pages 6-7 of the RFA and percentages for scores are listed in the Project Narrative.

Q: The Request for Applications does not include budget instructions. How should the applicant proceed?

A: We did not include a budget justification or summary in the RFA. The applicant should identify in the Project Narrative how they plan to support the required scope of work and training that will be needed. A budget summary will be required as part of the strategic plan if the application is successful.

Q: Regarding Appendix C: Sector Support Statement of the Request for Applications, are at least 8 entities representing at least 8 sectors required to collaborate on this project?

A: Yes – 8 of the of the community sectors listed in the RFA are required to collaborate on the project by means of a community coalition.

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Q: Is the County agency that DBHR currently has a *County Program Agreement for Prevention Services* contract with a preferred applicant?

A: Yes, Counties who DBHR currently has a *County Program Agreement for Prevention Services* is the preferred applicant. Should the County not wish to be the fiscal applicant, the other eligible entities listed in the RFA are encouraged to collaborate and submit an application from an agreed upon fiscal agent.

Q: Where can I find more information about the RFA and supporting materials?

A: Please visit www.theathenaforum.org/STRGrant-CPWI for information about this opportunity. Here you will find the list of eligible communities, the RFA, appendices, the schedule for the Regional Bidder Forums, and much more.