



Solicitation Information

August 17, 2012

Addendum #1

RFP #7457937

TITLE: Title IIID Health Promotion Program

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 30, 2012 at 10:30 AM (EDT)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Question 1

With regard to RFP#7457937 “Title IIID Health Promotion Program” please clarify whether the total available funding for the program (\$74,670) will be divided equally by four grantees.

As noted on page 4 of the RFP: up to 4 grants, not to exceed \$74,670 in the aggregate, may be awarded. The number of grants to be awarded, as well as the amount of each grant, is at the discretion of DEA. In other words, DEA may award between 1 and 4 grants under this RFP, and in the event that more than one grant is awarded the award amounts will not necessarily be the same for all grantees.

Questions 2 and 3

Is this new funding or a continuation? If a continuation, who has this funding now and how is it being used?

This is funding provided to DEA with respect to the 2012 federal fiscal year by the federal government under Title IIID of the Older Americans Act. This funding is not a continuation of any previous grant awarded to, or by, DEA.

Question 4

Is it acceptable to only provide services for one region of the state or is the expectation that funding will be used for statewide programs?

The RFP does not require programs to be provided on a state-wide basis.

Question 5

Are you seeking applicants to only conduct one type of evidence based training/series or will multiple methods be allowable?

The RFP does not limit applicants to one type of activity. The activity(ies) proposed must meet the new evidence-based criteria, as more particularly described in the RFP.

Question 6

Are applicants expected to meet all criteria within their elder population to be served – low income/socially isolated AND a member of an ethnic/racial minority AND residents of medically under served community? If we serve primarily low income Caucasian elders is that enough?

Applicants are encouraged to submit a proposal that will meet all of these criteria. Applicants should bear in mind that this is a competitive application process.

Question 7

How can agencies find out if they work with the ‘medically under-served’ community? Where is that data?

The Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has this information.

Question 8

I would like to know if there is a maximum amount that an organization can ask for through this RFP. Also can the cost of purchasing fitness equipment be included in this RFP?

The maximum amount that can be requested through this RFP is \$74,670.

We do not know if the cost of purchasing fitness equipment would be an allowable cost. More information would be needed, and AoA approval of the cost may be required.

Question 9

In regard to the required budget template to be submitted with the proposal, can you outline what line items are considered to be a component of the indirect rate? For example, can rent, utilities etc be submitted under the “other” line item in direct costs or must an organization utilize their DCAA approved indirect rate?

We do not understand the reference to a “DCAA approved indirect rate.”

Generally speaking, indirect costs are those: (a) that are incurred for purposes in addition to the specific project being proposed under this RFP and (b) that are not readily assignable to the project being proposed under this RFP. We cannot provide a blanket outline as to what line items are considered a component of the indirect rate; whether certain items such as rent or utilities may be submitted under the “other” line item in direct costs will depend upon the circumstances and thus will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Evaluation Committee may contact applicants to request clarification when there is a question as to whether it is appropriate for a proposed line item to be part of direct costs. In addition, the Evaluation Committee may, in its discretion, recommend an application for an award under this RFP where the indirect rate exceeds 14% of the direct costs (the factors that the Evaluation Committee may consider in this regard may include but are not limited to the type, quality, and/or quantity of services proposed to be provided, as well as an applicant’s approved Federal indirect rate [if applicable]).