

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Public Health Services Division



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Addendum to RFP #2018-11

Solano Community Health Improvement Plan

Proposers' Questions & Answers

Q1. Inequitable K-12 Education and Barriers was identified in the summary as an area in the 2017 Community Health Plan, but it was not noted in the description of services. It appears that the issue is not a consideration for the RFP, correct?

A1. Correct, inequitable K-12 Education and Barriers is not a funded priority via this RFP.

Q2. Would construction dollars be considered as an eligible request in your RFP?

A2. No, per section 1.4 of the RFP, "Funds are not allocated for capital improvements."

Q3. When was the Community Health Needs Assessment done? Where can I find it?

A3. The Community Health Needs Assessment for the Community Health Improvement Plan was completed May 2016. It can be found on the Solano Public Health website at:

[https://admin.solanocounty.com:4433/depts/ph/quality_improvement_program/mobilizing_for_action_through_planning_and_partnerships_\(mapp\)_resources.asp](https://admin.solanocounty.com:4433/depts/ph/quality_improvement_program/mobilizing_for_action_through_planning_and_partnerships_(mapp)_resources.asp)

Q4. What were the three other assessments that were completed that contributed to the Community Health Improvement Plan?

A4. The three other assessments that contributed to the Community Health Improvement Plan were: Community Themes & Strengths Assessment; Local Public Health System Assessment; and the Forces of Change Assessment. These assessments can also be accessed via the link in Q3.

Q5. What does “upstream nature of CHIP’s strategic health issues” mean?

A5. In this context, “upstream” refers to factors that are largely outside of the control of the individual, such as living conditions or social inequities, but which have significant effect on indicators of health and well-being. Traditional health systems focus on addressing “downstream factors” of disease and injury, but do not address root causes or “upstream factors” which may be causing the disease or injury in the first place. Often the “upstream factors” are related to disparities and inequity.

Q6. What would you consider an expansion of services?

A6. As stated in the RFP section 1.4, “Activities funded under this RFP must be new or enhancements to existing activities.” Funds under this RFP cannot be used to fund an activity that you are currently funded to perform using another funding source, but could be used for a new activity or to enhance an existing activity by adding additional tasks to expand scope or scale.

Q7. Can you clarify the goal of this project, is it “systems building/coordination” or “implementation”?

A7. Depending on the strategy and activities proposed, projects may focus more on systems building or implementation. In either case, projects should indicate how they will “sustain efforts beyond the initial funding support from Solano public health.” (Section 1.2)

Q8. If ideas develop over time after proposal submittals can they be implemented?

A8. The Program Description in selected proposals will become the basis for the scope of work and performance measures in the resulting contracts. If you anticipate a learning or assessment period in your project, this should be included in your proposal.

Q9. When developing a logic model, are there specific or recommended strategies for assessments and evaluations that you are looking for?

A9. The RFP does not identify a specific or recommended strategy for assessments or project evaluations. However, the RFP does assign rating points for using an equity lens in all aspects of the RFP, including project evaluations/outcomes.

Q10. What would a joint application look like between two agencies? Are parallel applications that reference each other or a lead applicant possible? Which is preferred?

A10. A joint application is not allowable under this RFP. Parallel applications that reference each other or lead applications with subcontractors are both acceptable. The RFP does not give preference to parallel or lead applicant proposals.

Q11. On the logic model do you want only 3 activities or a description the full activities?

A11. The logic model should list your 1-3 main activities. These can be further described in the narrative in Section 3.

Q12. Do we need to pick one goal and all strategies under that goal?

A12. No; Under each priority for which you are applying, you need to pick a minimum of one Goal and one Strategy, although you *may* select more than one Goal and/or Strategy.

Q13. Will each strategy get funded separately?

A13. No; \$50,000 is available by Priority and Proposers will propose which strategy(ies) they will address. Not all strategies will receive funding.

Q14. How many potential agencies will be funded for each potential priority/strategy?

A14. \$50,000 is available for each of the three Priority areas outlined in this RFP. The top rated Proposal(s) from each Priority will be recommended for funding. This may represent one or more Proposal(s) from one or more agencies.

Q15. Could there be 3 agencies working on one priority/strategy? Would funds be split between the 3 agencies?

A15. It is possible that 3 agencies would all select the same priority and strategy and receive funding, however a maximum of \$50,000 is available per priority area, so it is unlikely that 3 agencies would all apply for a single priority area and strategy and stay under the \$50,000 maximum that will be awarded per priority.

Q16. Will a specific priority/strategy have preference or just the strength of the application be considered?

A16. Each priority is allocated \$50,000. No priority area or strategy is favored; Proposals will be scored based on the scoring criteria in Section 4.3 of the RFP and the top scoring Proposal(s) will be recommended for funding.

Q17. If the proposing entity is covered under Solano County's financial audit, is that sufficient? Also, would you need a copy of that?

A17. If the proposing entity is covered under Solano County's financial audit, please indicate this in Section 4C. In that case, the proposing entity would not be required to submit a copy of the audit.