

Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
Request for Proposals Q&A
RFP for Countywide Support for Violence Prevention

January 27, 2022

Information Session Questions

1. Do you have to have an already established 501C3?

No. (See the “Who can apply” section in the RFP on page 4). Any type of organization or individual can apply, including but not limited to, a business, non-profit organization, community-based organization, university, health care entity, or local/state/national organization.

2. Are organizations eligible to apply for both violence reduction RFPs?

In general, yes, but there are a few exceptions where you cannot apply to both RFPs. (See page 5 in the RFP under the section “What we don’t want”). You are not eligible to apply to this RFP if you are the lead agency/Community Quarterback, an implementing partner or an evaluator for the “RFP for Community Violence Reduction Plans from High-Priority Areas.”

3. Is there info on READI Chicago on the DHS website?

Yes. For a brief description of READI Chicago, please see Appendix B in the “[RFP for Community Violence Reduction Plans from High-Priority Areas](#)” and DHS’s [Preventing community violence in Allegheny County webpage](#). DHS also will post a video on its [solicitations webpage](#) that is presented by READI Chicago and recorded from the virtual seminar for the “RFP for Community Violence Reduction Plans from High-Priority Areas.”

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4. On page 5, under the details about what DHS is looking for, it states “...neither wants to take the place of existing violence prevention efforts nor supplant existing funding...” When you say “supplant existing funding” does that mean you’re primarily looking for new projects not currently in existence? Does it mean that if an agency is already doing this type of work (i.e. “Parent and Survivor Support”) and wishes to utilize DHS funding to support the ongoing implementation and enhancement of that work, DHS may not consider it?

No. That excerpt means that we have no desire to replace existing violence prevention efforts or funding that may support those existing efforts. We want to uplift and empower existing efforts.

5. Does AC DHS have a limit on the indirect rate that can be charged?

No. DHS will consider all requests for reasonableness and negotiate the proposed costs with the Successful Proposer(s).

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6. For the "RFP for Countywide Support for Violence Reduction" if we're applying for multiple strategies, do you need separate 200k budgets for each, or for example if we're doing 3 strategies, could we just provide one combined budget for 600k?

Yes, if you are applying for multiple strategies, you can combine the budget into one.

7. Are you able to clarify language regarding the above RFP regarding stakeholders? In the RFP, one of the metrics is " Demonstrated support from key stakeholders (10 points)". Does stakeholder support mean whether it needs to be local to Allegheny County or local to where our work is happening, for instance past examples of stakeholder support? Any guidance would be appreciated.

Yes, past examples of stakeholder support are applicable, as are any current letters of support from local partners who can attest to the service(s) you provide. We want to see within the strategy(ies) you're applying for, that you have historic or current support from the local stakeholders who would be involved in implementing that strategy.

Amendments

February 24, 2022

The deadline for questions was incorrectly stated as Friday, April 29, 2022 on the RFP title page and page 15. The questions deadline in the timeline on page 5 was correctly stated as Friday, February 25. To account for any confusion this may have caused, we amended the RFP to have the questions deadline be Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 3 p.m. Eastern. Please submit all questions to DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us before 3 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, March 1.

February 25, 2022

8. In looking at the Countywide Support for Violence Prevention RFP, the website and attending the webinar, I did have a follow up question about two of the required documents. I cannot seem to locate the Strategy Staffing and Stakeholder Support Attachments that are required for the submission.

We have not provided any document template for Strategy Staffing or Stakeholder Support Attachments. Please provide these attachments in the format of your own choosing.