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Request for Applications #2024EHS605RFA Addendum # 2

ADDENDUM DATE ADVERTISED: July 18, 2024.

ORIGINAL DATE ADVERTISED: June 24, 2024.

Title: Improving childhood lead poisoning prevention and increasing blood-lead testing in focus communities.

Number: Request for Applications #2024EHS605RFA

Due Date: **No later than Jul 26, 2024, 05:00 PM**

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This Addendum provides the following clarifications and additional information about the referenced solicitation.

A. Budget Template (Attached as RFA 605- Addendum #2-Budget Template)

B. Questions & Answers from second Pre-application conference on 7/16/2024:

- We are exploring this opportunity but hopes to partner with a group or organization working in the target communities. Are you interested in reviewing applications for specific sections of the proposed work, especially the development of educational or outreach materials, trainings, and workshops?

The most complete applications will be from organizations with the expertise and capacity to work on a range of core activities.

- **Serving Areas/Communities in King County/Focus communities:** What are the expected serving areas/communities in King County? If only two partners are funded, what is the expected scope of this project? How many families are you expecting to reach through this funding?

The focus communities are in South King County, funding prioritizes organizations that serves:

- Lower income levels
- BIPOC communities
- Children eligible for Medicaid (Apple Health)
- Families living in subsidized or low-income housing.
- Immigrant and refugee communities
- Limited-English-speaking communities, in alignment with the King County Equity and Social Justice Ordinance.

We don't have a target number of families that must be served with the funding, but we do want to reach as many people as possible.

- **Origin of the Grant:** Can you elaborate on the origin of this grant? You mentioned that you had worked with community partners; can you tell us who is calling for these supports?

This Addendum will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

The Lead and Toxics has been receiving CDC CLPPP funds since 2017. During this time, we have worked with a number of community-based organizations, and they have informed much of the work. We do have priority areas of work that are required as part of our funding agreement with the CDC and those are:

- Increasing blood-lead testing
 - Preventing childhood lead poisoning
 - Increasing the number of children with higher blood lead levels who receive appropriate developmental services.
- We work with partners and sometimes it takes a while to get the information from them, can we mention that in the application?

Yes, it's helpful for us to know that any partners you list in your application are aware of your application and have the interest and capacity to work with you. You should also provide budget information related to how much of the funding will go to partners and for what type of work.

- **Allowable Expenses:** What can the funds be spent on? What are the budget categories?

Only 10% of funds can be spent for overhead/indirect costs. The funds can't be used for capital projects, for food, for gift cards, or for large purchases of equipment. We expect that most funds will be used for staff time.

- Do we need a break down of a budget?

Yes, please provide a budget estimate using the template provided. The budget section of the application is not scored but it's helpful information for reviewers.

- Since there is no food or gift cards allowed, is there a requirement for the modality of how the work is implemented?

While food and gift cards are not allowed with CDC funding, we are sometimes able to find other funding to pay for food and participant incentives. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis and are dependent on available funds.

- Are stipends for participants acceptable?

You can pay community members for services they provide to your organization, e.g., translation, training they provide, meeting facilitation. These types of expenses would be included in the budget you develop in partnership with the Lead and Toxics Program. Other types of community stipends and incentives would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

- What's acceptable for addressing equity if communities with the most needs are expected to participate but not compensated for their time?

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- Are there expectations for applications to work together? Or partners with someone new or someone who did the work before?

Yes, there is an expectation that funded organizations work together.

- Who and how do these action groups collaborate? Do they meet in person?

The Action Group meets virtually and there are usually in-person gatherings about twice a year – usually celebratory kick-off events or project end celebrations.

All other terms of Request for Applications #2024EHS605RFA remain unchanged.