

Comprehensive Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention

Amendment 3 Written Responses to Inquiries

Question 1.

In Section 4.04(3)(i), the evaluation criteria states “Proposal demonstrates inclusion and progress toward at least one long-term policy initiative.” What level of long-term policy are you requesting: organization-wide, community, regional, state, and/or federal?

Answer 1.

Policy initiatives are system wide changes that have long-term impact and benefits toward promoting wellness in communities. Although wellness coalitions are encouraged to engage in state and federal policy discussions and initiatives, the long-term policy initiative expectation for the RFP is for policies that span the target population or area of service for the coalition. A system-wide initiative may begin with a single organization, but the coalition is expected to determine at what level to engage the policy change to meet the goals of the coalition strategic plan.

Question 2.

Regarding Group B applicants:

If the applicant is not proposing to be the Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition chair, they do not need to include a budget line item for this component, right?

Answer 2.

Only applicants seeking to serve as the regional chair for the suicide prevention coalition should include the budget line item for this component. Other applicants not seeking the regional chair should specify willingness and ability to serve as a non-chair member to the regional suicide prevention coalition.

Question 3.

Regarding Group B applicants:

Can Community Planning Group Meeting Minutes count as activity reports in 4.04(3)?

Answer 3.

Activity reports may include but do not need to be limited to meeting minutes. The intent of the activity report submissions is to provide an accurate summary of the resources, readiness, and interest of the community to establish a wellness coalition.

Question 4.

Regarding Group B applicants:

Is a letter of support from the Community Planning Group required?

Answer 4.

As noted in Answer 3, the intent of the RFP is to request applicants to provide an accurate assessment of the community interest and support to establish a wellness coalition. Letters of support from the planning group should be a minimum consideration. Strong letters of commitment and support are useful confirmation indicators however do not need to be the only measures provided. Applicants should determine the best way to demonstrate the community support for the wellness coalition.

Question 5.

As a Group B applicant who would like to be Regional Suicide Prevention Coordinator.

from page 4:

- *"Lead applicants will have the opportunity to apply for funding to support this regional suicide prevention infrastructure and will act as regional chairs on a statewide coalition, the Alaska Suicide Prevention Coalition (ASPC)."*

from page 9:

- *"All applicants seeking additional funding to lead a Regional Suicide Coalition should include current or proposed coordination with other regional partners who will support your work as the lead regional representative. These applicants should describe how these details will be accomplished including if and how a position will be filled including, a position description, proposed FTE for this position, and a plan outlining the community resources and expected time commitment for establishing the position and the regional coalition."*

from page 13:

- *All applicants must participate as either a lead or supporting member to the Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition in their region and may request funding to support related strategies only if they apply to be the Lead."*
- *"Lead agencies are eligible for up to \$50,000 above the population cap."*

from page 15:

- *Group B applicants applying to support the Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition Chair must include a position description and defined staff support (recommended 0.5 FTE) dedicated to support the regional Suicide Prevention Coordinator role. (see description for Regional Suicide Prevention Coordinator duties below)."*

based on the excerpts above, my questions are:

1. *is the \$50,000 in additional funding that lead agencies are allowed to apply for supposed to be used for the support staff or the regional lead?*
2. *do organizations who are the regional suicide prevention coalition leads apply for funding for the lead position in this grant application? or will that happen in the future? the excerpt from page 4 makes me think that funding will come in a future application.*
3. *is it expected that the regional suicide prevention lead work comes from the standard \$250,000 that comes to group b grantees from a region that has 20,000-49,000 people, or will there be additional funds for the role in the future? or is the \$50,000 mentioned supposed to go to the regional lead?*

Answer 5.

5-1 The \$50,000 for regional suicide chairs should be dedicated towards support of a position and the operation of a regional suicide coalition. Each applicant should provide a strategic plan based on the regional resources and capacity and apply the funding to enhance this capacity. Although it is encouraged to support an FTE position for this work, it is

not required, however, all applicants seeking to be the regional chair must include the strategy and staffing to carry this task out.

5-2 Applicants seeking to be regional suicide prevention coalition chairs are asked to include this added funding in the budget line item as an additional amount above and beyond the proposed budget. If applicants are seeking the geographic cap for the proposed service area, this amount would allow the total budget to exceed the cap by no more than \$50,000.

5-3 It is expected that applicants with existing capacity and an existing wellness coalition will have the ability to coordinate a regional suicide prevention coalition. Group B applicant that has the capacity for this specific task may apply for up to \$50,000 above the geographic cap and include this responsibility in the proposed strategic plan.