

PPHF – 2012 – Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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The following is a list of Frequently Asked Questions pertaining to the above mentioned Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). This document will be updated periodically to reflect next inquiries that are received. Please refer to the FOA for contact information for the program or grants management officer for this opportunity.

Q-1. Can these funds be used for interventions in long-term care facilities?

Answer: Yes; the FOA does not restrict interventions to only those for community dwelling seniors.

Q-2. Can these funds be used for public service announcements?

Answer: Generally not. Attachment G (pp. 54-57) of the FOA clearly states that this FOA may only provide funding for Selective or Indicated prevention interventions. A public service announcement is generally considered a Universal prevention activity. Please refer to Attachment G for more discussion and explanation of the different categories of interventions, as well as suggested references and resources.

Q-3. What does AoA consider a “state government entity”? (updated July 5, 2012)

Answer: For purposes of this FOA, a state government entity is an entity within the Executive Branch of state government. This would generally include public safety agencies, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the state Attorney General’s Office. Generally, a state organization chart would identify whether an entity is a part of the executive branch or not.

If it is not clear that the entity is a state government entity, then they will need to supply a letter from the governor or an Executive Branch agency that states that the organization is authorized to apply on behalf of the state (or the state executive branch agency writing the letter).

Q-4. Would AoA consider funding more than one (1) application per state?

Answer: Yes. The FOA states in a number of places that final award decisions will be based on recommendations of the review panel, as well as geographic distribution, among other considerations. AoA is most interested in funding the highest quality applications, which would be determined by the scores of the panel review. However, AoA is also interested in having as wide a geographic representation as possible for these pilots.

For examples, if two applications from the same state are both highly ranked, and if there is a large gap between those scores and the next highest scoring application, AoA would certainly consider funding both applications from the same state. On the other hand, if all the applications are ranked fairly closely together, without a significant gap between scores, AoA may consider funding the top scoring application from a state and skipping the next highest applications from the same state.

Q-5. What does “forward funded” mean? Is the award amount what each grantee will receive per year? (added July 5, 2012)

Answer: Unlike the way we usually make awards, the award range provided in the FOA is the total amount of funds that a grant will receive for the entire project. These grants will receive all the funding at one time, at the beginning of the award, and will have 3 years to expend all of those funds.

Q-6. Will AoA be developing a standardized data system for grantees to use? Does AoA expect the applicant to develop new software or data systems? What if the applicant wants to?

Answer: AoA will not be developing a standard data system for grantees. Nor does AoA expect grantees to develop new software systems, nor is there any expectations that grantees will upgrade or modify existing systems. However, applicants are free to propose the development or upgrade of data systems if they deem it an essential part of their prevention intervention. As with any other component of a proposal, there should be a strong rationale justifying the activity. Please remember to refer to the description of the funding opportunity, the elements of the project narrative, and the review criteria so that you understand how reviewers will be assessing your application.

Q-7. Both Options state that a logic model is required, and refer to Attachment G. However, the example in Attachment G is a chart, and not really a “logic model.” Is AoA expecting a chart, then?

Answer: The logic model diagram may be submitted as an attachment, and may be in any form/format the applicant wishes to submit. We included a logic model in chart form because it is an example of the simplest form of logic model, and we did not want potential applicants to assume a more sophisticated model was required.

Q-8. Will AoA make funding decisions based on ensuring a variety of interventions will be tested? Example, what if multiple high scoring applications all propose to test the same kind of intervention? Would AoA fund all of them?

Answer: Funding decisions will not be based on ensuring variability across target populations or interventions. The only consideration to variability would be geographic distribution, as discussed in Q-4 above.

Q-9. Does the intervention need to be a statewide intervention?

Answer: No. AoA recognizes that these funds, although large up front, are not adequate to implement and test an intervention statewide. AoA expects that states would select one or a few metropolitan areas in which to pilot the intervention.

Q-10. Are there higher points given for a particular type of intervention, or to target victims or perpetrators?

Answer: The FOA does not identify a priority type of intervention, and does not prioritize interventions targeting either victims or perpetrators. Applicants may propose the type of intervention they wish, and whom it will target, within the parameters set forth in Section I and in Attachment G.

Q-11. What about the examples of types of interventions that are on the top of page 7 or in Attachment G? Must we limit our proposals to those interventions?

Answer: No. Immediately preceding the examples in both places, the FOA clearly states that the provided examples were for illustrative purposes only. Applicants are free and encouraged to propose the elder abuse prevention intervention that they believe has the most promise or is most likely to be successful. Applicants may also propose translating an intervention from another family violence field, such as intimate partner violence, child abuse, teen dating violence, to the field of elder abuse prevention.

Q-12. Unlike other grant programs funded by AoA, this FOA does not require or discuss sustainability. What is AoA's expectations regarding sustainability?

Answer: These projects are considered "pilot" projects to begin building a body of knowledge around what interventions show the most promise for success and continued study. AoA recognizes that these funds are not adequate to do a sufficiently large or validated testing of any particular prevention intervention. We also recognize that, despite the best intentions, a proposed intervention may not demonstrate that it has sufficient benefit to warrant continuing after the project period. Therefore, there is no requirement for nor expectation of sustainability.

Q-13. Do we know who the evaluator of the project will be?

Answer: Not at this time. The evaluator will be selected through a separate procurement process before the end of the fiscal year.

Q-14. Is there a limit to the amount of funds that can go to admin?

Answer: The FOA does not cap the amount of funds that can go to admin. However, it is important to remember that your budget will be scored by the reviewers for reasonableness and whether the budget is adequate to carry out the proposed activities. If the majority of your budget is allocated to admin because, for instance, your proposal is very heavy on staff hours to implement your intervention, you should make sure to clearly discuss this in your budget justification so that the reviewers understand how you intend to spend your funding.

Q-15. Can we include attachments in addition to those that are required by the announcement? If so, is there a limit to the number of attachments that we can include? Is there a page limit for the appendices? (added July 19, 2012)

Answer: There is no page limit on the attachments, nor does the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) limit the number or type of attachments that applicants may submit.

However, please understand that attachments in addition to those that are explicitly required by the FOA are not considered as part of the review criteria by which applications are scored. The FOA clearly identifies the required attachments (workplan, budget, letters of commitment, logic model, etc), and reviewers will be looking for these in evaluating applications. Attachments in addition to those explicitly required may get limited or no consideration by reviewers. If there is something additional that you would like to have considered as a substantive and integral part of your application, and therefore to be considered by reviewers in determining your score, then you should include it as part of the 30 page project narrative.

When making the determination to include items in the narrative that you would normally include as an attachment, please be mindful of the formatting requirements for applications, as stated on page 19 of the FOA for Option 1: “[t]he Project Narrative section of the Application must be double-spaced, on 8 ½” x 11” plain white paper with 1” margins on both sides, and a font size of not less than 11.”

We also refer you to pp. 13-14 in the [transcript of the TA call conducted on 6/21/12](#). On these pages, more specific and detailed information is provided as to how bulleted lists, text boxes, and other special formatting will be handled.