

This Addendum 1 modifies the Bid Document(s) for Work only to the extent indicated herein. All other areas not specifically mentioned or affected by this Addendum shall remain in full force. This Addendum shall be added as a part of the Original Bidding Document.

This Addendum is issued for three (3) reasons: (1) To provide responses to vendor inquiries, (2) to modify the Box.com link used to submit proposals. This link is found on Page 11 of the RFA document under “Submission Instructions”. (3) To allow vendor inquiries through the Submission Deadline. A new RFA document is enclosed and labeled as “Add. 1 – RFA LAAA 2024-06_Opioid Response strategic Impact Grant”. The sole changes are striking through the Question and Inquiry Submission Deadline and modifying the Box.com to be usable.

(1) State responses to vendor inquiries are provided below.

(2) Replace the RFA document.

The Purchasing Agent discovered that the box.com link provided to Offerors for emailed bid submission was not working as intended. There was a forward slash being carried over in the link which prevented submissions from successfully reaching the box.com folder. This has been corrected and the correct link is MBT_R.lflcnf3n7retzxx@u.box.com.

(3) Replace the RFA document.

As noted above, the Division of Community Engagement is posting response to vendor inquiries but has ultimately determined to allow vendor inquiries to be submitted through the Application Submission Deadline, which remains unchanged. Additional inquiries will not be posted publicly, but simply responded to via email. All questions must be submitted per the instructions provided in the RFA Questions and Inquiries Section

VENDOR INQUIRES AND STATE REPNSES 2/23/2024

1. Intent to apply survey. I noticed we missed the deadline to submit the online survey for the Notice of Intent to Apply. Does this mean we are now disqualified from applying for funds, or can we still submit an application by March 8, 2024?

State Response: You may still apply. The Notice of Intent to Apply was not required, it was voluntary and simply a metric for the DOL to get a sense of how many applications we might receive.

2. Can you provide more information on if capital projects are eligible for this funding opportunity?

State Response: Capital projects are not a priority of this funding opportunity. Opioid Response Strategic Impact funds will focus on allocating Opioid Settlement Funds strategically across the state to generate implementable, far-reaching solutions to combat Colorado’s opioid crisis. Targeted focus areas include: Strengthen Peer Recovery Support and Peer Services; Promote Culturally Responsive Substance Use Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery Services; Expand Access to

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder, Naloxone, Contingency Management and Other Evidence-Based Clinical Interventions; Bolster Housing for People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD); Develop Family Peer Support Services and/or Expand Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women; Promote Recovery-Friendly Workplaces.

3. Are for profit organization allowed to apply for this funding opportunity?

State Response: Applications may be submitted by a for profit organization that is in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State. The applicant will ultimately be responsible for ensuring that its impact funds are expended on [Approved Purposes](#) and consistent with the [Colorado Opioid Settlement MOU](#) and any relevant settlement. Applications must present implementable, far-reaching solutions to combat Colorado’s opioid crisis. Opioid settlement funds must be expended to benefit the residents in the State of Colorado.

4. Our organization has a question regarding eligibility to apply for the Opioid Response Strategic Impact (RFA # 2024-06). Within the RFA, non-profit organizations in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State are listed as eligible entities. Project Requirements – A. Eligibility. However, under Appendix A. Glossary of Terms, the description for “Implementing Organizations” mentions nongovernmental entities, such as non-profit organizations, being part of collaborative partnerships with governmental entities acting as the applicant.

We would like to confirm whether non-profit organizations are eligible to be prime applicants without a collaborative partnership with governmental entities. If so, we would also like to confirm if out-of-state non-profits operating on a nation-wide level are eligible as applicants.

State Response: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. To clarify, an Implementing Organization is any entity other than the primary Applicant that is either supporting or part of a collaboration with the Applicant. A non-profit organization is eligible to act as the primary applicant.

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Colorado county
- Colorado municipality
- Colorado State agency
- Colorado’s Federally Recognized Tribes
- Colorado Regional Opioid Abatement Councils as defined by and formed as a result of the MOU.
- Non-profit organization, in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State
- For-profit organization, in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State

Out of state non-profits in good standing are eligible to apply for the Opioid Response Strategic Impact grant, but only if the scope of work will be done in Colorado and/or for Colorado residents.

5. Please address indirect costs. Should we include the indirect costs in the total column J of the budget worksheet? Also, I don't see any cap on indirect rates. Our federally negotiated indirect cost rate is 33%, is this what should be used?

State Response: The Department of Law limits grant indirect cost rate to 10% without prior written approval and will consider a Federally Negotiated Rate.

6. Is it possible for an organization to have multiple projects under the grant (e.g. a project related to increase of scope of service for uninsured as well as an education program). If so, would we need to submit two separate applications/project narratives/budgets or would it be possible to incorporate multiple projects within one application?

State Response: As long as the projects are connected to the same goal/objectives, and are clearly defined in the application, it is fine to put in one application. Unless you think it makes more sense to break them out. We will accept more than one application from the same organization.

7. Can the grant monies be used for current staff salaries?

State Response: Salaries aligned with the Approved Purposes and the intent of the Opioid Response Strategic Impact grant will be considered. Please be clear about that in the budget. Supplanting is not allowed. Supplanting is to deliberately reduce federal, state, or local funds because of the receipt of new funding. State funds may only be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and not replace those funds which have been appropriated for the same purpose. Potential supplanting is subject to review during the application review, pre-award review, post-award monitoring, and audit.

8. Reporting, page 14: Aside from the quarterly progress reports and annual expenditure reports described on page 5, are there additional reporting requirements?

State Response: Acceptance of these funds indicates agreement to terms of reporting. Quarterly progress and reimbursement requests reports will be required using a provided template. Awardee attendance will be required at COAC Regional Online Learning Forums at minimum on a quarterly basis; attendance will be highly encouraged at the annual Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference. Supplementary information or virtual meetings may be requested as necessary in addition to reporting. Additionally, on an annual basis, grantees shall provide additional expenditure information and outcome data in accordance with DOL requirements, related to any Opioid Funds received from the State Share and subject itself to an accounting as required by the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council.

9. How many awards are expected to be made?

State Response: Up to \$8,000,000 is available through the Opioid Response Strategic Impact grant. The DOL will, within their sole discretion, select awardees limited by the available funding in this period. The DOL seeks partners that present actionable plans, with clear deliverables and timelines, that provide measurable impact in combatting the serious challenges of the opioid epidemic.

10. What is the average award amount?

State Response: The Opioid Response Strategic Impact grant does not have an average award amount. The amount requested by an applicant will be a factor in consideration. The most that can be requested in any one application is \$1,000,000.

11. Does the phrasing in Section III, Subsection L of the Memorandum of Understanding "...to improve staff capability" specifically the word "improve" relate to an already existing service, program, or center?

State Response: The approved purposes listed in Section III, Subsection L of the MOU apply to existing and new opportunities for staffing and training.

END OF ADDENDUM

This Addendum does not represent a material change and is not required to be signed and returned by Applicant.