



## 2021 Title V Funding Proposal FAQs

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- 1. How is an "organization" defined? For example, Indiana University has 7 campuses, multiple schools, multiple department, and multiple divisions each having thousands of employees and programs that might be eligible.**
  - a. We would accept more than one application from an organization like IU as long as they are located in different areas/serving different areas of the state and/or different populations.
  
- 2. The PowerPoint presentation is virtual for Round 2?**
  - a. Yes, the PowerPoint Presentations will be held virtually. If you move to the second round, we will provide you instructions by April 9.
  
- 3. Funding begins 10/1/21 and is for one full year?**
  - a. Funding will be from 10/1/2021 - 9/30/2023 for now with the intent to extend contracts for two additional years (4 total) if the program is successful. The opportunity to extend/renew your contract will depend on your organization's progress toward meeting goals and objectives related to your work.
  
- 4. Will you partially fund programs?**
  - a. Yes, we will consider partially funding programs. Please include those details in your costs and application (how much you are asking for and how much you are contributing in-kind) if that is relevant.
  
- 5. Will you be refunded for year 2 automatically?**
  - a. Anyone applying to this funding opportunity will be funded for two years. You should submit a budget that reflects each year of spending. The opportunity to renew will depend on organizations' progress toward meeting goals and objectives. MCH reserves the right to not renew or extend the agreement if you are not meeting your deliverables mentioned in the contract.
  
- 6. What kind of data reporting or follow up back to IDOH will be required throughout the course of the grant?**
  - a. We will require grantees to report updates to us on a quarterly basis and plan to have 1 – 2 site visits per year. A reporting tool will be provided once contracts are in place.
  
- 7. Will the grant be able to cover direct service hours & cost?**
  - a. Yes, this opportunity will be able to cover direct service hours and costs.



- 8. Will the 10% de minimus not be allowed? If that is the case, managing the grant and the invoicing of the same falls to the organization?**
  - a. It is the policy of IDOH to not accept indirect costs. We do recognize, however, that some funds are used to cover the costs of grants management and invoicing. Those costs should be clearly identified in the ultimate budget proposal. We are also strongly encouraging applicants to consider donating those administrative costs as 'in-kind' when able.
  
- 9. The amount requested is based on a 1 year budget, will the 2nd year amount be the same as the 1st year?**
  - a. Yes, we encourage the same amount of funding for both years, unless otherwise mentioned in your application.
  
- 10. How will funding be administered? I.e. upfront, reimbursements, etc.?**
  - a. Once contracts are in place, we will provide you an invoice template and you can invoice IDOH on a monthly basis. Payments are made 35 days in arrears.
  
- 11. If we are requesting grant funding for a program that has been initiated, can we ask for funding to help recoup initial costs or supplies?**
  - a. Funding starts on 10/1/2021 and is reimbursed via monthly invoicing. We are unable to reimburse for any amount of dollars spent prior to 10/1/2021 to recoup supplies and set up.
  
- 12. Does your idea need to be evidence-based or new research idea?**
  - a. We will consider both evidence-based and evidence-informed proposals.
  
- 13. Is Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program (BMTF) included in this?**
  - a. At this time, this Title V funding proposal does not include funding for BMTF. We intend to post an update about BMTF funding and future plans in the near future.
  
- 14. Can we expand BMTF to preconception and interconception women?**
  - a. Please defer to the answer on Question 13.
  
- 15. What number of applications per organization and number of programs/initiatives we should go for?**
  - a. We will allow 1 application per organization and up to 2 programs/initiatives. Please prioritize what is most needed for the MCH population in your community/area of service.
  
- 16. Is a match required?**
  - a. Match is not required.



- 17. We are wondering if it would be viewed negatively if two different organizations from the same county applied for funding. These applications would be addressing different performance measures, based on the capacities of each organization.**
  - a. MCH is encouraging a wide variety of applications from a diverse group of organizations. It will be a very competitive process which is important to keep in mind.
  
- 18. In the Child Health domain, are the services required for ages 1-9, or any portion of that age range? For example, could it be for ages 1 through 5?**
  - a. Any age range for children ages 1-9 would work.
  
- 19. In the Women/Maternal Health domain, does beyond pregnancy have a certain period of time? We serve women up to 5 years after birth, but not throughout their life.**
  - a. Beyond pregnancy does not have a specific timeframe, it is a way of saying beyond the postpartum period. You are serving women well beyond birth in your organization.
  
- 20. I wanted to inquire regarding the Title V funding opportunity. I work for a for-profit entity, but wanted to see if we would be eligible to apply for this funding.**
  - a. Yes, you will be eligible to apply for this funding.
  
- 21. I'm working with a coalition that is interested in applying for the Title V grant to support their postpartum work. They are currently a coalition of volunteers and do not have a formal organizational structure. We are looking into partnerships for a fiscal agent and also considering pursuit of nonprofit status, however, it is not likely that either of these options will be realized by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Is there flexibility on determining a financial structure as long as it is in place prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>? We'd appreciate any clarification or thoughts you have on the matter.**
  - a. You need to have the financial organizational structure in order to invoice and hold a contract with IDOH. The contract process on our end starts way before October and as early as May.
  
- 22. I noticed that programs can submit funding proposals for adolescent health prevention, but also wondering if this is a separate RFA than the STATE SRAE Funding that many orgs submit for providing teen pregnancy programs? Can you clarify? The RFA does not mention any teen pregnancy programs but in the past those funds were issued through Title V. If they are separate pots of money, can you provide any information on when the State SRAE might be released?**
  - a. Title V and SRAE are two different funding streams coming from two different federal agencies. This Title V opportunity is from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) whereas historically the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FSYB) would release Title V funding for Teen Pregnancy Programs. Plans for SRAE RFA will be announced in the coming weeks.



- 23. Within the NPMs and SPMs, there are multiple measures. Is an applicant required to address each measure? For example, under SPM 3, is it sufficient to address Safe Sleep Initiatives but not Child Fatality Review?**
- No, you don't have to address each measure, those are just examples of programs/initiatives that relate to the NPM/SPM.
- 24. Is it acceptable to deliver services under Title V through Healthy Families?**
- These funds cannot be used to supplant any current programs; however, could be used to provide additional supports relating to the selected NPMs and/or SPMs.
- 25. Can I apply for a home-visiting program through Title V?**
- This Title V funding proposal does not include funding for home-visiting programs. IDOH holds other funding streams specifically for home-visiting.
- 26. We are working on the letter of intent, and I was wondering who you would prefer for the primary and secondary contact information. I will be writing the grant for my program, however, our department Director or one of the County Commissioners will have to sign off on any contracts we receive.**
- The primary and secondary contacts should really be the main points of contacts for the program/initiative. Once we begin the contract process with the state, we will need another point of contact (Signatory) to sign off on the contract which can be your department director or county commissioner.
- 27. Can we use funds to purchase incentives?**
- Incentives will be approved on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how incentives are critical for the success of the program/initiative.
- 28. Question: What is the estimated cost per year of your proposed program or initiative? Does this mean total cost per year to run the program OR specifically how much we are requesting from ISDH (MCH)?**
- The estimated cost per year should specifically be how much is being requested from IDOH MCH. If chosen to be funded, you will be asked to submit a budget where you will be able to clarify how much the program costs vs how much is being requested from MCH.
- 29. Can food be paid for within this grant? We know when engaging youth/families especially offering food at events/trainings is crucial however some do not cover any form of food.**
- Food cannot be paid for with Title V as it is an unallowable cost for federal dollars.



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**30. Should I receive a confirmation email that my proposal has been received?**

- a. Yes, if you do not receive an email stating your proposal has been received, please email [fyousif@isdh.in.gov](mailto:fyousif@isdh.in.gov) to make sure we confirm that we have received it.

**31. Our project focuses on breastfeeding and maternal mental health which fit under SPM 3 and SPM 6. In SPM 3, the guidelines say that the population need to be none-Hispanic Black, but the SPM 6 did not specify population. Is it Ok to submit the letter of intent with our project focusing on Hispanics, none-Hispanics Black and White, but underserved low income mothers?**

- a. We would like for SPM 3 to truly be focused on reducing non-Hispanic black Infant Mortality rates; however, SPM 6 could be any specific population in MCH.