

OBN Infrastructure RFA March 2020 Question and A

Q: Since we are an Early Childhood, nationally accredited Early Head Start Program that provides the majority of our services via the Home-Based are we eligible to apply for this grant?

A: An applicant may receive federal funds and state funds. It is up to the receiving organization to determine funding conflicts, if any.

Q: What, if any is the dollar amount cap to apply for and will this be reoccurring funds or a one-time amount?

A: The awards are dependent upon eligible application requests and the total number of eligible applications. This award is offered one-time.

Q: Can you confirm that Healthy Families and Parents as Teachers, identified evidence-based home visitation partners of the OB Navigator program, are also being considered for this funding, or is it only open to NFP?

A: Healthy Families and Parents as Teachers are both considered evidenced-based home visiting models. Any program demonstrating home visiting to the perinatal population as the primary delivery strategy will be considered.

Q: Is there an individual funding limit per request per program?

A: The awards are dependent upon eligible application requests and the total number of eligible applications.

Q: We subcontract under Safety PIN (ISDH) grant funding, through another agency, to provide prenatal/postnatal care coordination. Since we are not the direct recipient of Safety PIN Funding or OBNav funds, would our agency even be eligible to apply?

A: Applicants would need to demonstrate the grant recipient's organizational information and how the home visiting model has been implemented. Receiving Safety PIN funds is not a requirement for this funding opportunity.

Q: In the introduction of the app narrative it asks to provide a description of the applicant's progress implementing the program. Our question is the program being referred to the OB Navigator Program or our agencies home visiting program?

A: This refers to the applicant's progress in implementation of the applicant's home visiting program. The applicant should include information about the connection to the OB Navigator initiative if appropriate.

Q: On the budget worksheet, where would we list one time infrastructure costs?

A: Please list costs on the appropriate budget category (consultants, equipment, supplies, etc). Please reference the budget definitions tab on the budget template.

Q: Can we write for airfare to attend an out of state conference for PD?

A: Airfare is an allowable cost for staff training.

Q: What percentage of indirect costs of our total ask request can we include?

A: There is not a predetermined percentage of costs. Justification for costs should be explained in the application.

Q: Is the state's focus strictly decreasing mortality of infants? Or can it be prevention awareness?

A: The purpose of these grants is to support and strengthen programs that provide home visiting services to women during their pregnancy and after their baby's birth. The home visiting programs may have various outcome goals.

Q: Are there partnerships in place for us to use? Or do we need to create our own?

A: Existing and new partnerships are encouraged to leverage resources in applicant's requests.

Q: How will the state measure success? Is it a decrease in infant mortality for the year?

A: The purpose of these grants is to support and strengthen programs that provide home visiting services to women during their pregnancy and after their baby's birth, but there are not specific required measures of success.

Q: Is there a minimum number of home visits that we are supposed to make? Frequency?

A: The number of home visits and frequency is determined by the local home visiting program's model. In order for the application to be considered, the applicant must demonstrate the program has established home visiting as the primary service delivery strategy.

Q: Are there topics or subjects that the state would like us to address or not address? Anything off-limits?

A: Topics and subject areas should be appropriate to the home visiting staff and client audience. Justification of need should be included in requests.

Q: Do infrastructure costs include ability to provide safe housing for mothers and babies?

A: The goal of these funds is to enable delivery and client participation in home visiting services.

Q: Do infrastructure costs include provisioning of post-delivery hygiene kits for mothers? (heavy flow pads, wound care, etc.)

A: Please see list of allowable costs on page 8 of the RFA. Justification on supplies to be used and the benefits of the supplies to the client and program should be included in the application.

Q: Do infrastructure costs include paying for facility rental for meeting with mothers in safe space should home visit not be optimal due to family judgment/issues/etc.? Of course, any domestic violence or child safety cases would be immediately reported.

A: This could be a viable use of funds. Note that Infrastructure grants are a one-time issuance. The expectation is for grantees to not use the funds for ongoing, recurring costs that are

essential for delivering of home visiting program, so it would be helpful to show how your program might sustain this work moving forward.

Q: Are all areas of the state considered or are there priority counties?

A: All areas of the state will be considered with a complete application. Priority will be given to the 20 OB Navigator counties. See map on ISDH website. <https://www.in.gov/isdh/28233.htm>

Q: Are infrastructure additions expected to be continued from grantee or other resources after the one year of funding?

A: Infrastructure grants are a one-time issuance. The expectation is for grantees to not use the funds for ongoing, recurring costs that are essential for delivering of home visiting program.

Q: Is there a limit to the amount we can request?

A: The award amounts are dependent upon eligible application requested amounts and the total number of eligible applications.

Q: Will we be limited to spending in only the OB Nav. pilot counties, or can it be used to support our infrastructure statewide?

A: Funds are not limited to specific areas. All areas of the state will be considered with appropriate application. Priority of funds will be given to the 20 OB Navigator counties. See map on ISDH website. <https://www.in.gov/isdh/28233.htm>

Q: Can client engagement include gift cards, diapers, etc?

A: Please see list of allowable costs on page 8 of RFA. Justification on supplies to be used and the benefits of the supplies to the client and program should be included in the application.

Q: With the COVID-19 situation as a priority, could we expect the deadline for the applications to be altered, as well as the schedule for award announcements and project period.

A: In order to get contracts awarded to meet the timeline, the deadline cannot be changed.

Q: Can you provide an example of what is considered a one-time infrastructure barrier?

A: Infrastructure barrier examples might include technology enhancements, billing consultation, quality improvement assistance, etc.

Q: We are considering the following projects for this application. Could you please confirm that they fall within the guidelines of eligible use of funds for this application? [Providing gas cards, transportation service cards (Uber, Lyft, etc.) for participants to get to classes, appointments, support groups, etc. Cost to have education and marketing materials, etc., translated in to languages other than English].

A: Participant engagement and education materials would be considered allowable costs with appropriate justification in the application.