

Title V Abstinence Education RFGA – FY 2016-RFGA-MC-701

Questions received by 5pm on 7/5/2016 with Responses

Questions from Representative #1:

1. RFGA Page 4 Item C Cost Sharing – Does this mean applicants do not have to show a match when doing the budget for the amount applied for?

Response: The Title V Grant requires states to provide a match of 42.857 % of its total program cost with non-federal resources. The state match may be state dollars, local government dollars, private dollars or in-kind support. The SC State budget for 2016-17 was recently ratified and includes two provisos on Abstinence Education. These state funds will provide the required match for the FY2016 year. Sub-grantees will not be required to provide or show a match for federal funds for this fiscal year.

2. RFGA Page 4 Item C Cost Sharing – If funds from the state proviso are used for Title V matching funds, will there be funds to apply for when the 2016 Evidence-based Programs and Emerging Programs are made available?

Response: Yes, the state dollars will be available as program funds and can be used as the match at the state level because (according to federal guidance) they are used “solely for the activities enumerated under section 510 of the Social Security Act” and are accounted for in our program’s reporting to the federal government. These state funds will be made available through two upcoming request for grant application (RFGA) processes.

3. RFGA Page 9 Item C4 – If an organization due to its size and budget has never been required to have third party audit, can the applicant write in the cost of a third party audit when submitting the budget and can an applicant be awarded a grant contingent on a future third party audit?

Response: See response following question 4

4. RFGA Page 9 Item C4 and Page 15h – Will an applicant be disqualified if they have no third party audit?

Response: It is our understanding that non-federal entities that expend less than \$750,000 a year in total federal awards from all sources are exempt from the Federal audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133 for that year, but records must be available to review or audit by appropriate officials of the federal agency, pass-through entity and US General Accounting Office.

Therefore, if the applicant certifies in the application that its organization expends less than \$750,000 per year in total federal awards and that the entity has not had a third-party audit in the past, then the application will not be disqualified. If the organization does not have a third-party audit, please note in the application that you will make financial records related to any funding received available for review or audit by appropriate officials at HHS, DHEC or the GAO upon

request. This link may be useful to applicants: <https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofit-audit-guide/state-law-audit-requirements>

Questions from Representative #2:

1. Is my organization required to provide the cost sharing dollar amount of 42.857% or 3/7th percent? If so, can most or all of this be in-kind?

Response: The Title V Grant requires states to provide a match of 42.857 % of its total program costs with non-federal resources. The state match may be state dollars, local government dollars, private dollars or in-kind support. The SC State budget for 2016-17 was recently ratified and includes two provisos on Abstinence Education. These state funds will provide the required match for the FY2016 year. Sub-grantees will not be required to provide or show a match for federal funds for this fiscal year.

2. Is there a list of approved curricula to select from? If so, where can I find it?

Response: The Funding Opportunity Announcement for the FY 2016 Title V funding to states includes this guidance: “States should encourage providers to select and implement programs with proven effectiveness for the target populations they plan to serve. Programs must be medically accurate and age-appropriate with regard to the developmental stage of the intended audience. For information on programs that were found to be effective at preventing teen pregnancies and reducing sexually transmitted infections, go to:”

<http://tppevidencereview.aspe.hhs.gov/EvidencePrograms.aspx>

US DHHS sponsors this ongoing review of teen pregnancy prevention research to help identify programs with evidence of effectiveness in reducing pregnancy, STIs and associated sexual risk behavior. These programs reflect a range of approaches that exist in the field and are a resource to organizations who work to prevent teen pregnancy.

If applicants choose a program other than those included in the list above, they should provide documentation to support that the program is effective and evidence based.

Question from Representative #3:

1. In Section I. E. (page 5) states, “Applicant’s program efforts must not duplicate the programs of an existing sub-grantee.” And goes on to list counties where current sub-grantees provide services. Can applicants propose a different target population within the same county being served by another provider if it is a Priority 1 or 2 county without penalty to scoring review?

Response: In the State’s reporting to the federal government, we must provide an unduplicated count of persons served by Title V funds. Therefore, we must require planning and coordination among and between sub-grantees to ensure that duplication of services with federal funds does not occur. If an applicant can clearly demonstrate how its program will serve a separate population (within the same county) than that being served by another organization using Title V funds, the applicant will not be penalized.