



These are the questions from the Information Webinar on 1.21.2021 that were either unanswered or have updated responses to.

Los Angeles Eligibility Questions

- I understand CBOs from LA County are ineligible. What if it's a partnership between CBOs in LAC and other counties, and the work will be done outside LAC?
 - If the headquarters/main office is outside of LAC, and the work will be done outside of LAC, they are eligible.
 - If they are headquartered in LAC, they cannot receive funding.
 - Anyone anywhere could be an in-kind/unfunded partner, which means this partner can be from the ineligible list and be located in LAC. In-kind/unfunded partners cannot receive any of the funding. The LAC CBOs involved with this collaboration will be in-kind/unfunded partners.

- If we're submitting as a collaboration of CBOs in LA County and outside LA County, and the lead will be CBO outside LA County, and the work will be done outside LA County, are we eligible to apply?
 - If the headquarters/main office is outside of LAC, and the work will be done outside of LAC, they are eligible.
 - If they are headquartered in LAC, they cannot receive funding.
 - Anyone anywhere could be an in-kind/unfunded partner, which means this partner can be from the ineligible list and be located in LAC. In-kind/unfunded partners cannot receive any of the funding. The LAC CBOs involved with this collaboration will be in-kind/unfunded partners.

- if you are a 501 c3 that work in LA and Orange county, could we still apply if we focus only on Orange county work?
 - If the headquarters/main office is outside of LAC, and the work will be done outside of LAC, that they would be eligible.

- If the work will be outside LA County but the org has an office in LA County (but will not be doing work in LA County) can the org, apply?
 - If the headquarters/main office is outside of LAC, and the work will be done outside of LAC, that they would be eligible.

- Can a local chapter of an organization that has a 501c3 that's CA-wide (that has a chapter in LA) eligible?
 - If the headquarters/main office is outside of LAC, and the work will be done outside of LAC, they would be eligible.

- Even if you are a statewide organization? Is it just that you are headquartered in LA County? If not as an applicant, what about as partner to a qualified organization?
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 - If they are headquartered in LAC, they cannot receive funding.
 - Anyone anywhere could be an in-kind/unfunded partner, which means this partner can be from the ineligible list and be located in LAC. In-kind/unfunded partners cannot receive any of the funding.

Academic Eligibility Questions

- If we have our 501c3 status as a result of being a part of a school district, does that make us ineligible?
 - Yes, you will be ineligible because all academic institutions are ineligible. Academic institutions are not community-based organizations.
- UC is designated as 501c3, can a UC institution be a leading applicant or just a subcontract?
 - UC is not an eligible entity, because it is an academic institution and not a community-based organization
- Does the academic institution ineligibility apply to early education centers as well?
 - Yes, early education centers would be ineligible as it is an academic entity.
- We are a 5013c Family Resource Center and I think we are eligible????
 - Yes, Family Resource Centers are eligible.

Clinic Eligibility Questions

- Are non-FQHC Community Clinics eligible for this grant?
 - No, because clinics are ineligible entities.
- Those on the ineligible list can't be partners in the pilot?
 - Those on the ineligible list cannot receive a subcontract. However, anyone anywhere could be an in-kind/unfunded partner, which means this partner can be from the ineligible list and be located in LAC. In-kind/unfunded partners cannot receive any of the funding.

- What if you are a free clinic and the project proposed does not include health services
 - No, because clinics are ineligible entities.

- Can research and or evaluation organizations be included in a proposal, not as the lead but as the knowledge and or evaluation partner
 - A research institution can partner as an in-kind/unpaid partner to conduct the evaluation. Anyone anywhere could be an in-kind/unfunded partner, which means this partner can be from the ineligible list and be located in LAC. In-kind/unfunded partners cannot receive any of the funding.
 - The evaluation budget is optional, and does not have to be elaborate or expensive, since there may not be enough funds to hire a separate evaluator. Applicants are also encouraged to conduct the evaluation internally themselves.

- We are a 501(c)3 organization and we have a clinic apart of our Health Project department, are we still eligible to apply as an organization?
 - No, your organization is not eligible to apply because your organization is affiliated with a clinic.

- We are a 501c3 that has mental health and substance use treatment programs as well as a FQHC. As long as we propose to provide services from our treatment-side programs and not from our clinics, are we eligible?
 - No, because these activities associated with the downstream category of risk behaviors and are categorically ineligible due to being affiliated with a clinic.

- If a member of our coalition is a community health center, is the coalition ineligible?
 - If the organization/coalition itself is not a health center, it would be eligible, IF it is incorporated as a 501c3. If only the individual members are incorporated as 501c3s, a group of them can apply. The health center cannot receive any of the funds, since it is an ineligible entity.

- Would a CBO that provides mental health services but is not a clinic be eligible to apply?
 - Yes, because your organization is not part of or affiliated with a clinic.

- Hi, we are a 501c3 but also have a mental health counseling department, are we eligible?
 - As long as your organization is not part of or affiliated with a clinic, you are eligible.

- Understand that research is not allowed but what about needs assessments
 - Needs assessment would be allowable but proposing ONLY a needs assessment does not meet the intention of the RFA, and therefore would not score well nor be competitive. The RFA also focuses on implementation. A needs assessment as a component of the project to direct it and scope it is reasonable. If you have the needs assessment already conducted with a different funding source, you can use that for your pilot project.
- In a coalition would all partners need to be 501c3?
 - Any partners being funded would need to follow the eligible entity requirements. If funded partners are not a 501c3, they need to be fiscally sponsored by a 501c3. However, unfunded/in-kind partners would not have to be a 501c3 or fiscally sponsored by one.

Allowable vs Unallowable Activity Questions

- So what housing work is eligible, for example capacity development work with owners of sub-par mobile home parks? Can funding NOT be used for things like renovating sub-par plumbing in communities?
 - Capacity building is allowable. Capacity development work with owners of sub-par mobile home parks would be allowable, but the applicant will need to show how these owners are at an increased risk of COVID, and tie them back to the priority population list.
 - Plumbing would be direct service, and not allowable. Developing a coalition and advocating for improved housing policies or more public input to land use, zoning or mobile home park decisions for a priority population would be allowable.
- We have set up a system to train staff and volunteer CHW to do telephone education, support, and resource referral to Covid impacted people, thus decreasing spread. We do direct service, but would love to spread the model to other counties. Staff has years of experience but the org started 10 months ago. Would the CHW program be considered direct service? Would documenting and replicating the model be allowable?
 - No, this would not be considered a direct service. Documenting and replicating the model would be allowable.
- One potential challenge is to receive support from work with a Local Health Jurisdiction. We have only now been funded by our Dept of Public Health to help organize a COVID-19 test site and we developed a Community Wellness Model that they funded. However, the grant will only be 3 months old upon submission of a proposal for this opportunity. Can you please advise????

- Test sites are an unallowable activity because it is a downstream activity, and a large portion of the ELC funding is going towards testing services. However, if the proposal is by a 501c3 community-based organization for activities that fit the guidelines in the RFA (upstream, addressing the root causes of inequitable risk in social and institutional inequities, and living conditions, etc.) it would be eligible.

Other Questions

- Will functional timesheets be required for invoices? (some federal grants require this)
 - No. Functional timesheets are not required for invoices.
- Most of our staff are technically contractors, not regular employees. are we eligible?
 - Yes, your organization is eligible. Employees of the applicant organization do not have to be full-time, permanent employees.
- Our idea is to develop a specific tool but to do this effectively we would need the assistance of consultants (like graphic artists, IT specialists) the CBOs do not have capacity on their own - not being able to have contracts with such individuals will make it almost impossible to do our project effectively.
 - Applicants can subcontract consultants providing specialized services (i.e. graphic design) at a maximum cap of 25%. The consultant will only be providing this specialized service and cannot be carrying out the activities of the project. If the applicant is wanting to subcontract out a portion of the work (activities), then the subcontractor would need to follow the entity eligibility requirements and be a CBO with 501(c)(3) status or be fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3).
- Does the grant require a language justice plan?
 - No, but applicants must describe their linguistic or communicative competence.