

Public comment from C. Morteazadeh

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Hello, and good afternoon:

I am writing to provide public comment on approval of the Innovation Partnership Fund framework. While we, like many other commentors, are eager to have the framework finalized and RFPs out to support communities who desperately need services and supports; we would like clarity in the actual RFP language regarding if funds are strictly limited to CBOs as primary applicants, or if only additional points are given to applicants who have CBOs as leads.

As public-private partnerships are prioritized in the overall framework, we strongly feel that allowing for private organizations to lead as applicants--with robust CBO partners as subcontractors and vendors—is an equally effective model for these funds, as these models have proven to be effective and efficient in executing work and programming, and are apt given the expedient nature and time limits of these funds.

In addition, echoing other commentors, we strongly feel that prevention work and stigma reduction work is critical to this framework.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to clarity in the final RFP language.

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