

Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

RFA IPF-001

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	RFA Section Reference	Question	Commission Response
1	General	We are trying to understand if we are eligible to apply: we have existing and emerging partnerships with departments at Kaiser that serve Alameda county behavioral health - will this satisfy that requirement or do we need someone in the actual county health department?	It is unclear which specific requirement that you are referring to. Any reference to county behavioral health means the county behavioral health department and not anyone providing services to or for the county behavioral health department.
2	5. CONTRACT TERM AND AVAILABLE FUNDING B. GRANT CATEGORIES 3) Small grants	How is "community-based organizations" defined?	For the purposes of this RFA a strict definition will not be used. It is up to the Applicant to support/explain how they are a Community-Based Organization

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3	General	<p>I was reading the responses to the questions related to RFA IPF-001 and I'm concerned about the following response:</p> <p>For the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU), each campus under the UC and CSU can be an Applicant and submit an application for each category. If a program within the UC or the CSU system is a registered non-profit, they may apply as a non-profit organization separate from the UC or CSU.</p> <p>We are a project of SDSU Research Foundation. That's the entity that takes in grant funding for the University and they are the legal entity for literally 100s of projects. In our case we have over 100 employees in our organization - all legally SDSU Foundation employees. We serve all of Southern California, but we are only one of the many projects/programs housed within the University's Foundation. The response above means only one of the 100s could apply to this RFA - we do workforce development, others do direct service, still others do prevention work. There are projects that work with specific populations that differ from the communities other projects serve. By limiting the application to one per university per type of IPF project, in my opinion you are severely limiting the types of interventions you'll be</p>	<p>The requirement will not change.</p> <p>Each organization with their own Tax ID number may apply as a separate organization for Category 2 (large grants). If the organization is also a registered non-profit, CBO or tribal organization, they may apply for the Category 1 (small grant) category.</p>
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		<p>able to consider. If there are others at the University who do very different work than we do, and they are interested in applying we will have to first find them and then negotiate who will be the one project able to apply to the RFA under the guidance provided above. If there was more time, I might say we could look at developing one joint project, but since everyone operates independently, and don't know each other, it will be a challenge to even know if others are interested in applying. There are no separate nonprofits under this system. Even an organization as large as ours is not a separate legal entity.</p> <p>I'm not sure I'm explaining this well. Consider the people who put their money into a bank. Many of them might be interested in donating to a cause, but because their money is held by the same bank, only one would be able to donate and they don't know each other to pool their money together to make a single donation. Does that make any sense?</p> <p>Thank you for considering the structure of projects at the CSUs and UCs and looking into the option of allowing more than one applicant per university per IPF project. I'd think you'd have applicants who were tied into different disciplines and communities if you were to allow more than one application from each university.</p>	
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		In the meantime, we'll initiate discussions here to see if we can figure out if anyone else is interested in applying. With everyone operating as separate entities, under their own funding sources, it's honestly likely to be a challenge.	
4	General	how do I apply or where do I submit my application and whatvarecall of the required documents or overall requirements for submission?	Refer to the RFA for all information as to how to apply. https://bhsoac.ca.gov/connect/grant-funding-opportunities/request-for-proposal-rfp-for-innovation-partnership-fund-ipf-001/
5	Section 7C. Application Background (Attachment 3) Applicant Background Q1a	What supportive documentation does CBH want or expect to see? Would Articles of Incorporation and an Organizational Chart suffice?	It is up to the Applicant to determine the appropriate documentation to provide to support their response.
6	Section 7F. References (Attachment 6)	Can the entity providing the Letter of Intent also serve as a reference?	Please see Addendum 2, changing the Letter of Intent to a Letter of Support. The entity providing the letter may be a reference as long as they meet the requirements for a reference.
7	Section 7G Bidder Declaration (Attachment 7)	Is a signature required anywhere on the Bidder Declaration form?	You may sign the Bidder Declaration, but a signature is not required as the signature on the Application Cover Sheet attests that all information included in the application is true and accurate.

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8	Section 7C (Attachment 3) and 7D (Attachment 4)	Should narrative responses be provided within the textboxes of the attachment forms or in a separate document? For Question D2, which states the response should not exceed three pages, does this refer to three pages of the form or three separate pages?	<p>The Attachments should be used to respond to the requirements. RFA Section 7. Information Required in the Application states, "Attachments are provided to respond to all the requirements. The fields are expandable."</p> <p>The three (3) page limitation is based on using the Attachments.</p>
9	General	Can CBH supply fillable forms for all attachments and forms?	The RFA Attachments are fillable
10	General	Is Uganda also an eligible country to apply for the grant?	<p>All applicants must meet the Minimum Requirements stated in Attachment 2 of the RFA to be considered for a grant.</p> <p>This is a competitive procurement and not all applicants will receive a grant.</p> <p>In addition, in order to contract with the State of California, all applicants must be able to complete Attachment 8: Contractor Certification Clauses, Attachment 9: Darfur Contracting Act Certification, and Attachment 10: Paye/ Date Record (STD 204).</p> <p>Please read the complete RFA to understand what is expected of each applicant. Services can only be provided in California.</p>

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11	General	Almost all UC programs are required to apply under the UC Regents. Our program is a specific program, within a department, within the school of medicine, within the university campus, within the UC system. But all applicants must be under the UC Regents. Can we apply for the opportunity if someone else on the campus (who we likely have no contact or affiliation with) is also applying?	<p>The requirement will not change.</p> <p>Each organization with their own Tax ID number may apply as a separate organization for Category 2 (large grants). If the organization is also a registered non-profit, CBO or tribal organization, they may apply for the Category 1 (small grant) category.</p>
12	General	Because of the language that was added under Addendum 2, our office of contracts and grants has determined that this is a limited submission opportunity. Their definition is “Limited submission opportunities (LSOs) are funding solicitations that limit the number of submissions for an organization. Participation in an internal selection process is required to apply for LSOs.” Is this a limited submission opportunity?	<p>The requirement will not change.</p> <p>Each organization with their own Tax ID number may apply as a separate organization for Category 2 (large grants). If the organization is also a registered non-profit, CBO or tribal organization, they may apply for the Category 1 (small grant) category.</p>

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13	General	<p>Based on my reading of the RFA, Category 2 is open to "all organization and entity types including public, private, and non-profit entities, "I would like to confirm that:</p> <p>A private, for-profit medical practice is indeed eligible to apply for Category 2 funding.</p> <p>There is no restrictive "letter of Intent" requirement that was due prior to the May 8, 2026, submission deadline.</p>	<p>There are no restrictions as to who may apply for a Category grant. All Applicants must meet the Minimum Qualifications.</p> <p>Please see Addendum 2, changing the Letter of Intent to a Letter of Support.</p> <p>Nothing is due prior to the Application due date, May 8, 2026</p>
14	Exhibit D – Budget and Narrative	<p>The form posted on this site for budget and narrative does not work! The budget narrative tab transfers the wrong info over from the budget tab and you cannot change it</p>	<p>See Addendum 3 correcting the Exhibit D - Budget and Narrative formulas.</p>