

Bidders Conference
1/6/17

Questions:

1. If you addressing two different priority areas, do you need stay specific to one more than the other (in terms of the intent to apply and identifying one)?
 - A. In your narrative, you need to be clear which priority area you are addressing but your proposal can touch on other priority areas but we encourage you to stay as specific as possible to the one that you choose to address
2. If you are applying for more than one grant, do you need to fill out two Intent to Apply forms?
 - A. Yes (but also be careful you are competing also against yourself with this competitive process if you are applying for two!)
3. If you are have a grant that is currently being funded and you are looking to request more funding to the same project, but are required to request less, can you tell me the thought process and what type of criteria we should use to approach the amount to request for funding?
 - A. These grants were originally intended to be one year grants in terms of funding. As the year has progressed, the Steering Committee has realized there maybe reasons why some current grants would need to request more funding, due to either a delay and/or momentum to continue the success of the project. Therefore, the grantee needs to show the reasons on why there was a delay, etc. and how it will become more sustainable in the future. Also needs to show the positive outcomes as of yet.
4. Planning grants and/or pilot programs?
 - A. Would not recommend requesting a grant that is a planning grant with the intent to come back in the next year for implantation if it works. See grant guidelines *
5. Intent to Apply forms – what if organizations apply for a very similar projects – is that why there is an intent to apply form?
 - A. This was created to help Steering Committee to prepare for and see what was coming in; to help recruit for the Grant Committee (cannot have a conflict of interest)
 - B. Collaboration is not required but encouraged (if you are collaborating you need to have a letter of collaboration included in grant proposal)
 - a. Ex. If Family Continuity wants to collaborate with a School, there should be a letter for administration (principal and/or superintendent should have a letter stating that this collaboration is encouraged)
 - b. Don't let all the letters be the same!!!
6. Is the Steering Committee looking to spread the funding over all four of the priority areas?

- A. That is the goal but the funding is not directly split among the priority areas evenly. It really depends on the merits and the quality of the proposals.
7. Does geography come into play?
- A. The strongest proposals will be funded. The Committee will look at if there are two very similar programs in the same Town, then the Committee will encourage collaboration and could potentially look to fund a program in another geographical area
8. What if an organization (ex. Senior Center) is looking to add equipment to a program that was previously funded?
- A. You would have to make sure to answer all the questions and explain that what you are requesting is something different and give an explanation for why additional equipment is needed. There are no “continuation grants”
9. Who do you send questions to?
- A. grants@chna6.org and then Jen will direct to the Steering Committee and will respond with an answer