

Frequently Asked Questions
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- 25. Question:** Must the awarded funds be spent within the one year project period (by April 30, 2009)?
- Answer:** The awarded funds must be obligated within the budget period, or in this case, the one year project period. Grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 days after the end of the project period to coincide with the submission of the annual Financial Status Report.
- 26. Question:** If the funds were obligated within the budget period, by April 30, 2009, would that meet the requirements of the RFA? By obligated, we mean that a signed contract to spend the funds is in place by April 30, 2009, but it is possible the work may not be completed until the following year.
- Answer:** As stated above, grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 days after the end of the project period to coincide with the submission of the annual Financial Status Report. Recipient activities including the duration of contracts must be commensurate with the specified project period. The grantee must follow its own policies and procedures as to when/how an obligation is made. However, a contract cannot be let on or near the last day of the budget/project period with performance of the contact outside of the budget/project period.
- 27. Question:** Are statewide projects allowed?
- Answer:** Yes.
- 28. Question:** In the Public engagement project area, there is a list of CDC recipient activities in which the CDC will assist the grantees in carrying them out. What level of effort can grantees expect CDC to provide to grantees?
- Answer:** CDC's involvement in project performance under the cooperative agreement will be limited to the minimum consistent with achieving the stated programmatic objectives.

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29. Question: Should the projects be replication of the federal model or demonstrations of different models?

Answer: Applicants can seek to replicate a federal model or design their own model or approach. The intent of the FOA is to investigate promising practices.

30. Question: Are CDC Direct Services available as a purchase mechanism for the Competitive Pan Flu grant?

Answer: No.

31. Question: If several states submit one application as a consortium, will funding be equal to the number of states that are involved?

Answer: Proposed budgets for consortia should be commensurate with proposed activities and goals. Awarded projects will work with COTPER and PGO to finalize project budgets.

32. Question: Is it possible that CDC would consider requests for no cost extensions to allow 3-6 months additional time to complete some activities?

Answer: No cost (time) extension: A no-cost extension may be requested if the grantee requires additional time beyond the established expiration date (project end date) to fully complete its program plans and objectives proposed in the original application, or accomplish orderly phase-out of the project.

Note: The fact that funds remain at the expiration of the cooperative agreement is not, in itself, sufficient justification for a no-cost extension.

33. Question: The FOA states: The direct and primary recipient in a cooperative agreement program must perform a substantial role in carrying out project objectives and not merely serve as a conduit for an award to another party or provider who is ineligible; specifically, substantial role. What is meant by "substantial role?"

Answer: The recipient, as the direct and primary recipient of CDC cooperative agreement funds, is responsible for managing

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the day-to-day operations of grant-supported activities and is accountable to the CDC for the performance of the project, program, or activity; the appropriate expenditure of grant funds by all parties; and all other obligations of the recipient.