

Questions and Answers – 9/11/2014

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH15-1583

Strengthening Local Capacity to Deliver Sustainable Quality Assured Universal Coverage of Clinical HIV/TB Services in Manzini Region, and Provide Central Level Technical Assistance to the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTCP) in the Kingdom of Swaziland under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Questions and Answers by email

Q:

Pg 35: Applicants must file letters of support from Ministry of Health- Swaziland and from the Ministries of Health of up to two other countries where applicant has relevant experience. Applicants must name the files "Letters of Support," and upload as PDF files at www.grants.gov.

It seems difficult to get letters from Ministries in other countries; can this requirement be removed or amended to only require a letter from the Swazi MOH?

R:

The FOA will be amended to read, "Applicants must file letters of support from Ministry of Health- Swaziland **and/or** from the Ministries of Health of up to two other countries where applicant has relevant experience."

Q:

Are there a maximum number of letters of support which can be submitted?

R:

Applicants are only required to submit 1 letter of support from the Ministry of Health- Swaziland or 2 letters of support from up to two other countries where the applicant has relevant experience. The page limitations for the appendix apply.

Q:

Can you please clarify whether the "Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan" should be included as a part of the technical narrative or as an appendix?

R:

The Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan should be included as part of the Project Narrative as stated on pages 34-36 of the RFA.

Q:

Please clarify/confirm if the approximate number of awards may exceed one?

R:

The approximate number of awards for this RFA is 1 as stated on pages 2 and 29.

Q:

What are the submission requirements for named consultants and sub awardees?

R:

There are no particular submission requirements for named consultants and sub awardees. The prime applicant is responsible for all submittal requirements.

Q:

Pg 38: Pre-award costs may be allowable for successful applicants under this FOA prior to award. Can you please clarify the conditions for allowing pre-award costs?

R:

Pre-award costs may be allowable under this award for the successful applicant only. This will be discussed with the successful applicant during budget discussions that will take place prior to the issuance of the Notice of Award. Costs would only be allowed for the period between the budget discussion and the issuance of the Notice of Award. These costs would be an agenda item for the budget discussion and agreed upon at that point. No costs incurred prior to the budget discussion will be permitted. All pre-award costs will be agreed upon in writing between PGO, the Project Officer, and the successful applicant. Please note the costs of application preparation and submission will not be allowed for any FOA, and that in most cases, pre-award costs will not be allowed.

Q:

Funding Preferences: Can you please clarify that four deliverables/ files are required (1A and 1B, and 2A and 2B)? Can one letter of support from the Ministry of Health fulfill/ combine the requirement for 1B and 2B? Or can one annual report fulfill/ combine the requirements for 1A and 2A?

R:

Four deliverables are required. For Funding Preference 1, both Deliverable 1A and 1B are required. For Funding Preference 2, both Deliverable 2A and 2B are required.
