

Questions and Answers – 9/30/2014

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH15-1537

Technical Assistance to Provide High-Quality Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Services to Programs Supported by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Questions and Answers by email

Q:

On page 16 of the FOA it states that “applicants must only apply for the first budget period funding, taking into consideration the floor of the individual award range and the ceiling of the individual award range”. Does this mean that we should leave blank or enter “zero” for the fields requesting future year funding on the application? Does CDC request a detailed budget and justification for just the “Budget Period Length: Twelve Months” or would CDC prefer a detailed budget per year and justification for the entire “Project Period Length: Five Years?”

R:

As stated on page 16, applicants are only required to apply for the first 12 month budget period funding. Applicants should leave blank or enter zero in the fields requesting future year funding on the application.

Q:

Is CDC planning to have MOUs between the Awardee and all Implementing Partners in place or solely with the Ministries of Health?

R:

MOUs will be established on an “as needed” basis. MOUs may be needed between awardees and implementing partners and/or MOHs

Q:

Are there any restrictions of a third party hosting a central database for the purposes of the project?

R:

This FOA permits contracts and sub-awards. A third party may host the central database working under the management of the awardee. Prime applicants are responsible for meeting the requirements of the FOA.

Q:

Would CDC please clarify the role of “Business Official”?

R:

The Business Official includes persons whose role is to financially oversee the award, for example, a Chief Financial Officer.

Q:

Who will administer and take ownership of the central database after the life of the project?

R:

Ownership of the database will be co-shared between CDC and grantee.

Q:

On Page 8, under "Purpose," it reads "This FOA supports activities in multiple countries" and later, program goals are to:

- "Support the 14 priority countries in developing and implementing multiyear VMMC scale-up strategies"
- "Provide TA and support to these countries...."
- "Build the capacity of partner countries..."
- "Support innovation in VMMC programs and products for countries..."

Are submissions to develop a response that covers all 14 countries or can an offering be country-specific?

R:

The purpose of this FOA is to support activities in multiple countries over time. However, the applicant should propose a general approach to technical assistance to multiple countries rather than a country-specific example.

Q:

On page 24, under Section #13, it states. "If the indirect cost rate is a provisional rate, the agreement must have been made less than 12 months earlier." What are the alternatives if the indirect cost provisional rate agreement was made over twelve months ago?

R:

The applicant (domestic organization) is responsible for re-negotiating their NICRA rate with the cognizant Federal agency to obtain a new Provisional, Fixed, or Final agreement.
