

Questions and Answers – 12/18/2015

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH16-1614

Strengthening the HIV Services Quality Improvement and Quality Management Systems of the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health, Regional Health Bureaus, and Public Health Facilities under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

	Question	Response
1.	The FOA specifically mentions 596 facilities (284 existing and 312 new ones) – do you know if these are hospitals or health centers or both and is there already a list of these particular 596, with locations?	The 596 facilities are all existing (currently receiving PEPFAR support) and are a combination of hospitals and health centers. The 284 refers to ‘scale-up’ facilities where activities would be intensified in line with meeting the 90-90-90 objectives; the remaining 312 are ‘maintenance’ facilities where ongoing activities would be maintained.
2.	FOA notes ceiling of \$1 million. Is it safe to assume \$1 million per year for each of the 5 years?	The year 1 award ceiling is \$1,000,000 as listed on page 16 of the FOA. Throughout the 5 year project period, CDC will continue the award based on the availability of funds, the evidence of satisfactory progress by the awardee (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the federal government.
3.	Do you happen to know if there’s an incumbent doing the work mentioned in the FOA below?	CDC is unable to release the names of previous/current partners.
4.	We understand that the funding amount available for Year 1 is a maximum of \$1,000,000, and our proposed budget should not exceed this \$1,000,000 ceiling. For planning purposes, could CDC provide an approximate estimate of the potential available funding for the remaining four years of the project?	The year 1 award ceiling is \$1,000,000 as listed on page 16 of the FOA. Throughout the 5 year project period, CDC will continue the award based on the availability of funds, the evidence of satisfactory progress by the awardee (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the federal government.
5.	In Section D. Application and Submission Information, sub-section 10.d. Organizational Capacity (page 23), applicants are required to submit CVs, job descriptions, and an organizational chart. Should these three components be included and uploaded as one combined file, or as three separate files?	It is at the applicants’ discretion to submit the components as a single file in the appendix with each section titled or as separate files.
6.	Could you please confirm that the Environmental Impact Statement (page 32) is not required to be submitted as part of the application, and instead is required only at the post-award implementation stage.	The environmental impact statement is not required as part of the application.

7.	<p>Section H. Other Information (page 49) lists the “acceptable attachments” that must be uploaded as part of the application. This list does not include CVs, job descriptions, and organizational chart, all of which are required under Section D. Application and Submission Information, 10.d. Organizational Capacity (page 23). Could you please confirm that we should include as attachments any such attachment information that may be requested by the RFA.</p>	<p>Please refer to pages 46 and 47 of the FOA. In addition to the list of acceptable attachments there is a listing of other documents that must be included. Applicants are directed to refer to “Organizational Capacity of Awardees to Execute the Approach” for specific requirements. Lastly, applicants are provided direction for submitting additional information in this section.</p>
8.	<p>Could CDC kindly clarify how many hospital managers/Chief Executive Officers have graduated from the MHA program thus far? Page 5 of the RFA indicates 111, while page 9 and 12 say 120.</p>	<p>The correct number of graduates is 111. The FOA is being amended with this correction.</p>