

Questions and Answers – 12/30/2015

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH16-1634

Supporting Sustainable Implementation of HIV and TB Services for Epidemic Control in The Republic of Mozambique under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

	Question	Response
1.	On pg. 32, section C.2 it mentions: “Applicants that do not provide and/or label the supporting documentation required to meet the PEPFAR Local Partner definition above will not be considered eligible for review.” Can you confirm that this solicitation is not restricted only to local partners (i.e. US based and international organizations are eligible to apply).	CDC-RFA-GH16-1634 is a fully competitive FOA. Competition is not limited to partners who meet the local partner definition, although they are also eligible to apply. Please see the listing under Eligible Applicants pages 31-32 for more information on eligibility.
2.	On pg. 31, section B.12 it is mentioned: “Note: 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. The proposed budget for the first budget period must not exceed the ceiling of the individual award range. If a funding amount greater than the ceiling of the individual award range is requested, the application will be considered non-responsive and will not be entered into the review process.” There is no “individual” award range listed. There is an “approximate average award” and an “award ceiling”. What is the amount of the “ceiling of the individual award range”?	The ceiling of the individual award range is \$165,000,000. This is the ceiling. As stated on page 38 “The award ceiling for this FOA is \$165,000,000. CDC will consider any application requesting an award higher than this amount as nonresponsive and it will receive no further review.”
3.	What is the final deadline to submit questions related to the RFA?	The Q&A period for this FOA ends December 30, 2015.
4.	Will answers to all questions be shared with all applicants? If yes, by what date?	Yes, All Q&As will be published on the DGHA Website http://www.cdc.gov/globalaids/global-hiv-aids-at-cdc/FOA.html shortly after the Q&A period ends.
5.	On pg. 37 Section D.2.10.d it states: “Applicants must name this file “CVs/Resumes,” “Job Descriptions,” or “Organizational Charts” and upload it at www.grants.gov.” Can you please confirm that the pages of these files are not counting	Please refer to page 35 Project Narrative for information on what must be included in the project narrative submittal. Applicants should address the d. organizational capacity of applicants to implement the approach (page 36-37) in the project narrative as required. The attachments referenced in d. organizational capacity of applicants to implement the

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	towards the 18-page limit of the Project narrative?	approach should be uploaded to grants.gov as part of the appendix.
6.	On pg. 51 Section E.1.b it states: “Does the application include reasonable estimates of output targets (for example, the numbers of sites to be supported, number of clients the program will reach)?” Can you confirm that output targets should be provided only for the 2 target districts in Nampula, 4 target districts in Zambézia and 3 target districts in Gaza?	<p>The scope of the application is ultimately at the discretion of the applicant. Applicant proposals will be assessed against all of the requirements of the FOA using the Review Criteria listed in the FOA.</p> <p>Section 2. CDC Project Description on page 7 lists the geographic areas included in this FOA. Output targets should only be included for areas included in this FOA.</p>
7.	Can we include a draft EPMP as an attachment or should it be part of the 18-pages limit?	Please refer to page 35 Project Narrative for information on what must be included in the project narrative submittal. Applicants should address the c. applicant evaluation and performance measurement plan (page 36-37) in the project narrative as required. Inclusion of a draft EPMP would count towards the 18 pages limit.
8.	On pg. 28 under section d Work plan it is stated that “Applicant must include a work plan that demonstrates how the outcomes, strategies, activities, timelines, and staffing will take place over the course of the award. Applicants must submit a detailed work plan for the first year of the project and a high level plan for the subsequent years.” It would be very difficult to include the two plans mentioned in this section within the 18-page limit. Could we include them as attachments?	No, the work plan may not be submitted as an attachment. As stated on page 37, the work plan is included in the Project Narrative.
9.	For the project narrative, should we use a Letter or A4 page size?	Applications should use letter sized paper.
10.	Would CDC consider extending the FOA deadline, to accommodate for extensive holiday closures of government counterparts, and office closures, including entities such as the Embassy, which has prevented travel?	No, the application deadline date will not be extended to accommodate for extensive holiday closures of government counterparts, and office closures, including entities such as the Embassy, which has prevented travel.
11.	Would CDC please confirm that the \$165 million dollar ceiling is for year one only?	The year one award ceiling is \$165,000,000.
12.	Would CDC kindly share its intentions for how funding should be allocated across the three proposed provinces?	<p>Applicants should submit a budget taking into account the award ceiling of the FOA and the requirements of the FOA.</p> <p>CDC does not have a funding allocation across the three provinces.</p>

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13.	Would CDC please share their vision for allocation of activities across the five program areas, as well as their respective anticipated funding levels?	Applicants should submit a budget taking into account the award ceiling of the FOA and the requirements of the FOA.
14.	Please confirm that applicants should apply to all activities in all geographic regions.	The scope of the application is ultimately at the discretion of the applicant. Applicant proposals will be assessed against all of the requirements of the FOA, including all activities in Nampula, Zambezia, and Gaza provinces using the Review Criteria listed in the FOA.
15.	Please confirm that applicants should submit only one application in response to the funding opportunity announcement, versus multiple applications for each geographic region.	Applicants should submit only one application for this FOA.
16.	Kindly confirm that activities should be proposed only in the areas listed on Section 2, on page 7 of the Funding Opportunity Announcement. Are other areas not listed also included?	<p>The scope of the application is ultimately at the discretion of the applicant. Applicant proposals will be assessed against all of the requirements of the FOA using the Review Criteria listed in the FOA.</p> <p>Section 2. CDC Project Description on page 7 lists the geographic areas included in this FOA. Other areas not listed are not included.</p>
17.	The FOA includes a requirement for the submission of a Data Release Plan with the application in accordance with the CDC Policy on Releasing and Sharing Data. The referenced policy defines data as “scientific records” and in the section on the obligations of grantees, contractors and partners reference is made to researchers. As this application is for a non-research program please confirm if the requirement to submit a Data Release Plan with the application applies.	A Data Release Plan is not required at the time of application.