

Questions and Answers on the Supplemental FOA for Enhanced Evaluation

Answers to frequently asked questions about the STD AAPPS Funding for Enhanced Program Evaluation competitive supplemental Funding Opportunity Announcement are included in this document. CDC received many questions from applicants and continues to update this document as questions are submitted and answered.

If you have questions about the STD AAPPS Supplemental FOA for Enhanced Evaluation please submit them to stdaappsfoa@cdc.gov.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER AND HOW TO APPLY

1. Do STD AAPPS project areas have to apply for this supplemental FOA? Is current funding for STD AAPPS tied in any way to applying for this supplemental funding?

No, project areas do not have to apply for this supplemental FOA. Applying for the supplement is optional. The supplement is competitive and would provide additional funding to STD AAPPS for purposes of supporting evaluation as described in the supplemental FOA. Core or base STD AAPPS funding will not be affected by whether or not a project area decides to apply for the supplemental funding. There are several required documents due in September for all current STD AAPPS awardees (APR, continuation application, POM, and targeted evaluation plan). The due date for this supplemental FOA is also in September (September 18), but it is entirely optional.

2. Are applications permitted to more than one content area?

Yes. Individual project areas may apply for more than one topic.

3. Is there a way for potential applicants to know whether there are other project areas intending to apply for a particular topic?

No. We did not require Letters of Intent, but we are getting informal indications of intents to apply. However, we will not know what applications are received until the due date.

4. Will technical assistance (TA) be provided for the application process?

No, there is no TA for applying for this enhanced evaluation FOA.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNDING SOURCE AND SIZE

1. Would CDC fund fewer than six applications, if CDC received few, high-quality applications? In that scenario, would CDC consider increasing the award amount that each awardee would receive?

If we only received few, high-quality applications, we would consider funding fewer than six applications. We could consider increasing the award amount, in such a scenario, but it is difficult to anticipate how that would

look, without knowing the specific details. Note that, generally, we can only fund applicants for what they applied for or less. The FOA notes an annual individual ceiling award of \$200,000 (p. 13).

2. Is it true that CDC will only fund a topic if there are at least two, high-quality applications for that topic?

The FOA (p. 26) notes that we *intend* to fund two project areas for any single topic area, and *may not* fund a topic if only one application was received. This *does not* preclude our funding one highly-ranked application on a single topic. Our preference is to have more than one project area working on a single topic.

3. Is funding already specifically available for this H25 Award Mechanism, or will funding be secured if/when CDC receives adequate applications (at least two per topic area, per page 2 of the FOA)?

This FOA is a part of the Division's FY15 budget request, so funding is not secured until CDC is funded for FY15. However, the Division intends to fund this FOA and hopes to receive sufficient applications to do so. All four topic areas will not be funded with the current funding amount allocated for the FOA, however. If we have \$500,000, and provide approximately six awards, this would lead to, at most, three of the four topics being funded at this time.