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Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) Training, Technical Assistance and Development (TTAD)
NOFO # 2115-1023

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

Day posted: December 8, 2023

Question
Is it correct to assume that during the four-month project period (March-June 2024), there is an expectation that individualized technical assistance to the ARI grantees would be limited, and the focus of the work should center on planning and developing the TTAD program? (The solicitation notes that one TTA deliverable is expected per quarter, but the length of the project period is only one quarter.)

Response
You are correct that the initial four months of this funding opportunity (March-June 2024) will largely be devoted to planning and developing the TTAD program. We do anticipate there will be opportunities to engage with grantee sites around training, technical assistance, and development during the grant period, including with a planned All-Sites Summit tentatively planned for May 2024.

Question
On the grant application, section 6 of 7 is Titled Goals and Performance Metrics. The instructions ask that I download a form. However, when I attempt to download the form, nothing is in the download. I tried a few times, and then gave up. I would like to complete this step to submit the application. May you pls check to see if the application is glitching. Also am I allowed to upload a narrative of my goals and performance metrics?

Response
As indicated in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity instructions](#) in the Program Narrative section at the end (excerpted below), you should download the Performance Metrics Chart in AmpliFund; fill it out with your proposed objectives on the left-hand side of the chart, using the suggested types of metrics on the right-hand side of the chart; and then upload the chart in AmpliFund.

We have not found any malfunction in AmpliFund. The item is the Performance Metric download, all downloads were double checked. This may be a user issue with your browser. You may not "see" where the item is being downloaded, or have downloads blocked. You should work with IT regarding downloads.

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Goals and Performance Metrics (10 points)

Please provide the Performance Metrics Chart for your proposed program by downloading, completing, and uploading the chart in the AmpliFund grant management system. The metrics should detail four months of programming (March 1-June 30, 2024). The metrics should measure meaningful, tangible changes resulting from program implementation or expansion for the designated period of performance and:

1. Indicate how objectives will be achieved and measured. (5 points)

2. Demonstrate capacity and commitment to measure and report on performance. (5 points)

Goal 1: Provide a comprehensive, responsive, and effective TTAD program for and with ARI sites.	
Process Objectives	**Performance Measures**
Conduct a training, technical assistance, and development (TTAD) needs assessment by collaborating with other providers and sites. - ____ meetings with providers (list those contacted: _____) - ____ surveys - ____ types of TTAD services needed (list gaps in services: _____)	➢ Number of meetings held. ➢ Number of surveys conducted. ➢ Types of TTAD services reviewed and gaps identified.
Plan and provide ___ TTAD deliverables (required: 1 per quarter), to fill gaps identified in needs assessment and in response to site requests. - ____ all-sites summit - ____ regional trainings - ____ technical assistance sessions - ____ other (describe: _____) - ____% of site requests addressed - ____ types of TTAD services provided (list how fill gaps: _____)	➢ Number of TTAD events and learning opportunities conducted during grant period (required: 1 per quarter). ➢ Types of TTAD deliverables provided. ➢ Percentage of sites requesting TTAD that receive it. ➢ Types of TTAD deliverables that fill gaps identified in needs assessment.
Convene site training advisory group (TAG) comprised of site representatives and other stakeholders (required: 1 per quarter). - ____ TAG meetings conducted - ____ sites represented - ____ others represented (describe: _____)	➢ Number of TAG meetings conducted during grant period (required: 1 per quarter) ➢ Number of site representatives engaged. ➢ Number of other stakeholders engaged. ➢ Types of other stakeholders engaged (including clients, as appropriate)
Create and post TTAD calendar online.	➢ Date and place TTAD calendar posted.
Assess and demonstrate effectiveness by conducting surveys and evaluations following TTAD events. - _____ participants - _____ assessments completed - _____ positive assessments received	➢ Percentage of training and technical assistance participants responding to surveys and evaluations measuring changes in knowledge, behavior, and attitudes.

	➢ Percentage of participants reporting satisfaction.
Share assessment and evaluation results to ARI/ICJIA and as part of site feedback loop. - _____ presentations/reports to ARI/ICJIA including ARIOB (describe: _____) - _____ presentations/reports to sites (describe: _____)	➢ Number of presentations/reports conducted during grant period. ➢ Types of presentations/reports.
Goal 2: Meet grant fiscal and reporting requirements.	
Process Objectives	**Performance Measures**
Submit required performance measurement data on **quarterly** basis in timely and accurate fashion.	➢ Percentage of timely and accurate performance measurement data submitted as directed by ICJIA in a format prescribed by ICJIA.
Submit required fiscal and other reports in timely and accurate fashion.	➢ Percentage of reports as required by ICJIA submitted on time with accurate information.

Question
May you please explain the type of technical assistance the ARI is seeking?

Response
ARI anticipates that in addition to training opportunities, grantee sites will seek and benefit from ongoing, flexible, and tailored technical assistance and support that may include assessing program needs; providing consultation on program development and implementation, including technical assistance to ensure fidelity to evidence-based program models; developing capacities within organizations and programming/services such those that are equitable, trauma-informed, strengths-based, and rooted in restorative justice principles; and conducting on-site and virtual follow-up visits and developing performance improvement plans where necessary.

Question
What does ARI mean when they express their interest in evidence based practices?

Response
According to ARI's enabling legislation, the Crime Reduction Act, " 'evidence-based practices' means policies, procedures, programs, and practices that have been demonstrated to reduce recidivism among incarcerated individuals and individuals on local supervision." Examples of evidence-based practices used by ARI sites are described on the ARI website at the Approach tab.

Question
Does the Grant require me to provide a detailed explanation of the comprehensive, effective training, and responsive programs and services that we offer?

Response
Applicants are required to answer the Program Narrative questions in the AmpliFund grant management system to describe how they will create and implement a training, technical assistance, and development program to meet the needs of ARI grantee sites operating local prison diversion programs around the state, to increase sites' effectiveness in providing client

supervision and services and advancing ARI's mission, vision, and values. Applicants are encouraged to answer the questions as concisely and comprehensively as possible while keeping the scoring criteria in mind.

Day posted: December 1, 2023

Question
The budget instructions indicate that "most food and beverages" are ineligible expenses. Is it possible to request a portion of funding to provide food and water to attendees at TTAD and training events?

Response
Generally ICJIA grant funds cannot be used to pay for food and beverages, with some exceptions related to children's after school programs and community meetings. It is suggested that applicants include the reasonable and necessary food and beverage costs they think are integral to the proposed TTAD program; and, if selected, further negotiations and determinations regarding allowability will take place during the grant execution process.

Question
Of the 27 current ARI sites, how many are focused on probation (as opposed to courts)? Is it possible to identify which sites these are by name?

Response
According to the Crime Reduction Act, ARI's enabling legislation: "The Adult Redeploy Illinois program shall reallocate State funds to local jurisdictions that successfully establish a process to assess offenders and provide a continuum of locally based sanctions and treatment alternatives for offenders who would be incarcerated in a State facility if those local services and sanctions did not exist." There is flexibility as to how ARI funding can be utilized, which is determined by local jurisdictions according to their unique needs and resources. Currently, ARI has 27 grantee sites covering 45 counties and operating more than 50 prison diversion programs. Approximately two-thirds of the diversion programs are treatment courts (drug courts, mental health courts, veterans courts) and the other one-third are specialized probation caseloads with services. For more information on ARI sites and the programs they operate, please visit the ARI website at the Programs tab.

Question
For the ARI TTAD funding opportunity, is there only a character limit for the Summary portion?

Response
Yes, there is only a character limit (5,000 characters maximum) established for the Summary portion. This is to ensure that we have brief, stand-alone descriptions of the overall proposals readily available for internal and external review.

Question
Are applicants permitted to use as many characters as needed in the remaining response sections?

Response
Yes, however we encourage applicants to be as concise and comprehensive as possible with their responses while keeping the scoring criteria in mind.

Question
Who has provided these services in the past?

Response
This is the first-ever training, technical assistance, and development (TTAD) program that Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) has been able to establish. We anticipate the development of the TTAD program will be a collaborative process among the funded provider(s), and ARI staff, sites, and the Oversight Board.

Question
Are the ARI sites 100% problem solving courts within Illinois (are they drug courts, mental health courts, domestic violence courts, veterans courts, etc.)?

Response
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Last day for question submission is December 7, 2023

Completed applications must be submitted via the above AmpliFund link
https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/233cf163-745a-4c7d-bcca-3984cf9a7d37
by 5:00 p.m. (CST) December 15, 2023.