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**Government Alliance for Safe Communities Capacity Building Network for
Community Safety**

NOFO # 2762-2934

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

Friday, November 15 – Thursday, November 21, 2024

Question

What are examples of what is included in “contractual oversight”?

Answer

- Contractual oversight ensures compliance with grant terms, applicable laws, and ICJIA/GASC policies. This includes:
 - Operational Oversight by managing the centralized network for capacity building, including intake, referrals, and connecting CBOs to SMEs.
 - Compliance and Reporting through monitoring performance data, tracking milestones, and submitting regular reports to ICJIA.
 - Budget Management by overseeing funding allocations for CBOs and SMEs, ensuring expenses align with allowable costs.
 - Data and Impact Evaluation by ensuring robust data collection and analysis to measure program effectiveness and inform strategy adjustments.
 - Collaboration by working closely with ICJIA/GASC on strategic decisions and operational adjustments.

Question

Will nonprofit organizations in Cook County be expected to opt-in for services, or will they be required to participate in GASC services?

Answer

- Nonprofits will not be required to participate but are eligible to opt into the program. Per the NOFO, approximately 400+ eligible CBOs will receive capacity-building services. These organizations may include those:
 - Funded by GASC entities – City of Chicago, Cook County, IDHS and ICJIA.
 - Participating in initiatives like “Scaling Community Violence Intervention for a Safer Chicago.”
 - Newly identified as needing intensive capacity-building support.
- The Anchor, in collaboration with ICJIA/GASC, will prioritize and phase in eligible organizations for participation.

Question

Will a single GASC point person be responsible for managing the Anchor organization/relationship?

Answer

The NOFO outlines that ICJIA will act as the **contracting lead** and make key decisions in collaboration with the Anchor. ICJIA's designated staff member would likely serve as the main point of contact for managing the relationship and ensuring alignment with GASC's goals.

Question

I noticed that the budget template included in the NOFO packet doesn't include tabs for telecommunications, training, and education. Where should we list those expenses?

Answer


Please use the ICJIA Uniform Budget, which includes detailed tables for telecommunications training and education expenses.

Question

Can you please send the application to this email?

Answer

You can also download the [NOFO Packet Zip File](#) under the 'Required Documents' section.

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- Uniform State Grant Application
- Program Narrative
- Budget/Budget Narrative

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Question

The link to the NOFO Packet at [THIS](#) website for the Anchor position is not working. Can you please help me gain access?

Answer

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Friday, November 8 – Thursday, November 14, 2024

Question

Is there a way for a CBO to express interest in being a part of the GASC Capacity Building Network to receive support and capacity-building services?

Answer

Once the anchor organization is selected, there will be a formalized process for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to express interest in receiving support and capacity-building services. This process will make sure that all interested organizations have the opportunity to connect with the anchor organization and access the resources provided through the GASC Capacity Building Network.

We encourage everyone to stay connected for updates on the selection process and details about how to express interest in the network formally.

Question

I am with a 501c3 in Winnebago County, Rockford, IL. Can you confirm if our organization is eligible to apply for the (NOFO #2762-2934)?

Answer

This funding opportunity is to select an anchor organization primarily within the Cook County area that will help provide services to organizations throughout Illinois.

Friday, November 1 – Thursday, November 7, 2024

Question

Is this funding available for Macon County or only Cook County?

Answer

This funding opportunity is to select an anchor organization primarily within the Cook County area that will help to provide services to organizations throughout the state of Illinois.

Question

Which set of document requirements are correct re: program narrative: Is the page limit 25 or 15 pages? Is the font Arial or Times New Roman?

Answer

The Program Narrative may not exceed 15 pages, single spaced, with 1” margins. It must be written in Times New Roman, size 12 font.

Question

Does this RFP replace the RFQ for Capacity Building and Readiness (RFQ 2304-10031) issued earlier this year? If not, how will the selected Anchor coordinate work with organizations selected under the RFQ 2304-10031?

Answer

GASC RFP is designed to select an Anchor organization specifically for the Capacity Building Network and does **not** replace the County’s RFQ for Capacity Building and Readiness (RFQ 2304-100310).

Question

Is the County more interested in seeing a non-profit organization as the Anchor?

Answer

The NOFO does not specify a preference for a non-profit organization as the Anchor. All entities organized for business in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State are eligible to apply.

Question

The Award Period is stated as 12 month, January – December 2025 – please clarify the language on page 13/14

Answer

The award period is set from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. There is potential for additional funding after this period, contingent upon satisfactory performance and the availability of funds. The total funding period can extend up to 27 months.

Question

What percentage of grant funds does the County expect to be allocated for provision of services vs. program administration? Would services include anticipated amounts for SMEs?

Answer

The NOFO does not detail specific percentages for allocating grant funds between service provision and program administration. We recommend that applicants consider the scope of services and operational needs when developing their budgets.

Question

What is the target number of CBOs that County would like to receive services in 2025?

Answer

Approximately 400+ community-based organizations (CBOs) are eligible to receive capacity-building services and support through the Network.

Question

Are there plans to continue the GASC Anchor role and capacity building services after 2025?

Answer

There are currently no stated plans for the continuation of the GASC Anchor role and capacity-building services beyond 2025.

Question

If the County already has SME relationships for working with CBOS, please indicate which capacity building areas have no existing SME relationships.

Answer

At this time, there are no existing SME relationships currently working with CBOs. This presents an opportunity for the selected Anchor to establish new connections with SMEs as part of the capacity-building efforts.

Question

Do you know when the Technical Assistance video will be posted to the website?

Answer

The Technical Assistance video was posted. We encourage you to review it for additional insights on the application process.

Post Date – Thursday, 31, 2024

Question

Is the recently posted NOFO for Capacity Building for Community Violence only for orgs in Cook County, or does this reach throughout the state?

Answer

This NOFO seeks to identify a lead "anchor" organization within Cook County to guide capacity-building efforts supporting Community Violence Intervention (CVI) initiatives throughout Illinois. The selected organization will be instrumental in providing local agencies with the resources and expertise needed to improve and sustain CVI work statewide.

Question

Is this grant restricted to LEAs, or are other organizations allowed to apply? If so, what is the full list of allowed applicants?

Answer

The grant is open to all types of entities organized for business in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, for-profit or not-for-profit, provided they have been in good standing for the past three consecutive years

Question

What is the anticipated median award amount, and anticipated number of awards?

Answer

Under this NOFO, we anticipate awarding 1 award for a maximum of \$2.5 million for a 1-year performance period.

Question

What is the deadline for this NOFO?

Answer

The correct deadline for this opportunity is December 2nd at 2:00 pm CST

Question

What tool does the ICJIA use to define a non-profit organization's rating, as referenced in the policy statement linked under section D.6.g of the NOFO packet?

Answer

ICJIA uses Candid's GuideStar (<https://www.guidestar.org/>) to assess and define the rating of nonprofit organizations, as referenced in section D.6.g of the NOFO packet.