



Saving Lives Project Year 5 Request for Proposal Informational Call

Wednesday, October 5th, 2022

1 PM CT/2 PM ET



RFP Questions and Answers

Q: Is there a possibility that we apply and do not receive the funds?

A: No, you will receive the funds. We will not reject an application, but if there are activities that are unallowable or that don't align with the funding, we will be happy to work with you in revising the workplan to meet your needs and align with the funding goals and objectives.

Q: If you do not have a negotiated indirect cost could you do the 10% standard?

A: We could use last years negotiated cost rate. A 10% administrative rate will also work.

Q: With equipment, only items that are \$5,000 or more need prior approval? So, any equipment below that amount is ok if it relates to opioid project objectives?

A: Any single item of \$5,000 or more needs our funder approval from the CDC. Equipment below that amount, if included in the budget, directly related to the grant, and clearly defined in the workplan, will be approved.

Q: Can we support community programs related to substance use with the funds?

A: Yes, we encourage partnerships with community projects. We would recommend collecting data to track these activities and capture information around how the partnership(s) contributed to the project outcomes. Such data could include number of participants who attended meetings or events, the number of meetings or events, etc.

Q: We are trying to develop a harm reduction program that includes opioids and STI testing. Would we be able to use the funds for STI-related materials such as testing kits?

A: The funding is opioid-related, so if it can be connected directly in the workplan to opioid and overdose prevention, then it could be possible. The approval of such activities will likely depend on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the overall context of the program and how the specific activities

fit within that larger picture. We recommend including as much context as possible and clearly defining the connection in the workplan to increase the chance of it getting approved.

Q: If we have not had this grant for the four previous four years, can we still apply?

A: Yes, we treat every year of funding as a new cycle, so you can apply if you have not been a part of the program in the past. We welcome all applications and look forward to supporting communities we have not funded previously!