



Request for Proposal
Questions and Responses

Request for Proposal: Covid-19 Community Healthy Equity Response
Proposal Due Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 by 5:00 PM EST

1. Is our community health center ineligible to apply for this grant funding because we are in a neighborhood, which is not listed as a high priority neighborhood on page 1. Current wastewater data indicates Allston-Brighton has COVID rates above the Boston average.
 - a. *Any federally qualified community health center in Boston is eligible for this grant opportunity.*

2. On page 3 it says programs and services must serve "Boston individuals." Would you please clarify if that includes any patient seen.
 - a. *This piece of criteria is meant to indicate that Boston residents must benefit from the services used within the funds. If there are a mix of residents, majority of residents must be Boston based residents. For example, if your patient pool at your neighborhood location consists of 60% Chelsea residents and 40% Boston residents which received services supported by this grant, then majority of residents served are not Boston based.*

3. Please clarify if the \$200,000 cap is *inclusive* of any indirect costs?
 - a. *Correct, the maximum request amount is \$200,000 inclusive of indirect costs which cannot exceed 10%, unless you have a federally negotiated rate in place.*

4. The RFP states that indirect cost is capped at 10% of direct costs "unless your organization has a Federally Negotiated Rate Agreement." Since our organization does have a Federally Negotiated Rate, we are allowed to apply that?
 - a. *Yes- If you have a federally negotiated indirect rate please include that cost in your proposed budget. If you do not have a federally negotiated indirect rate you may request up to 10% of your budget for indirect costs.*

5. The RFP states that the contract will start on (or around) 3/1/23 with an end date of 1/31/24, which would make the project period 10 months. However, the budget limit guidance references a 12-month period. Could you please clarify? "Budgets should not exceed \$200,000 for the 12-month period."
 - a. *The Boston Public Health Commission Reserves the right to extend or shorten the contract of agreement with grantees and vendors. The anticipated start date of this grant is on or around March 1st, 2023. This start date may be extended due to unforeseen circumstances. The selected grantees are expected to fulfill a scope of work that exists for a 12-month period.*