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**1. Question**

**Are nonprofit outpatient clinics eligible for this funding opportunity?**

**Response:**

**Not-for-profit outpatient FQHC look-alikes and outpatients behavioral or substance abuse program are eligible for this opportunity.**

**2. Question**

**Do pharmacies qualify for this grant?**

**Response:**

**Pharmacies do not qualify for this program**

**3. Question**

**Greetings. We are writing to request an application for this grant.**

**Response:**

**There is no specific application template. Please refer to the RFA for guidance on this opportunity.**

**4. Question**

**What is the grant period for the HDPG and the deadline for spending any awarded funds?**

**Response:**

- a. The grant period is effective for Calendar year January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025.**
- b. All award dollars must be encumbered by December 31, 2025.**
- c. The anticipated award announcement will be in the month October 2022**
- d. DPH will work with the partners to develop contracts for funding.**
- e. Projects can begin after full execution of contracts.**
- f. DPH will strive to meet all contracting timelines in collaboration with our partners**

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5. Question

The Health Disparities and Prevention Grant RFP says that funds could be used for renovations, retrofits or repairs in a facility or space. Our question is: "If an applicant requests funds for a renovation to a building, does it need to own the building that it proposes to renovate?"

Response:

If the building is leased or rented and the responsibility to have the building ready for the program is the responsibility of the program, such funding can apply.

6. Question

Would a Fire Department qualify for this grant program to support the medical transport of mental/ substance abuse patients and Naloxone treatments?

Response:

If the fire department has a recognized/regulated substance abuse program, they are eligible to apply for the funding

7. Question

It states on page 3 that "It is important to note that funds spent on repairs conducting continuing, normal maintenance is not considered capital expenditures" but on page 6 it states that project eligible are "Enhance a facility or space, purchase equipment, build a new space, and complete renovations, retrofits, or repairs." Would structural reinforcements to a leaky roof be considered capital expenditures and covered under this grant.

Response

Structural reinforcement to a leaky roof is considered as capital improvement expenditure under renovation, retrofit or repairs and can be permissible under this funding subject to the provisions for section R1 page 6 of the RFA. However, applicant must demonstrate specifically how such capital improvement will strengthen one or more of the following for the community health center/mental health and substance use treatment providers, a) operations, b) effectiveness, c) accessibility and that such cost is not covered or budgeted for under other existing resources.

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8. Question

In addition, would re-grading a parking area and re-paving it due to drainage and slipping issues also be included under this grant? These are both safety issues that we have for our building impacting clients we serve.

Response

Structural reinforcement to a leaky roof is considered as capital improvement expenditure under renovation, retrofit or repairs and can be permissible under this funding subject to the provisions for section R1 page 6 of the RFA. However, applicant must demonstrate specifically how such capital improvement will strengthen one or more of the following for the community health center/mental health and substance use treatment providers, a) operations, b) effectiveness, c) accessibility and that such cost is not covered or budgeted for under other existing resources.

9. Question

Also, is there a specific date money from this grant need to be utilized?

Response:

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10. Question

Our institution is interested in submitting an application in response to the RFA recently released for the Health Disparities and Prevention Grant (HDPG) program. However, we are unsure if we are eligible based on the language in the RFA and legal notice. We are not an FQHC, or an FQHC look-alike. We do however provide inpatient and outpatient services to individuals who have one or more DSM disorder. Based on the definitions in the RFA, I believe we are considered a "Mental Health Treatment Provider" and are therefore eligible. Am I interpreting this correctly? Or do we need to be an FQHC/FQHC-look alike as well as a Mental Health Treatment Provider?

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**Response**

Entities with a specific mental health or substance treatment specific programs are eligible. Programs who have patients that have diagnosis that include a mental health diagnosis do not qualify unless the patients/clients are being treated in a specific program for mental health and substance treatment.

**11. Question**

I have several questions regarding the RFA on Health Disparities and Prevention Grant issued on Aug. 11, 2022: It's not clear what is required of an organization to be eligible to apply. On Page 7 of the RFA, under "S. Which Organizations Eligible to Apply?" it reads that the organizations are defined in Section B of this RFA; not sure what this is referencing.

**Response**

Refers to Attachment A section B of the RFA

**12. Question**

Does a behavioral health provider need to provide services that are funded by DMHAS?

**Response**

A provider does not have to be currently funded by DMHAS

**13. Question**

Do the capital expenses have to occur at the site where DMHAS-funded services are provided?

**Response**

No, the project does not have to be on a DMHAS funded site

**14. Question**

Can funds be used to build out a new facility?

**Response**

Yes, funds can be used to build out a new facility

**15. Question**

Are quotes of proposed expenditures required to be attached to the application?

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**Response**

Quotes will not be required with the application. Applicants may include quotes if the applicant deem that the quotes strengthen the application. If the application is funded, quotes maybe required in the contracting process.

**16. Question**

This funding is meant for capital projects as described on Page 3 of the RFA. On Page 6, projects eligible for funding include a description about increasing capacity of organizational outreach and education (#7). How does this relate to capital expenditures?

**Response**

Increasing capacity of the organization infers that the requested capital projects increase access to programming that will inform and provide services to populations with health disparities and educate on prevention and access

**17. Question**

On Page 6, #12 describes support for “infrastructure for dashboard development to identify disparities and develop optimized workflows and address and measure outcomes” as an eligible project. Does this include costs associated with vendors or contractors that perform technology-related services?

**Response:**

Yes, applicants may include vendor cost for capital projects that perform technology upgrades-related services that will enhance programming to address health disparities in FQHC’s and FQHC’s Look-Alikes, Behavioral Health & Substance Use programs.

**18. Question**

Could you provide more information on eligibility for the Health Disparities and Prevention Grant program? Section K. on page 4 states “Substance Use Treatment Facilities: Facilities that provide treatment and operate under the direction and control of Connecticut’s Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), or private facilities licensed and providing services under CGS Sections 19a-490 to 19a-503 as well as smaller community substance abuse providers.” Our agency contracts with DMHAS to provide Recovery House, Crisis Respite Services, AIDS Residence (co-occurring disorder diagnosis required) but is not licensed by the state. Would we be eligible to apply?

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Response:

All Behavioral Health and substance abuse programs can apply even if they are not under the DMHAS

19. Question

What is the anticipated award date?

Response

The anticipated award dates range from October 10, 2022, to October 29, 2022

20. Question

What is the timeline between the award and actual fund distribution?

Response

Fund distribution is anticipated to start in January 2023

21. Question

Is there a specific date by which you want funded projects to start?

Response

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22. Question

What is the preferred timeline for project implementation? Can current capital projects in-process (ground broken, shovel ready) prior to the award date be submitted? Or will pre-award costs be reimbursed?

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**23. Question**

**Will the awarded project be subject to additional requests or efforts from OPM and/or the Bond Commission (i.e., lien analysis)?**

**Response:**

**All award recipients may get additional questions from OPM**

**24.Question**

**May an organization submit proposals for more than one project? If so, are separate proposals required?**

**Response:**

**An organization may submit more than one project. The organization must submit separate applications**

**25. Question**

**Are FQHCs restricted to applying for that pool for FQHCs? If, like us, an FQHC provides MH/SU services, can it also apply in that pool?**

**Response**

**If an FQHC has an identified specific Mental Health or Substance Use program an application may be submitted for the program.**

**26.Question**

**Must Davis-Bacon wages or prevailing wages be paid?**

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**Response**

**Davis-Bacon Wages or prevailing wages are not required for this funding.**

**<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/act/pa/pdf/2021PA-00111-R00HB-06690-PA.pdf>**

**27. Question**

**For the \$10M for Behavioral Health Programs and Substance Use Treatment Programs, must the applicant be an FQHC or an FQHC Look-alike?**

**Response:**

**The \$10 million fund is for Behavioral Health and Substance Use Treatment Programs**

**28. Question**

**Will HDPG awards include any federal funding?**

**Response**

**The HDPG funding is all state funds. No Federal funds are included.**

**29. Question**

**Please provide a link to Section 13h of Public Act 21-111 as amended by Section 471 of Public Act 21-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes.**

**Response:**

**<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/act/pa/pdf/2021PA-00111-R00HB-06690-PA.pdf>**

**30. Question**

**May an applicant submit one or more separate applications? May the combined project budgets exceed \$500,000?**

**Response:**

**The applicant may submit more than one application. The combined projects may exceed \$500,000**

**31. Question**

**The RFP indicates on p. 9 that the narrative may be a maximum of ten (10) pages. May we add the following attachments to our application: budget and/or site map? Will any other attachments be permitted?**



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**Response:**

The applicant may submit budgets and site maps as attachments

**32. Questions**

On page 11 of the RFP, is question VIII asking about our experience with assessing and analyzing disparities in public health OR

Our experience with delivering services that meet those needs.

**Response:**

The question is specifically asking for the organizations experience with assessing and analyzing disparities and would expect in answering such the organization would discuss the delivery of services to meet such need.

**33. Question**

May we single space the RFP questions in our response? Or do the questions (like our responses) require double spacing also?

**Response**

All RFA written applications should be double line spaced as noted in Attachment (A) of the RFA

**34. Question**

On page 9 of the RFA, you state that complete applications include (I) a formal project narrative, (II) a complete budget, and (III) an overview of COVID-19 impacts with a description of how the project will address health disparities. Are the budget and COVID-19 overview intended to be separate from the project narrative? If so, in what format do you want the budget and the COVID-19 overview? Are there page limits for those items outside of the 10-page project narrative page limit?

**Response:**

The budget is a separate attachment and there is no template. The overview is part of the 10-page narrative

**35. Question**

Related to our previous question (Question 14), you list the application's required forms and information. These include the following:

The State of Connecticut, Nondiscrimination Certification, Form C

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The State of Connecticut, Acknowledgement of Contract Compliance and Monitoring Report, Notification to Bidders

Our two most recent single-state audits

Our written application, which is limited to 10 pages, “excluding necessary attachments”.

Do the “necessary attachments” refer to the budget and COVID-19 overview? Is there any order in which you want the application, forms, and audits ordered?

**Response:**

All items listed in your questions are attachments except the COVID 19 overview is part of the 10-page narrative.

**36. Question**

In reference to the subject, I am contacting you to determine if the Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor d/b/a St. Joseph’s Residence would qualify for the CT DPH Health Disparities and Prevention Program. In a review of the 8/11/2022 RFA, in Attachment A, General Application Guidelines, Section O of the Introduction, “The mission of the Connecticut DPH Office of Health Equity is to facilitate improvements in health care delivery and health outcomes to eliminate health disparities due to Race, Ethnicity, Age, Gender, Geography, and Socioeconomic status.” St. Joseph’s Residence is a 501(c)3 non-profit operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield, CT that provides a home and cares for the needs of the elderly poor. We serve all clients regardless of race or denomination and without expectation of their participation in religious activities. In the interest of providing for the ongoing health and wellness needs of our elderly residents, we would be interested in applying for any available funding opportunities under this program.

**Response:**

Any organization may apply if they operate a Behavioral Health or Substance Use program that addresses health disparities or Operates as a Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC) or FQHC Look-Alike.

**37. Question**

Attachment A, Section B, reads as follows:

What constitutes a complete application? To apply for a grant under this program, an applicant must provide all the following:

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A formal project narrative/written application submitted by the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, as outlined in Attachment A (General Application) of this RFA.

A complete budget explaining all expense line items for the duration of the project.

An overview of COVID-19 impacts and a detailed description of how the capital improvements will aid in addressing health disparities. Specifically explain how the capital improvement will strengthen one or more of the following for the community health center/mental health and substance use treatment providers, a) operations, b) effectiveness, c) accessibility.

Can you confirm that the answer to B III above is to be incorporated into our responses in the Project Narrative and which is a maximum of 10 pages? Please confirm that you are NOT looking for a response to B III outside of the ten-page Project Narrative.

#### **Response:**

The overview of the Covid19 impact should be included in the 10-page narrative. The Budget can be a separate attachment

#### **38. Question**

Please describe what is acceptable as attachments. It is clear that you want a detailed budget. Could we also include other attachments that help tell our story, such as a site map and a timeline with deliverables?

#### **Response:**

Applicants may include as attachments budgets and site maps. The timeline should be part of the narrative.

#### **39. Question**

If the proposer submits its annual Audit into the CT EARS system, do you still want us to attach the last 2 years of Audits with our submission? Alternatively, could we just indicate that the last two audits are in CT EARS?

#### **Response:**

Applicants are required to submit the last two audits regardless of prior submissions for consistency of application review

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**40. Question**

State of CT, Nondiscrimination Certification, Form C. If this is already uploaded to CT Source, do you still need another copy to accompany this application?

**Response**

**Applicant is encouraged to provide forms requested for consistency of application review**

**41. Question:**

Is the purchase of a vehicle an eligible expense for the Health Disparities and Prevention Grant?

**Response:**

**FQHC's and FQHC's Look-alikes, Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse may need a fleet of vehicles to provide services for patients/clients. These vehicles are considered capital expenditures, however, the costs associated with leasing vehicles are treated as operational expenses not capital.**

**42.Question**

Are individuals in private practice able to apply for this grant?

**Response**

**Applicants must be an FQHC or Look-Alike and or providing a program in the community for Behavioral Health and or Substance Use**

**43.Question**

We would like to use the HDPG funding to increase usable space at one of our substance abuse treatment clinics which will allow us to expand services. Currently, only about 50% of the total building square footage is used as the remaining space needs to be built out (subdivided into offices, group rooms, etc.). We currently have a long-term lease on the building (13 years). My question is the following, is this type of project eligible for funding for a leased space?

**Response**

**Yes, this type of project is eligible for funding**

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**44.Question**

Can an organization submit more than one proposal and if so, would both be considered?

**Response:**

**Yes, an organization can submit more than one application and both applications will be considered**

**45. Question**

If an applicant uses tables or footnotes within its application, do those tables or footnotes need to be double-spaced? Or can those be single-spaced?

**Response:**

**Footnotes can be single-spaced. Tables are recommended to be attachments**

**46. Question**

Does the building or site to be renovated have to be owned by the applicant?

**Response:**

**The building can be leased or rented. However, there must be validation by the lease or rental agreement that capital improvements are allowed for the purposes of FQHC's or FQHC's Look-Alike, Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Programming.**

**47. Question**

Can an applicant submit one application with two projects in it?

**Response:**

**Applicant is required to submit an application for each project**

**48. Question**

As stated in the RFA, "the HDPG will award capital bond funding as follows: (1) up to fifteen million in to FQHCs and FQHC "lookalikes" as defined in F & G under abbreviations and definitions of this RFA". Under the RFA funding limits, "Grant awards under this program shall be not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and not more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). "With 16 CT FQHCs and 1 CT FQHC Lookalike who can apply for a max of \$500,000, the total potential allocated amount is \$8.5M (16 FQHCs + 1 FQHC lookalike X \$500K=\$8.5M). How will the remaining funds from the \$15M FQHC/FQHC Lookalikes be expended?

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Response

FQHC may apply for more than one project.

49. Question

On page 10 of the RFA, it states, “the written application must answer all the questions below using the exact numbering configuration with the question stated and answer provided immediately following. “Because of the tight space requirements (10 pages, double-spaced), is it possible to shorten the questions in our proposal? For instance, question VII will take up approximately 14 lines due to double-spacing.

Response:

The questions can be single spaced

50. Question

On page 22 under Section 22: Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Prohibitions, the RFP says to see Attachment C. This form can be found on pages 31-32 of the RFP. Attachment C includes a form called “Campaign Contribution Certification”, which is not listed as a required attachment on page 11 of the RFP. Should the Campaign Contribution Certification form be submitted with our proposal or not?

Response:

The campaign contribution certification form does not need to be submitted with the application

51. Question

Are site maps included within the 10-page limit?

Response:

Site maps can be part of the attachments

52. Question

Is the budget included within the 10-page limit? Do you have a budget template we should use?

Response:

Budgets are attachments not included in the 10 pages. No templates will be provided.

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53. Question

If you are including the budget and site maps in the 10-page limit, would you consider expanding the page limit by a few pages? Our site map is two pages, and we fear that we might lose the ability to fully answer all required questions.

**Response:**

**The budgets and site maps may be submitted as attachments**

54. Question

Must the Work Plan and the Timeline be included in the narrative, within the 10-page limit, or can they be attachments?

**Response:**

**The Work plan and Timeline maybe submitted as attachments**

55. Question

May tables and footnotes be single spaced?

**Response:**

**Yes, tables and footnotes can be single spaced**

56. Questions

Narrative question VIII on p.11 is this: “What is the applying organization’s experience related to providing services to assess and analyze disparities in public health? Please describe in detail.” Could you expand on what this means? Is it a request specifically for information about our experience doing public health assessments? Or would any discussion about how we assess and analyze public health disparities be acceptable?

**Response:**

**The question is specifically asking for the organizations experience with assessing and analyzing disparities and would expect in answering such the organization would discuss the delivery of services to meet such need.**

57. Question

When will funding be available?

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**Response:**

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**58. Question**

Can expenses requested in the application go back to 7/1/2022?

**Responses**

Expense cannot go back to 7/1/2022

**59. Question**

May funds be used to complete a project which is already in process?

**Response:**

The project can identify a new part of an ongoing project. The funding cannot pay for cost prior to the award date and the contract date within DPH

**60. Question**

Can funds be used to pay off or down an existing mortgage?

**Response:**

Funds cannot be used to paydown on an existing mortgage

**61. Question**

May funds be used for 2 qualifying but different projects at 2 different locations operated by the same entity?

**Response:**

Yes, applicant can apply for two different projects



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62. Question

If ownership of the site to be renovated is not required, what kind of lease would be necessary?

Response

The building can be leased or rented. However, there must be validation by the lease or rental agreement that capital improvements are allowed. The lease or rental agreement must allow for the programming for FQHC's and FQHC's Look-Alikes, Behavioral Health and Substance Use.

63. Question

What is the anticipated timeframe/project duration for this grant? The milestone dates indicated in Attachment A state the grant awards will be announced on September 30, 2022, however there is no further timeline information provided.

Response

- a) The grant period is effective for Calendar year January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025.
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64. Question

Please clarify the reporting and/or outcome requirements under this grant.

Response

The applicants awarded bond funds will enter into a contract with DPH under the standard contracting guidelines with the State of Connecticut.

65. Question

Attachment A indicates the narrative should be a maximum of 10 pages. Please clarify whether the required budget, workplan, and site map are included in the 10-page limit.

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**Response**

**The applicant may submit budgets and site maps as attachments**

**66. Question**

**We respectfully request an extension on the deadline for submission of applications, to Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Response**

**We are unable to extend the deadline**

**67. Question**

**We are seeking funding to add 4-5 more beds to our current facility and to complete needed infrastructure repairs. Would the HDPG cover the costs to make these needed repairs, renovations and expansion of our Sober Living Home?**

**Response**

**The applicant may apply for the above infrastructure projects**

**68. Question**

**Are the dollars in this RFA traditional bond funds? Are there any requirements such as a depreciation schedule, equity requirements, multiple bids etc.?**

**Response**

**The application does not require depreciation schedules, equity requirements and multiple bid**

**69. Question**

**Does a building need to house a program that is DPH funded?**

**Response**

**The building does not need to house a program that is DPH funded**

**70. Question**

**Is it permissible to apply for funds in a building with DMHAS funded services that is not DPH licensed?**

**Response**

**Programs can apply that are not licensed by DPH**

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#### **71. Question**

**May we apply for funds in different buildings for projects that are not similar? For example, a roof in one building and window upgrades in another?**

#### **Response**

**Applicants may apply for more than one project within the organization**

#### **72. Question**

**The RFA mentions Budget and Budget Narrative. Is there any other financial information required (in addition to 2 years financial audit)?**

#### **Response**

**Only documents listed in the RFA are required**

#### **73. Question**

**Is it a requirement to have multiple bids on proposed projects and submit them with the proposal?**

#### **Response**

**It is not required to submit multiple bids with this application**

#### **74. Question**

**Does the applicant have to do an appraisal of the site of a proposed budget (to display equity = to or larger than the 'bond')?**

#### **Response**

**The applicant is not required to submit any appraisals**

#### **75. Question**

**What is the term of the bond? How long before it is fully forgiven?**

#### **Response**

**The funding will be dispensed as capital grants.**

#### **76. Question**

**Our request is to fund equipment which will be installed in a new building. For this application, do you expect we include the budget for the entire project of which the equipment is a small portion or a budget specific to our request?**

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**Response**

**The applicant should provide the budget specific to the request**

**77. Question**

On p.10 of the RFP it says that we are to state each question before giving the answer. May the statement of the question be single-spaced? I ask because some questions (e.g. question VII) are long.

**Response**

**The applicant may write the question single spaced**

**78. Question**

Page 5 of the RFP provides a definition of a mental health treatment provider as follows: "Mental Health Treatment Provider: Entities that provide inpatient or outpatient services to individuals who have one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", school based mental health programs, and community behavioral health programs, including those that address wellness. "My question is: Would the CT DPH consider providing capital funding for a summer camp program that provides community programs for youth that is operated by a licensed mental health treatment provider? The camp provides children with community building and social enrichment activities in an outdoor environment. Many of the children and their families who will be served by the camp struggle with immigration issues, incarcerated family members, gun violence, domestic violence, or child abuse and neglect. Children and their families will be referred to the mental health treatment provider for needed services.

**Response**

**The applicant may develop a program for screening services or mental services with referral and apply for funding for such program. The Funding can only be distributed for FQHC's and FQHC's Look-Alikes, Behavioral Health and Substance Use programs.**

**79. Question**

Section A.5 of the RFA indicates that the applicant must send an electronically signed application to this same email address. In Section G.4. however, it says that applications shall ONLY be submitted in writing to you, as well as in PDF format to the above email address. Could you clarify this for me? Is it supposed to be dual in

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writing to the physical Capitol Ave address AND in electronic format via email, and if not, is just electronic submission (PDF via email) acceptable?

**Response**

Applicants may submit an electronic version of the application with the electronic stamp for the time indicated in the RFA as the formal and accepted application to this email: [dph-healthequity.hdpgbond@ct.gov](mailto:dph-healthequity.hdpgbond@ct.gov)

**80. Question**

The link listed on page 11; G.4 instructs us to submit "as well as in a portable document file pdf to [dph-healthequity.hdpgbond.ct.gov](mailto:dph-healthequity.hdpgbond.ct.gov)." When I type that link into a browser it is not a valid URL. Please provide the correct information for PDF upload or transmission.

**Response**

Applicants may submit an electronic version of the application with an electronic stamp of the time indicated in the RFA as the formal and accepted application to this email: [dph-healthequity.hdpgbond@ct.gov](mailto:dph-healthequity.hdpgbond@ct.gov)

**81. Question**

Can an agency apply for more than one grant if they have more than one qualifying project?

**Response**

Yes, the applicant may apply for more than one project

a. If yes, can each grant application be up to \$500,000.00?

**Response**

Each project can be up to \$500,000

b. If yes, does the agency have to submit a different application for each project?

**Response**

The applicant must submit a separate application for each project

**82. Question**

Pg. 9 - A complete budget explaining all expense line items for the duration of the project. Can the funds be used as part of a larger project?

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**Response**

**The project can be part of a larger project**

**83. Question**

**Pg. 10 - D. Inquiry Procedures. All questions and answers will be compiled into a written amendment to this RFA.**

**Response**

**Correct**

**84. Question**

**Pg. 11 - b. Note: Formal written applications should be no more than 10 pages in length, excluding necessary attachments. Are applicants permitted to provide any additional attachments in addition to the required attachments: State of Connecticut, Nondiscrimination Certification, Form C, State of Connecticut, Acknowledgement of Contract Compliance and Monitoring Report and, Financial Audits.**

**Response**

**The items listed above can be submitted as attachments. Applicants are permitted to provide any additional attachments in addition to the required attachments**

**85. Question**

**Pg. 12& 13- K. RATING CRITERIA shall be those utilized in the selection process and, X. Evaluation Criteria (and Weights). applications meeting the Minimum Submission Requirements will be evaluated according to the established criteria. Can DPH please elaborate on the distinction and/or relationship between the Rating Criteria and Evaluation Criteria?**

**Response**

**All applications will be processed for the initial screening and rating criteria. If the application meets the screening and rating criteria the application will then move to the next step of the evaluation weighted criteria.**

**86. Question**

**Pg. 14 - XVI. Timeline to implementation. The applicant should provide a realistic project schedule or timeline that includes, but is not limited to, the amount of time needed to implement the proposed plan. Can DPH please indicate whether there is**

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any guidance on required “period of performance” (e.g. maximum number of project months from notice of award?).

**Response:**

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**87. Question**

**Pg. 16 - XIV. Leverages Other Funding** The applicant should indicate if the HDPG funds requested will help leverage other past or future proposed public or private funding to provide a larger positive health impact. These can include, but are not limited to, investments or financial commitments made by private, municipal, state, federal or non –governmental organizations. If an applicant organization has submitted a funding request to another funder but will not receive notification of the funding decision until early 2023, how should this be reflected in the proposal?

**Response**

Include the funding request from other funders in the application narrative

**88. Question**

**Pg. 31 - STATE OF CONNECTICUT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION.** Is this a required attachment as part of the proposal submission?

**Response**

The State of Connecticut Campaign Contribution Certification is not a required attachment for the application

**89. Question**

Is painting considered a capital expense?

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**Response**

Insufficient information to respond to this question. However, if paint is part of a larger project paint would apply.

**90. Question**

Are repairs an eligible expense?

**Response**

Renovations and retrofitting as part of a project that will provide services for FQHC's and Look-alikes, Behavioral Health and Substance abuse programs

**91. Question**

If we have possible site identified but not solidified yet to relocate to, would that be acceptable to put in the application?

**Response**

You may explain in the narrative

**92. Question**

Can we submit photos of property that needs renovation?

**Response**

Yes, you may submit photos within the attachments

**93. Question**

Could you please clarify intangible assets such as name recognition on Page 3?

**Response**

An example of an intangible asset can be a "name brand" that has an assessed value that can be used as collateral.

**94. Question**

What is the allowable timeframe for the project? Is it expected that the project be completed in a year's time frame?

**Response**

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