

## Implementing a Public Health Approach to Address Community Gun Violence:

### RFA Questions

- 1. Are current DPH Community Violence Intervention (CVI) grantees allowed to apply for this round of funding? If so, is it advised we apply in partnership with a municipality or other related agency in one of the regions we serve? (Hangtime, LLHD)**

Current DPH CVI grantees are eligible to apply for this RFA. Please refer to Section A. Introduction. Subsection 2 on page 4. The Department encourages FIP Offices, municipalities, LHDs, and 501(c)(3) corporations within the same municipality to work collaboratively to submit one (1) proposal that encompasses participation, partnership and input from all such parties, and will give preference to such proposals. Preference will also be given to proposals from entities that serve a Connecticut municipality or are a Connecticut municipality that is identified by the Department as having among the highest rates of gun violence (such municipalities are referred to herein as “High Rate Municipalities” and included in Section IX). Additionally, proposals submitted by an FIP Office, municipality or LHD will be given preference over proposals from 501(c)(3) corporations.

- 2. On page 36 it instructs us to complete a budget for each year of funding. Is that by State fiscal year – so one nine month budget for Sep 25-Jun 26 and a twelve month budget for Jul 26-Jun 27?**

Correct. Contracts for selected Proposers are estimated to begin on September 1, 2025. Funding Period 1 is September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and Funding Period 2 is July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

- 3. What is allowed for the Administrative and General Costs? Is there a percentage cap? Is it applied to all direct expenses or just salary expenses?**

The Administrative cap percentage is 15 % and includes salary expenses for the selected Proposers. Salary expenses for subcontractors under this proposal would not be included as an administrative cost. Please refer to Section C. Scope of Service Description. Subsection 7 on page 12.

- 4. What are prohibited expenses? There is a “Client Subsidies” line on the budget form – what are some examples of allowable client subsidies? Is food for community meetings and events allowed? Childcare?**

Prohibited expenses include capital expenditures as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-630 (4). Food and childcare may be allowable expenses to the extent the expenses support the proposed initiative of this RFA, which is addressing community gun violence.

**5. Can an organization take the lead if it is a 501(c)(3) that has programs to decrease gun violence but its mission isn't gun violence-related?**

The Department is seeking proposals from a) existing or developing local offices of Firearm Injury Prevention (FIP Offices); b) municipalities; c) local health districts (LHDs); and d) 501(c)(3) corporations with a mission of addressing community gun violence. The Department will consider all properly submitted proposals but preference will be given to Proposers whose mission is addressing gun violence. Additionally, proposals submitted by an FIP Office, municipality or LHD will be given preference over proposals from 501(c)(3) corporations.

The Department encourages Proposers to collaborate and submit joint proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that include Contractors and/or subcontractors whose mission is addressing gun violence.

**6. The \$75,000-\$1 million – is that annual or for the life of the grant?**

The amounts are annual amounts.

**7. Is the grant period really 9/1/25-6/30/27 or is this a typo?**

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