

**NYS Department of Health
Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention**

**Request for Applications #18300
Grants Gateway #DOH01-LHOI20-2020
Latino Health Outreach Initiative**

MODIFICATIONS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Modifications to the RFA

The following has been updated/modified in the RFA. Strike-through indicates deleted text; bold underlined text is new.

Section III. Project Narrative/Work Plan Outcomes

A. Overview

Funds received under this RFA will

- Support improvement upon **one or more** of the following, based on previously successful, evidence-based models or promising practices:
 - individual knowledge and behavior;
 - community knowledge and awareness;
 - health care provider knowledge and behavior;
 - partnership development;
 - organizational practice(s); and/or
 - policy.
- Expand the use and availability of culturally and linguistically appropriate health education and prevention efforts,
- Outreach to and actively engage Latino populations, **AND**
- Use community assets and strengths-based approaches including, but not limited to, peer-to-peer and/or mentorship frameworks.

Questions and Answers

Questions below were received by the deadline announced in the RFA. The NYSDOH is not responsible for any errors or misinterpretation of any questions received.

The responses to questions included herein are the official responses by the State to questions posted by potential bidders and are hereby incorporated into the RFA #18300. In the event of any conflict between the RFA and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

Question 1: I am reaching out to you on behalf on a non-profit organization within our district. I wanted to clarify if there would be only one grant awarded. Additionally, if so, is this open to any organization to fill out or is this meant for one specific organization?

Answer 1: As indicated in RFA Section I. Introduction (page 1), “It is anticipated that approximately \$110,250.00 will be available to support one (1) award . . . “ Further, any organization meeting the minimum criteria outlined in RFA Section II.A. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (page 1) is eligible to apply.

Question 2: Is it possible to focus on a specific age range, i.e. can we propose serving a youth Latino population?

Answer 2: As long as the population(s) of focus is/are Latinos living in one, or more, of the Minority Areas identified (per Attachment 2 of the RFA), an applicant can propose to focus efforts on a specific age range.

Question 3: My question is regarding eligibility. My reading indicates that LHDs are not eligible. Can you confirm that this is only for CBOs which are 501c3s or academic institution?

Question 4: Government entity can apply as well, per listing. Is that correct?

Question 5: Page 1 – II.A. – Is a not for profit Article 28 clinic(s) affiliated with a hospital system that is a not for profit organization eligible for this grant program?

Question 6: My question refers to the eligibility of a program run at the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Commack, NY. The program that we are seeking funds for is our Adult Day Care - Medical Model. The program serves the local Latino community and is offered six days a week. It includes health education, rehabilitation, nursing and medical care. Please confirm that an Adult Day Care Program – Medical Model, would be an appropriate applicant for this grant.

Question 7: Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like from India or Canada)

Answer 3-7: Per RFA Section II.A. Minimum Eligibility Requirements, applicants must: “Be a community-based, not-for-profit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and/or be an academic institution located in New York State.”

As such, only New York State community-based organizations (CBOs), not-for-profit organizations which are 501c3 designated or academic institutions and meet the other minimum eligibility criteria outlined in RFA Section II.A, may apply.

Question 8: Whether we need to come over there for meetings?

Answer 8: Physical attendance at meetings is not required but may be included in an applicant's budget should the applicant find it appropriate to support their proposed activities.

Question 9: Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA? (like, from India or Canada)

Answer 9: No. As indicated in RFA Section III.B. Populations to be Served: "Services must be provided for Latino populations Minority Areas (see Attachment 2)." This attachment provides a map of these communities in New York State.

Question 10: Would the funds provided in this award support a portion of the program staff's salary?

Answer 10: Salaries are approvable expenses. Applicants must comply with the Budget and Justification guidelines provided in RFA Section V.A.7. Budget with Justification (page 17) and Attachment 8 of the RFA.

Question 11: As Section III. Project Narrative/Work Plan Outcomes states, "Programs funded under this initiative will provide services to reduce system access barriers for Latino populations." As access to nutritious, affordable foods are one of the most prevalent barriers to stable health for underserved Latino populations in our community, can my organization apply for funding to support a program expansion that promotes healthy eating, such as a cooking demonstrations or nutrition education workshops?

Answer 11: Yes. As outlined in RFA Section III.A. Overview (page 2): "Funds received under this RFA will:

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- Use community assets and strengths-based approaches including, but not limited to, peer-to-peer and/or mentorship frameworks.”

Question 12: Can we submit the proposals via email?

Answer 12: No. Please refer to RFA Section IV.E. How to file an application for guidance. All applications must be submitted on line via the Grants Gateway.

Question 13: Page 2 III.A. Overview – are all activities stated in this section required to be implemented by the successful grantee?

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Answer 13: Yes, please refer to the RFA Modification at the beginning of this document.

Question 14: Is it the agency's thought that the provider would work state-wide? Or just cover a region or territory?

Answer 14: It is up to the applicant organization to determine the reach of the program. However, applicants must demonstrate how their program will impact Latino populations in PHL §240 Minority Areas (Attachment 2).