

CY 2010 RFA PRENATAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETING
JULY 8, 2009
10:00AM-12 NOON

Questions and Answers

Q-What do you mean by evidence based practice?

A-Either something that is proven by research or something that you can document as cause and effect, evaluation data reports.

Q-Is there a particular format you want us to use to reference literature and articles?

A-There is no required format. A reference list can be included in the Appendix.

Q-Are computer purchases allowable?

A-Computer costs will be considered based on how it fits the project. Laptops are being used commonly by outreach staff. Purchase of printers will be limited. Costs must be reasonable.

Q-Are indirect cost allowable?

A-There will be no award of indirect costs.

Q-Is it acceptable to use the on-line data provided by the Department of Health and Senior Services since it is more recent?

A-Yes, it is acceptable to use "Program Planning Data." Data and needs assessment should focus on access to prenatal care and reduction of low birth weight. The target areas that are identified in the RFA are most important.

Q-How does preconception, interconception and prenatal care overlap?

A-We see preconception, interconception and prenatal care as a continuum to improve the health of women and their families.

Q-Can grants be in the amount less than \$350,000?

A-Yes, grants can be less than \$350,000. Consider first year/one time program expenses and the need for salaries and fringe expenditure increases in year 2 and 3.

Q-Do we need to submit a three year budget?

A-No, submit a one-year budget.

Q-Is the budget justification part of the narrative?

A-No. Use the grant forms for the budget and justification.

Q-What do you mean by “Direct Services”?

A-Services provided to clients. Personnel costs for direct services can be included. We do not pay/reimburse for patient care services. Agencies can bill third party payors and use program income to cover more clients.

Q-Can a person be paid by part of another grant? Will this cause a problem?

A-Employees can only work 100% of their time. Personnel costs can include prorated time from multiple funding sources. Time would be prorated based on the percentage of time from each funding source. You need to show funds from other sources.

Q-Can we focus on continuous quality improvement?

A-Evaluation can only be 10% of the grant award.

Q-Do you prefer an independent evaluation?

A-That is a project decision. Consider your partners, colleges/universities in your target areas.

Q-Can we expand beyond the communities listed?

A-From the RFA, “The surrounding communities shall be included based on the identified objectives of the grant.”

Q-Will there be a PSA/Marketing Campaign like Post Partum Depression?

A-A separate marketing campaign is very expensive. We will be using the posters created for the Commissioner’s campaign, “A Healthy You = A Healthy Baby.”