



INDIANAPOLIS AFRICAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE



Round Three RFP

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Are organizations or fiscal sponsors who received funding in the first and second rounds eligible to apply, if they are requesting funding for another project not funded through IAAQLI previously?

Answer: Yes, organizations or fiscal sponsors can apply for current funding if the project is not the same as previously funded.

Question: Can an organization or fiscal sponsor submit more than one proposal, if they are for different projects?

Answer: Yes, applicants can submit more than one project proposal.

Question: Health and Wellness Mental Health: Will you accept applications that focus on utilizing both strategies per this focus area? Strategy #1—Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness and Improving Mental and Brain Health Awareness in the Black Community: Strategy #2—Increasing Access to Culturally Responsive Mental Health Services: Will deploying both strategies reduce our opportunity to be funded and do the work?

Answer: Yes, proposals can include two separate strategies and can indicate this within the application portal. Applications should clearly describe the different strategies, and the budget should align with the descriptions of each strategy. Proposals are eligible to apply for the total allocation for each strategy.

Question: The funding opportunity is for up to two years. If an organization is awarded funding is that funding divided by two years or will the funding be the same annually? For instance, if a program/project is awarded \$90,000, is that for the two years (\$45,000 per year) or annual for the two years (\$90,000 each year)?

Answer: Funding provided will be up to what is requested by the applicant within the application as long as it aligns with the total allocation allowable. For two-year projects, total allocations will be broken down into 2-year allocations. If the organization is granted \$90,000 for a proposed project, \$45,000 will be distributed in years 1-2, respectively. Proposals should include the full budget amount, and budget submission should breakdown the cost by year, totaling the full amount proposed (i.e., \$90,000).

Question: Allowable Usage List is different from a federal grant, so will there be direction on what is allowable and unallowable for grant usage?

Answer: Please refer to the RFP for allowable usage of funds.

Question: Is it possible to lead an application and be a sub-contractor on another grant application?

Answer: Yes, there is no disqualification for being an applicant and sub-contractor on a separate application.

Question: Can we be a fiscal agent and applicant for the same round?

Answer: Yes, a fiscal agent for one project proposal can submit a separate proposal. Each proposal should be a separate project.

Question: Under Eligible Uses on page 6 of the RFP, you state “Subsidies to ensure homeownership projects/programs are affordable to the buyer”. Can this Eligible use include using IAAQLI funding to capitalize 2nd mortgage loans to homebuyers purchasing a home? The 2nd mortgage loan would be at 0% interest for 30 years. Would the Eligible Use of Land or Building acquisition listed on page 6 of the RFP allow using IAAQLI funding to capitalize 2nd mortgage loans to homebuyers purchasing a home? The 2nd mortgage loan would be at 0% interest for 30 years.

Answer: Utilizing IAAQLI dollars to finance a 2nd mortgage loan program is not eligible for funding consideration for the 3rd round. Funding for this type of program may be considered for future rounds.

Question: Is this RFP more geared toward funding developers creating affordable housing?

Answer: The RFP details the targets for proposals.

Question: Would utilizing IAAQLI funding for the refinance of home loans into more affordable loan terms be eligible?

Answer: IAAQLI grant dollars to underwrite a mortgage refinancing program is not eligible category for funding consideration during this third round. However, IAAQLI would consider funding programs that help educate African American homeowners about different vehicles available to them to refinance their mortgage or otherwise make their mortgage payments more affordable. Preferred education programs should be able to make direct referrals to potential funding sources or provide such services within their own housing finance offerings.

Question: Will the size of an organization limit the amount approved? Our project is far-reaching and extensive, but it will require much more than our current budget.

Answer: IAAQLI recommends that any proposed budget not exceed the total revenue or current budget of the organization.

Question: Our project involves the extension of the work of a national nonprofit organization. Our project will serve the entire state of Indiana focusing on Indianapolis first. We are a small nonprofit organization, but we do impactful work. Can the national nonprofit organization serve as our fiscal agent?

Answer: A national non-profit may not serve as the fiscal sponsor for a project in Indianapolis. IAAQLI encourages local fiscal sponsors, and all funding must directly impact Black residents in Indianapolis.

Question: Employment: We noticed that transportation has been highlighted as a barrier, are we able to use funds to purchase a vehicle (van or bus) to transport our participants to their training?

Answer: Funding may be used to purchase vehicles. The cost of the vehicle should not be more than 15% of the overall budget proposal.

Question: Could you give a detailed example of what is considered "income maintenance"?

Answer: When employment or advancement is guaranteed after training, an internship, or apprenticeship, IAAQLI Income maintenance dollars could be used as stipends or wage replacement dollars to enable an individual to participate in that training, internship, apprenticeship or transition to a higher paying, career-oriented position AND maintain/fulfill their financial commitments to their family or independent living. The dollars expended for this purpose must be reasonable based on the overall grant and within the time frame of the maximum two-year grant period.

Question: Employment: Can we use funds for gift cards such as Walmart, Meijer, and Kroger to provide access to food, clothing, and other work/home needs?

Answer: Yes, grant funds can be used for incentives to keep participants in employment training programs. The project will need to describe a sustainability plan for any programming offered to participants, including gifts and other assistance provided to remove barriers to employment program participation.

Question: Employment: Some of our participants have criminal records outside of Indiana that require travel; would we be able to use the funding to help transport them to the state to take care of this matter?

Answer: Transportation is an allowable expense within a proposal. The cost of transportation should not be more than 10% of the proposed budget.

Question: Leadership and Civic Engagement: Grant strategy 2 of the grant talks about conflict resolution and implementing it in the community, is this more trauma-informed activity or are we addressing mental health and therapy?

Answer: The primary intent is to support programs providing education and training for individuals and groups to enhance their knowledge and skills for giving more people the tools to recognize, intervene in, and prevent interpersonal conflicts. This supports crisis intervention and education to promote behavior and attitudes to prevent conflict and trauma. Helping people self-manage to avoid conflicts or to diffuse potential conflict situations would be a desired outcome of what formal programs, services, or training might achieve. Avoiding more trauma caused by interpersonal conflicts, verbal or physical, or violence would be a goal. This is not intended to support long-term mental health counseling or therapy resulting from trauma or incidents of violence.

Question: Leadership and Civic Engagement: Could we use funds to create workshops or conferences on leadership and social justice?

Answer: Yes, funds can be used for workshops and conferences on leadership and social justice.

Question: Leadership and Civic Engagement: Is this grant also able to cover outside of the preferred age group? (ages: 10-15?)

Answer: The identified age within the RFP is the target population of funding. Projects that propose other age groups will not be eligible.

Question: We are interested in submitting multiple proposals for multiple RFP categories. Is it possible to submit different project proposals from the same nonprofit and still be considered?

Answer: Yes, organizations may submit multiple proposals for separate projects.

Still have questions? Reach out to IAAQLI at info@iaagli.org.

