



INDIANAPOLIS AFRICAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE



## Final Round Four (4)

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** If an organization has an open IAAQLI grant in a specific program area, such as employment, may they apply again in Round 4 for another grant focused on employment?

**Answer:** All current grantees in **good standing** are eligible to apply for funding in this round. Projects are required to be different or new from the previously funded project, unless a strong case is made for additional funding to support the same project with consecutive funding.

**Question:** Are organizations permitted to submit proposals under more than one category?

**Answer:** Yes, applicants may submit applications for more than one category or strategy of funding under any of the pillars. Proposals should align to the RFP's goals and objectives.

**Question:** Are previously funded programs that fit the criteria eligible to apply?

**Answer:** Previously funded programs are not eligible for additional funding. All programs must be new projects/programs.

**Question:** Is a current grantee eligible to submit for funding while the previous award is still active?

**Answer:** Yes, current grantees may submit for funding during an active project. The current project must be in good standing both in implementation and fiscal management.

**Question:** Is an organization able to submit two different applications for the same pillar?

**Answer:** Yes, an applicant may submit two different applications under the same pillar. The applications must be distinguishable from each other and align to the goals and objectives of the RFP under which the application is submitted.

**Question:** Is an organization able to apply for funding in more than one pillar?

**Answer:** Yes, applicants may submit applications for more than one category or strategy of funding under any of the and/or multiple pillars. Proposals should align to the RFP's goals and objectives.

**Question:** Are organizations discouraged or encouraged to apply in multiple pillars? We saw there was at least one case in which an organization received an award in two pillars in the same round.

**Answer:** IAAQLI will accept multiple applications under multiple pillars. This is a competitive process. Applicants must understand that they should submit their best applications forward for potential funding. Submitting multiple applications may be challenging to accomplish this in some cases.

**Question:** How does IAAQLI deem if a school is "traditional" vs. "nontraditional" when determining eligibility?

**Answer:** A traditional K–12 school typically follows a standard, classroom-based model of education where students progress through grade levels from kindergarten to 12th grade in a fixed sequence. These schools operate on a traditional academic calendar, usually from August to June, with classes held in-person during regular weekday hours. The curriculum is standardized and aligned with state education requirements, and instruction is primarily led by certified teachers in age-specific classrooms. Traditional schools are often governed by local school districts or private school boards.

In contrast, non-traditional K–12 schools offer alternative approaches to education that differ in structure, delivery, or philosophy. These schools may include online or hybrid learning models, experiential or project-based instruction, and flexible scheduling such as year-round or self-paced programs. Curriculum in non-traditional settings is often customized or theme-based, such as Montessori, STEM-focused, or arts-integrated approaches. Students may be grouped by skill level rather than age, and learning can occur in diverse environments beyond the traditional classroom, including virtual platforms, community spaces, or home settings. Examples of non-traditional schools include charter schools with innovative models, homeschool cooperatives, virtual academies, alternative schools for at-risk youth, and therapeutic or residential programs.

**Question:** If the primary or majority entities are nonprofit in a group proposal, will group proposals that also include one or more cross sector collaborations with a for profit entity still be considered?

**Answer:** Yes, we encourage collaborations across sectors as a direct goal of this work is to improve the ecosystem that supports Black residents. Funding must go directly to a 501c3 organization. However, identified partners may be for-profit organizations that serve a specific purpose and role in the project to accomplish the outlined goals and objectives. Subcontracts are allowable to for profit organizations.

**Question:** What is the maximum percentage of a program's total budget that the grant will fund?

**Answer:** 75%

**Question:** Will there be another round of funding?

**Answer:** This is the fourth and final round of funding for IAAQLI.