

Adult Protective Services Developmental Opportunities Application Questions and Responses

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Planning Grants

1. If we have already established an Interdisciplinary Team, will we still be awarded \$10,000?

Response: An existing Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) does qualify for funding provided that it meets all required elements outlined in Attachments 5 and 6.

2. Where do we get the form for the letter of attestation?

Response: The Letter of Attestation can be located within the Adult Protective Services Development Opportunities Application Packet; Attachment 3. This application packet is posted on-line can be located at <http://humanservices.ohio.gov/index.stm>.

3. Will the educational requirements of an APS Worker mirror those of the Children's services' worker? If so will there be a Grandfathering in process?

Response: The Ohio Human Services Training System (OHSTS) Steering Committee is currently working to update the APS Core training curricula. The number of required training hours, and the related policies and procedures have not yet been determined.

4. Could you please explain what a chief municipal peace officer is?

Response: A Chief Municipal Officer is the Chief of Police for each municipality in your county.

5. Reference the Adult Protective Services Development Opportunities Application Packet, Attachment 2, Page 5 of 8, Paragraph (C): Are (2) through (10) required to be part of the I Team or are they recommended to be part of the I Team?

Response: Attachment 2 is proposed language that is specific to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) not the I-Team. Page 5, Paragraph (C), discusses the individuals that you may have sign the MOU. Paragraph (B) designates all of the required entities for the MOU. This list is provided as a guide. The determination as to who should be a part of the I-Team should be based on the local community's needs.

6. Is there guidance on how the non-competitive funds can be utilized? IE: examples of what it can be used for, as well as guidance on what is not permitted.

Response: The list of activities that will not be considered for funding are identified in Item 9 of each grant application (Attachments 9 and 10 in the packet). The exclusions are: 1) Requests that supplant existing funding, including personnel costs; 2) Capital improvements; 3) Building a database.

Program Innovation Grant

1. During the webinar could you answer if you can make more than one grant request as long as it does not exceed the 100,000?

Response: Yes. A county may apply for up to two Program Innovation Grants: one as an individual county; and another as a part of a multi-county initiative. Each application may be awarded up to \$150,000.

2. Can you purchase I PADS with the innovation grant or is that considered capital gain.

Response: I PADS do not fall within any of the excluded categories listed under Item 9 of the applications.

Capacity Building Grants

No questions have been submitted to date.

Miscellaneous/General Questions

1. I just have a few questions about the grants in general. (A) The two main problems that we would solve with the grant money would be for our employees to be trained in AP CORE and (B) to hire a part time employee to specifically work on APS cases. I was just ensuring that I am filling out the correct grant because the Innovation and Building grant applications are very similar.

Response: (A) Information regarding funded statewide core training is located within the APS Workgroup Final Report page 12, section 4. The training will be coordinated through the OHSTS. This report is available on-line at <http://humanservices.ohio.gov/index.stm>.

(B) Grant funds cannot be used to supplant costs for existing staff positions. Funding to support additional staff is an allowable expense under the Capacity Building Grant provided that the proposal includes a sustainability plan that describes how staffing levels will be maintained following completion of the grant.

2. Can [Designated agency] write and submit the grant proposals or does the local DJFS have to do this?

Response: [Designated agency] staff may collaborate with the CDJFS to write the proposals; however [the designated agency] may not submit the proposal(s). Only the CDJFS may submit proposals to ODJFS.

3. If contract agencies can write and submit the grants, do you know of other contract agencies doing this?

Response: This is not permissible; please see above.

4. Will you email me a list of other APS contract agencies and counties in the state of Ohio?

Response: Yes. We can send you a list of other counties that have contract agencies.

5. We are a three county agency, how does this affect us?

Response: This question is still under review.

6. Will we be required to have 3 different MDT's due to the agencies that will be involved?

Response: This question is still under review.

7. Will this allow for 3 different grant opportunities?

Response: This question is still under review.

8. Do you know if we are able to start turning in activities for the benchmark awards yet?

Response: The application period for all planning grants (benchmark activities) began on 01/1/2015 and will continue through 11/14/2015.

9. Will we be e-mailed a copy of the webinar power point?

Response: A copy of the power point can be accessed through the Office of Families and Children's (OFC) website; under the "Reports, Plans and Presentations" button located at the bottom of the first column. The link to this location is: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/Reports-Plans-and-Presentations.stm>. In addition, a copy of the power point presentation was sent to all CDJFS Directors on January 15, 2015 by OFC Deputy Director Jennifer Justice.

10. What is the email address for the APS Mailbox?

Response: The APS Mailbox email address is APS_Mailbox@jfs.ohio.gov.

11. I was wondering if you recorded this webinar for further review?

Response: Yes, this webinar was recorded. You may access a copy of the recording at the OFC website: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/Reports-Plans-and-Presentations.stm> under "Reports, Plans and Presentations"; or the Office of Human Services Innovation website: <http://humanservices.ohio.gov/index.stm> (coming soon).

12. Can you provide the address for finding the Q&A?

Response: All questions and responses can be accessed at: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/Reports-Plans-and-Presentations.stm>.

13. Just needed some information. Any grant monies that are offered are they strictly for Adult Protective Services or can any other agency that deals with the elderly apply for these grants.

Response: Although you may involve community partners in your proposal and/or the proposal process; only the CDJFS is permitted to submit an application for any of the grants.

14. For the non-competitive and competitive funds, would the following ideas be considered permissible expenditures?

- A. Utility assistance
- B. Housing assistance
- C. Day Care for Adults
- D. Legal Representation for Adults ie: guardian ad litem for adults

Response: The planning grants are non-competitive. Once the allocations are issued, it is the county's responsibility identify the most appropriate use of funds that will build and/or enhance the county's capacity to meet core program requirements related to screening, investigation and services.

The Capacity Building and Program Innovation grants are both competitive. As a result, ODJFS is unable to provide guidance as to what may be included in an application for funding. It is recommended that counties review the key scoring criteria (page 4 of each grant application) for a list of the information that will be used to determine proposal scores.

15. The link for the application materials is for a .pdf file. Are the materials available in an enterable format?

Response: Yes. The Attestation Letter and planning process invoice are the only forms that are fillable. Copies of the fillable forms were sent to all CDJFS Directors on January 15, 2015 by OFC Deputy Director Jennifer Justice. The remaining forms provided are sample forms, and are not available as fillable forms.