

Risk Reduction Enhanced Response Pilot Program Questions and Answers

Question 1:

My question is in reference to IV. FUNDING, eligible and ineligible costs. Do I understand correctly that the required match can only be used toward those expenses that are identified in the list of eligible costs—salaries, training, travel, stipends? Any other costs that might be associated with the program—such as printing and relevant program supplies-- can't be considered a matching program expense?

Response:

Yes, the required match can only be used toward those expenses that are identified in the list of eligible costs. Ineligible costs as defined in the RFP are also ineligible for matching program commitments. From the RFP: "The use of matching funds is under the same State restrictions as awarded funds. Matching funds should be budgeted pursuant to the purposes listed above under "Eligible Costs"."

Eligible Costs

- Salary, overtime, and fringe for full time Program Coordinator
- Salary, overtime, and fringe for required Program partner staff as described in "Section 4. Collaboration"
- Training and consultant fees related to Program implementation and maintenance
- Travel related to integral parts of the Program and to OPDV-sponsored training events (OPDV will make programmatic staff available free of charge to the successful applicants for training purposes and will provide subject-matter specific trainings on law enforcement, domestic violence programming, community collaboration, and/or other topics as applicable)
- Stipends for required Program partner staff

Ineligible Costs

- Supplies
- Equipment
- Audit costs
- Insurance costs
- Space costs (mortgage, rent, utilities)
- Any and all costs that would be disallowed under New York State law including but not limited to costs outlined in the Office of the State Comptroller regulations and/or guidelines.

Question 2:

I write to confirm a few questions regarding the RRER Pilot Program RFP. Given the section on Eligibility – please confirm the following:

- Mileage is an ELIGIBLE expense -- per bullet 4, page 3: "Travel related to integral parts of the Program and to OPDV-sponsored training events"
- The Domestic Service Provider, as lead/grantee, is also considered a required team partner. Therefore, charging a certain percentages of salary for contributing DV is

ELIGIBLE expense. Statement top of p. 12: “Please note required partners include: DV Service Provider, etc.”

- We assume cell phones and computers are INELIGIBLE as start-up costs. If correct – can such items be counted as match?
- Lastly, can we apply our federally recognized indirect cost rate?

Response:

Yes, mileage is an eligible expense, as long as it is for travel related to integral parts of the Program and to OPDV-sponsored training events.

Yes, the Domestic Violence Service Provider is considered a team partner, and percentages of salary for positions contributing to the RRER Pilot Program is an eligible expense.

Cell phones and computers are ineligible as start-up costs, and may not be counted towards the match contributions. The use of matching funds is under the same budgetary restrictions as awarded funds. Matching funds should be budgeted pursuant to the purposes listed in Section IV under “Eligible Costs”.

Yes, you may apply using your federally recognized indirect cost rate.

Question 3:

Should Letters of Commitment be uploaded individually or as a single scanned document?

Response:

Please upload Letters of Commitment individually.

Question 4:

The YW in Schenectady has been part of the High Risk Team grant and currently operates a successful high risk grant. Would we be eligible to apply for the RRER funds to continue those efforts???

Response:

From Section IV Funding: “Funds will be used to augment, not supplant, existing programming in the Domestic Violence Service Provider organization (applicant) or in any identified Program partners’ agencies.” The YWCA in Schenectady may still apply, however must show that RRER Pilot Program funding would not supplant any existing funding currently used to support the existing High Risk Team in your city, or any of the YWCA’s other current domestic violence services. Programs may propose significant and distinct additions to an existing High Risk project, but such additions should be new to the program and separate from any prior initiatives in the applicant’s agency or in any partnered agencies. As a two year Pilot Program grant, these funds are primarily intended to investigate and demonstrate the feasibility and sustainability of a Risk Reduction Enhanced Response Program in various communities, and not as continued funding for an existing successful program.

Question 5:

In the RFP for the Risk Reduction Enhanced Response Program, it says to enter TBD in all boxes for the Work Plan. I was wondering how many objectives and tasks we should create? Also, should we enter TBD in the “Project Goal” section?

Response:

Please only create one objective and one task in which to enter “TBD”. And yes, please also enter “TBD” in the “Project Goal” section.

Question 6:

Does the RFP require a 20% (in-kind services or cash) match in addition to the 20% funding match?

Response:

No, the RFP only requires one 20% match. The 20% match (amounting to \$20,000) can be fulfilled with in-kind services or cash contributions.

Question 7:

Would an agency who had previously been funded by the High Risk Team grant through NYS be eligible to apply for these funds?

Response:

All Domestic Violence Service Providers licensed and/or approved by NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) are eligible to apply.