

NOFO Recipient TA Webinar Questions by Category

HRSA-25-063

Eligibility

1. **Are individual counties eligible to apply, even if they are included in those identified regions/areas?**

Answer: The eligibility criteria is outlined on page 7 of the NOFO. RWHAP Part A funded Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) or Transitional Grant Area (TGA) whose service area includes one or more of the identified 48 HIV high burden counties; and the EMAs of Washington, D.C. and San Juan, PR.

RWHAP Part B funded States/Territories identified as having a substantial rural HIV burden—Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Carolina.

The RWHAP Part B Program of the State of Ohio on behalf of Hamilton County.
Ryan White Part A EMAs and TGAs in those high HIV burden areas to apply.

Appendix A lists the eligible applicants.

2. **Are only the Eligible Metropolitan Area eligible to apply or can the HIV high burden counties listed apply as individual applicants?**

Answer: RWHAP Part A funded Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) or Transitional Grant Area (TGA) whose service area includes one or more of the identified 48 HIV high burden counties can apply. The individual counties may work with the EMA or TGA on developing the application.

Funding

3. **Will every area be funded?**

Answer: All priority areas within the EHE initiative will be funded. HRSA will fund some cities/counties together.

4. **Is there an expected amount or ceiling limit per jurisdiction?**

Answer: Jurisdictions are advised to request what is needed to implement the activities.

5. **Can you please clarify, do the award amounts indicated on slide 11 related to the entire 5 years or is that per year?**

Answer: We could only estimate for FY25. The range included is a guide. We provided a range with an upper bound. In case Congress provides more resources to us. Applicants are encouraged to ask for what you think you need for your program.

- 6. Are applicants required to apply for funding every year or is the awarded grant for the full five-year period?**

Answer: The HRSA-25-063 NOFO is for a five-year period of performance. Applicants are applying for five years. All funding is contingent upon appropriations from Congress.

- 7. Can you please expand on "share evaluation data and program outcomes with HRSA" under the collaboration and coordination section?**

Answer: Jurisdictions are expected to create an evaluation plan and share their data with their PO, during webinars, and/or at conferences.

Budget

- 8. Are applicants expected to submit a budget for each of the five years?**

Answer: Yes, applicants are expected to submit a budget for each year of the five-year period of performance.

- 9. Is there still a requirement to submit revised annual budgets for each fiscal year, when submitting the non-competing continuation report?**

Answer: Revised budgets will be required by the recipient upon release of the Notice of Award.

- 10. What is the main difference between the Application Guide, the Two-Tier Guide, and the R&R & Two-Tier Application Guide?**

Please reference the NOFO and SF-424 Application Guide, which is linked within the NOFO, when completing your application.

- 11. Should the budget for each year of the application be based on the ceiling for that specific year (e.g. FY2025" \$2.2M-\$16.7M and FY2029: \$4M-\$30.2M)? For the years in between, should the budget not exceed \$30.2M per year, or is \$30.2M the ceiling for the overall multi-year period?**

Answer: Jurisdictions are advised to request what is needed to implement the activities. The range is listed as a guide.

- 12. Regarding years 2-5 of the budget, should this just be on the SF-424A with a detailed budget narrative for year 1?**

Answer: The detailed budget narrative should be for the five-year period of performance.

- 13. It was mentioned that the budget should not exceed the ceiling. Please clarify on which funding ceiling should be strictly followed.**

Answer: Refer to the funding section of the NOFO, where the funding range listed for FY 2025 and FY 2029. The ceiling amount should not be exceeded per year.

Templates and Attachments

- 14. Is there a recommended template for the Project Narrative, Budget, Budget Narrative and Work Plan?**

Answer: Please refer to the Application contents and format section of the application on page 20 for the format.

According to the NOFO, in the Budget and budget narrative section on page 25, applicants should provide a program-specific line-item budget (Attachments 6 and 7) for each year of the five-year period of performance using the object class categories in the SF-424A and the following cost categories: (RWHAP Services, EHE Initiative Services and Infrastructure, Administration/Planning and Evaluation, and, if applicable, Clinical Quality Management (CQM)).

Please follow the direction provided in the NOFO, which is sufficient for the budget format. There are no recommended templates outside of the guidance provided in that section. Applicants have flexibility with developing the budget. We ask that the budget aligns with the corresponding cost categories.

Program Specific Items

- 15. Will the duration of a time an activity has been active be considered? For example, if a new activity was implemented late in year 4, will that be considered when showing the effectiveness of the activity?**

Answer: Applicants are asked to summarize the EHE activities within the first five years, including any year 4 activities.

- 16. For jurisdictions that have implemented two evidence-based interventions, should they plan for an additional two evidence-based interventions?**

Answer: Yes, the jurisdictions would not need to implement an additional two interventions but are encouraged to include other ideas if they have them.

- 17. Is there a list of emerging, evidence-informed and/or evidence-based interventions that we should select from, or do we have the liberty to select any?**

Answer: Applicants have the liberty to select the evidenced-informed and/or evidenced based interventions.

18. Should the populations of focus mirror those in the Part A application?

Answer: The population(s) of focus do not have to mirror those in the Part A application.

Application Format and Page Limits

19. Does the Project Abstract count towards the page limit?

Answer: The Project Abstract will NOT count towards that page limit.

20. Which attachments count towards the page limit?

Answer: Refer to the Application checklist in the NOFO on page 38, which outlines which attachments count towards the page limit and which ones do not.

21. Regarding the biographical sketches (Attachment 3), is that no more than two pages for each key position mentioned in the staffing plan? Or no more than two pages total?

Answer: Each biographical sketch should be no more than two pages.

22. Can we use any format for biographical sketches?

Answer: Each biographical sketch should be no more than two pages. There is no recommended format outside of the guidance provided in that section.

23. Is there any preference between MOUs and letters of support?

Answer: No, there is no preference between MOUs and letters of support.

24. Is there an agreements and compliance assurances page that is required?

Answer: No, those are not listed as a requirement.