

Tribal Solicitation Concept Paper Questions and Answers

Q1 If our facility is a start-up and we have not treated patients who have experienced a sexual assault, can we still apply?

Response: Yes, sometimes new facilities or programs are started because there is an important need for them. Let us know why you are starting a new program or a new facility and the need that it will be meeting.

Q2 Can the telemedicine equipment be moved from one location to a second location if two facilities are collaborating?

Response: No, the telemedicine carts would each need to be installed separately if two sites are collaborating. They would not be able to be moved back and forth between facilities.

Q3. Does it matter if two collaborating facilities are not owned by the same entity?

Response: No, as long as you can demonstrate how the two facilities can work collaboratively together and that you have the support of the administration of both facilities that is fine.

Q4. Can we collaborate with a second facility that also serves non-tribal members or members from another tribe?

Response: Yes, it is fine if non-tribal members or other tribal populations are served. The purpose of the solicitation is to serve a tribal population, however, so be sure that is the **primary population served**.

Q5. We have some trained SANEs, and also other clinicians who are not trained but also care for patients who have experienced a sexual assaults. Can they participate?

Response: Yes trained SANEs and other clinicians may participate in the telenursing services.

Q6. If we are a shelter and not a medical facility, can we submit a Concept Paper for this project?

Response: Yes, however, to be eligible to submit a Concept Paper for this opportunity, you will need to document that your facility performs sexual assault forensic examinations on a 24/7 basis and meet all criteria listed in the Concept Paper Announcement.

Q7. What does the application process involve?

Response: The protocol for this opportunity is a 2-step process: (1) Submission of the *Concept Paper* by the lead agency by March 7. (2) Following a review of the Concept Paper, selected

candidates will be notified by March 31, and invited to submit an *Application*. There may also be a telephone interview during the review of the Concept Paper.

Q8. Who will provide oversight?

Response: Oversight of the Project will be provided by the staff at the *National Sexual Assault TeleNursing Center at Newton Wellesley Hospital in Massachusetts*. The Center was created through an award from The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Q9. Will this project have to go through tribal approval first?

Response: Once the Concept Paper is reviewed, selected candidates will be invited to submit an Application. As part of the application process, if the *Lead Facility Applicant* is a non-tribal owned facility it would not need a tribal authority/resolution since it will receive funds directly from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. However, if the Lead Application Facility is a tribal owned facility, it would require one since the facility would need to request authorization from their tribe.

A *Tribal resolution, or equivalent legal enactment*, from the Tribe as part of the application should (1) authorize the applicant to submit an application on behalf of the federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and (2) state the Tribe's support for the project and its commitment to participate in the project if invited to apply. This resolution or equivalent legal enactment should be current, be sufficient to demonstrate authority for the application, and contain authorizing signature(s).

Q10. Is this grant available to California?

Response: Yes, applicants from all 50 states who meet the criteria stated in the Announcement are invited to submit a Concept Paper.

Q11. How do I prepare and format a Concept Paper?

Response: Pay careful attention to the list of information that we are asking for and make sure to include all the information in your Concept Paper. First, address your need for assistance in caring for patients who have experienced a sexual assault (SA), including collection of evidence. It will be helpful to use each of the nine (9) bullet points in the Announcement as headings in your paper. Address each bullet point as thoroughly as you can. Please do not submit any attachments with your Concept Paper. If there are additional questions, contact Dr. Christine Murphy via email: christine.murphy@state.ma.us

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