

**Department of Health & Human Services
Evidence-Based or Capacity Building Primary or Secondary
Prevention Public Health Projects**

PHHS Prevention Projects RFA Questions and Responses

December 4, 2015

Question: Our organization sub-contracted with another organization that received PHHS Block Grant funding last year. That organization did not meet reporting deadlines or follow directions regarding invoicing and providing documentation for payment. Will their noncompliance reflect on us if we apply separately from them this year?

Answer: DHHS does take into account our history with an organization as we review grants. That is one of many elements in the review process. DHHS's standard sub-award language places responsibility for overall grant performance (including work of any sub-contractors) with the organization with which DHHS engages in the written agreement. As you describe your situation, you were a sub-contractor. Any noncompliance with DHHS reporting requirements would be the responsibility of and reflect upon the organization with which you sub-contracted.

November 25, 2015

Question: Is DHHS looking for applications building on existing work or for applications for new projects?

Answer: Whether a project builds on existing work or is a new project (or both) is up to the applicant agency/organization. Applicants are in a position to know what is needed in their community and what evidence-based or best practice project(s) best address the need. Applicants are encouraged to describe the project/intervention they chose and the rationale for that choice.

Question: If we write our application not focusing on the data described in the Healthy People 2020 "Data Details," does our application get rejected?

Answer: Applications will not be rejected for not focusing on the Healthy People 2020 "Data Details" section of the chosen objective. The data provided there is national and general in scope. What is important is that applicants focus on the need in Nebraska and data regarding the health issue/problem in Nebraska. What is the need, how do we know there's a need, how does your proposed project address the need, and how will you know that your project has addressed the need/made a difference?

November 20, 2015

Question: Our organization is receiving PHHS Block Grant funding for a project. The funding is administered through a different unit within the state's Division of Public Health

but is originally PHHS funding. We would like to apply for an Evidence-Based or Capacity-Building Primary or Secondary Prevention Public Health Project award to enhance the work already being funded. Is it acceptable to do that?

Answer: Agencies or organizations already receiving a PHHS sub-award (such as you describe) must clearly show how these funds will enhance—and not duplicate—funds already being received. In your Project Narrative, describe how these funds will be used in a way that is different from or that enhances the work already being funded. In your Budget Justification, explain the relationship between the proposed project and any current efforts supported by PHHS funding and/or other funding previously acquired by your agency/organization.

Question: Our organization is a statewide organization. How do we address the requirement that our project fit with or address our community health improvement plan?

Answer: Statewide organizations will want to show that their project addresses or fits within the state health improvement plan. Information about the Nebraska State Health Improvement Plan can be found [here](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/puh_oph.aspx) (click on hyperlink) or at this web address: http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/puh_oph.aspx Note on your Cover Sheet and Project Narrative that you are a statewide organization and therefore addressing state health improvement plan goals.

Question: How does our organization choose the correct Healthy People 2020 Objective to address?

Answer: Choose the Healthy People 2020 Objective that you feel most directly relates to the project you are proposing. In your Project Narrative, briefly address the reason or reasons you chose that particular HP2020 Objective.

Question: The project we are proposing does not appear within the Evidence-Based Resources in the link provided in the RFA. Can we still submit an application?

Answer: Your project may not appear within the Evidence-Based Resources in the link provided in the RFA. That is one resource you may use. Please address the research or best practice guide/resource that you used in choosing your project in your Cover Sheet description and Project Narrative.