WASPC Response to Applicant Inquiries

Inquiries due 5/20/2020

Response due 5/27/2020 by 3:00 PM PST

Questions from a County law enforcement agency that currently has similar funding from WASPC:

Will it affect future funding for our current grant if awarded? Or it [will it be] "in addition to" [current WASPC funding?]

- No. This funding will have no impact on other funding sources awarded funding through WASPC. It is also not a guarantee that either funding source will be renewed.
- Arrest and Jail Alternative funding is issued in addition to any other funding made available to your agency.
- It should be noted that the Legislature has been clear in their intent to have the Arrest and Jail Alternatives grant program, be "separate and distinct" from the Mental health Field Response grant program. Any agency holding both grant will be expected to have a clear plan to articulate the difference between the two programs and the clients being served by each.

Can the funds be utilized to supplement our current program with a targeted area "i.e. city of [redacted]" and case management for high utilizers?

- The legislature was clear in its direction that funding for proposals under this program be separate and distinct from any grants awarded fund under WASPC's Mental Health Field Response Grant Program. To be considered, any application must include information on how the applicant agency intends to maintain this separation. Successful applicants have done this by segregating the two client service populations and coordinating a "hand-off" from one program to another for clients.
- For programs that operate in cross-jurisdictional settings, we would expect to see letters of support from all jurisdictions involved in the effort.

With the funding can we include vehicle, uniform, training, travel to [fully] cover the FTE position.

- WASPC will not support the purchasing of a vehicle. We will support the lease expense of a vehicle during the time it is being used by the program's staff members.
- Uniform, travel, and other personnel related costs may be billed to the grant.
- Each agency must provide \$2,000 in training funds per person in their budget. These training funds must be made available for every person listed as staff in the grant who has or may have meaningful contact with program participants.

Questions from a mental health services provider:

Is there a page limit for proposals, or specific requirements for length of sections in the program narrative?

- No, there are no requirements for the length of the narrative sections.
- We encourage programs to be as detailed as they wish, with the understanding that this is their opportunity to set their program apart from other applicant's programs.

Is there a specific budget format you would like to see for the worksheet and/or budget narrative?

- Yes, there is a specific format.
- The requested format can be located in the solicitation, on the "Budget Worksheet" page. A link to the document can also be found here.