

February 10, 2022 GCDD Applicants Conference - Questions and Answers

General Questions:

Question: Can you say a little more about match vs. poverty match. Is it if the organization is located in a poverty area they use the poverty match percentage? Or if the work will be done in a poverty area? Also, should we use the American Community Survey to get this information or another source?

Answer: GCDD determines the match amount for the grant. It is not necessary to do any additional calculations or research to determine the match amount. The required match is listed at the top of each NoFA announcement. In exceptional cases a match is not required and will be listed as \$0.00 on the NoFA.

Generally, the Financial Proposal/Budget will provide a 25% match (standard rate in-kind funds) or 10% match (standard poverty rate in-kind funds) to augment the federal grant. The match may be in the form of matching dollars, and/or in-kind costs, on an annual basis. Match funds must be documented by reporting In-Kind costs for each reporting period in DD Suite.

Project Questions:

22SC7: Stronger Together- HCBS Coalition

Question: In listing collaborations in the Application Setup portion, does this commit shared funding to these agencies as well, or will our organization be the sole recipient and administrator of the \$100,000 funding?

Answer: Your organization will be the sole recipient and administrator of the funding. You will be expected to have the staff capacity to oversee the objectives and activities of the project to ensure successful completion.

Question: Do collaborators listed need to have a formal MOU at the time of application submission, or are partnerships currently in development appropriate to list?

Answer: Partnerships currently in development are appropriate to list. The application will be strengthened by MOUs with the understanding that there are committed partner organizations already willing to participate; however, MOUs are not required to be considered for the grant.

22PR2: Storytelling Project

Question: In DD Suite, under Application, Outline, Section 5. It talks about possibly engaging an outside vendor for evaluations, I just wanted to check with you that this is correct and to ask if GCDD has a preferred vendor for evaluation? I see that GSU has a [Center for Evaluation and Research Services](#), would this be an acceptable entity to engage with? Is it ok to not engage an outside evaluator and do an internal evaluation? If this is the case, are we to allocate 5% of the project to this internal evaluation?

Answer: Evaluation can be conducted internally or externally, provided at least 5% of the budget is devoted to these activities. GCDD does not have preferred vendors and does indeed recognize GSU's Center for Evaluation and Research Studies as an appropriate potential partner.