

Questions from the Opioid Bidder's Conference 7/09/2019.

Total funding amount \$10 million provided by the USDOL to support this grant with no state funds.

1. Do the goals have to fall in line for WIOA performance?

Yes.

2. Do you have a cost for participant?

WorkForce projected that a nearly \$8.4 million expenditure for participants wages and benefits. This is the amount that was submitted to USDOL.

3. Can I apply for more than one region to serve, a specific region, or does it have to be statewide?

Bidders can apply for (a) specific region(s) you want to serve or can apply to serve statewide.

4. Can you clarify if we are applying for 1 year or 3 years as a Project Operator for this grant?

Bidders will be applying for 3 years

5. There are 300 participants in the RFP that must take advantage of ITA's?

Yes, at least 300 participants must be referred for ITA's. Participants may be co-enrolled in temporary employment and training activities, they may occur concurrently, or one may occur prior to the other, however participants would be counted under both activities.

6. Is there a set ITA amount?

No.

7. What is the average ITA amount for the regions?

The ITA's will be written by the region. The amounts will be determined by the regional policies.

8. How do we determinate how to divide out the population?

Huntington Area - 31, Charleston Area - 31, Beckley - 28, Bluefield - 31, Parkersburg - 28, Martinsburg - 28, Morgantown - 29, and Wheeling - 28 for the temporary workers. The ITA's were not divided out by population within the grant award.

9. Do the participants have to be affected by just Opioids, or can it be other substances such as alcohol, tobacco, etc.?

Any substance use disorder.

10. If someone is receiving disability for substance abuse would they qualify?

They would have to answer the Opioid question yes, then each participant must be WIOA eligible.

11. If there is a statewide Project Operator could they have their own procedure to get into training or would they follow the regional procedure to get into training?

The Project Operators policy would supersede the regional policy.

12. How would a participant self-attest since data-validation requires proof?

A generic form stating the participant self-attests that they, a friend, or any member of their family has a history of opioid use could be made and signed by the participant to be placed in the participants file to show that they meet the eligibility criteria.