

Questions from the Opioid Bidder's Conference 9/05/2019.

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

1. Where do we place temporary workers?

That would be up to the Project Operator. The location would need to be justified.

2. Does the project operator have to be a non-profit?

No

3. Can I apply for more than one region to serve?

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

4. Can you place peer recovery coaches in high schools?

Yes, as long as you can justify the location.

5. Will the WIOA eligibility responsibility will fall on the local office(s)?

That is the thought, but the process can be worked out by the Project Operator and the local office(s).

6. What providers can be used for training?

Those on the approved training provider list in the MACC.

7. Can you please provide clarification on the occupations in which participants can train in for the two populations we would be serving?

Individuals Impacted by Opioids can train in any in demand occupation. Dislocated workers and/or long-term unemployed individuals who do not claim to have been impacted by the opioid crisis can train only in mental health, addiction, pain management occupations.

8. Do participants have to come from the counties in the region served?

Participants must reside in or receive any services associated with treatment within the region served.

9. What does it mean by apprenticeship on page 17?

Going into training for a field. For example, a Peer Recovery coach.

10. How long is temporary work?

A participant may hold a temporary job for no longer than 12 months or 2,080 hours.

11. Are payments reimbursable such as startup cost?

No, startup costs will not be permissible at this point.

12. The RFP says training must be in the state, so can training be online?

Yes, as long as they are on the approved training provider list.

13. Can training be outside of the state of WV? (The money would be flowing outside the state of WV)

Yes, as long as they are on the approved training provider list.

14. What if the training was outside the state of WV, but was a part of the organization placing the bid?

They could be a part of the organization, as long as they were on the approved training provider list.

15. Where are the Peer Recovery Coach classes?

We don't have a list of where they are all located, but you could reach out to DHHR to or local Recovery Center within that region get a list.

16. If they say yes to "Do you, a friend, or any member of your family have a history of opioid use?" that means they are an Individuals Impacted by Opioids?

Yes, but they also have to be WIOA eligible.

17. What is WIOA eligibility?

The eligibility criteria for the participants under this grant will follow TEG 4-18: Dislocated Workers under Section 3 (15) of WIOA, individuals who are permanently or temporarily laid-off because of the opioid crisis, long-term unemployed individuals, self-employed individuals who are unemployed or underemployed because of the opioid crisis.

18. How do we determine how to divide out the number of participants to be served in each region?

Huntington area - 31, Beckley area - 28, Bluefield area - 31, Wheeling area - 28 for the temporary workers. The ITA's were not divided out by population within the grant award.

19. How do you obtain the lobbying, etc. documents required?

They are located on the website.