



Amendment 0015 for the NOFO APS No: 95332418N0002

NOFO APS Name: “PARTNERSHIPS with MCC Program”

The purpose of Amendment 0015 is to provide responses to the questions for the technical area #9 “Women’s Economic Empowerment Partnerships” submitted by email.

I. The key highlights for the WEE technical area are:

Concept Papers for Phase I are due on September 27, 2018 at 2.00 pm EST

ESTIMATED FUNDING AND NUMBER OF AWARDS

Technical area #9: Women’s Economic Empowerment Partnerships - \$100,000 - \$300,000 per award. Required cost share contributions – minimum 25%

All applicants are required to use the following email addresses for submitting WEE applications:

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jonesbm@mcc.gov

DO NOT submit your application through www.grants.gov

II. TECHNICAL AREA #9 Women’s Economic Empowerment Partnerships.

The responses to the questions via an email are:

1. Does the WEE program supports women's demand for financial services, ways in which women's financial inclusion can support women's economic empowerment and women's economic empowerment in the context of the digital economy?

A – Please see the WEE program description on the Amendment 0012 where “Women’s Financial Inclusion” is one of three areas for consideration.

2. Is there a link to the webinar that walked through this APS?

A – There is no link to the webinar, but the power point and responses to the previous questions are posted here: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=298597>

3. Is it possible for a UN agency to apply to WEE APS announcement?

A – MCC has not envisioned UN agencies to apply to this program as a prime applicant but if interested in partnering on frameworks and tools, they are welcome to apply.

4. Where I can find the application form? Do you have a specific template for the concept note?

A – please see the original NOFO APS announcement, in Section D Application and Submission information, Part IV you will find instructions for the Phase I application.

5. Should a budget figure should be indicated within the proposal?

A – Yes, please provide high-level budget information, including cost share and leverage.

6. Are you considering partners who can assist in research and design?

A – Yes, please see the WEE announcement program description in amendment 0012.

7. Are you considering working with individuals?

A – No.

8. Is there any additional information that you can provide?

A – All available information can be found here: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=298597>

9. What is the maximum amount per country? And per partner in a country? Per partner overall?

A – The budget is limited to the announced range for the WEE technical area of \$100,000 - \$300,000 per one application.

10. Can we apply for multiple countries? Do we have to submit proposals for individual country proposals or can we submit one proposal for multiple countries? Can we do regional economic bloc proposal for multiple countries like (WAEMU countries / Indian Ocean countries / EAC / east Africa regional proposal)?

A – MCC is looking for tools and approaches that can support our work in multiple countries.

11. Can you provide any guidelines on ownership/IP guidelines on any co-created documents or tools? Will all partners retain rights to any co-created material?

A – please see amendment 4 for the APS also review 2 CFR 200 for the intellectual property regulations.

12. On page 35 of the APS document, Section 6 (Evidence of Responsibility), it says “part 1 only.” Should this say “part 2”?

*A – please read further into the document: “EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY (PART I ONLY) The **cost/business application for Phase II** should also include evidence of responsibility that the MCC Agreement Officer can use to determine that the Applicant: ... ”*

13. The last page of the amendment says, “Concept Papers for all technical areas are due on November 8, 2018.” What is this in reference to?

A - This deadline is not applicable to the WEE technical area, which has a discrete deadline of September 27.

14. In amendment 14, the estimated funding notes \$100K to \$300K per award. Is this per award per year or total for all proposed years?

A - Per award total costs.

15. If the response to #1 is that the estimated funding would be for the full period of performance, are applicants still eligible for consideration if they exceed that amount – knowing they’d have to justify the costs?

A – The applicants may propose cost share or leverage to fill in the gap funding proposed if higher than \$300,000 threshold.

16. Would MCC consider a partnership with a multilateral, such as the World Bank, under this NOFO?
A – Working in collaboration with a multilateral is fine, WB may be also be proposed as cost share under the application. MCC had not envisioned multilaterals to apply to this program as a prime applicant but if interested in partnering on frameworks and tools, they are welcome to apply.

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