

Questions and Answers for
Improving State Procedures to Counter GBV
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Question #1:

Are all states mentioned in the project description mandatory or we can choose between them?

Priority Region/Countries: The project is to be implemented in Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Zacatecas, Jalisco, Guanajuato, Michoacan, Guerrero, and/or Quintana Roo, and/or other states, as recommended by INL.

INL Response #1:

Applications should include a proposal of the number of states the applicant is able to implement the project during the initial period of performance. Applicants may propose the states in which to implement, but the final selection of states will be determined jointly with INL after award.

Question #2:

In case of obtaining the grant, can the NGO prime give a subgrantee to another company whose partner members are the same as the partner members of the NGO prime organization to which the grant was awarded?

INL Response #2:

We cannot allow for a prime recipient to select a subgrantee in which the prime and sub have the same partner members. It presents the possibility of overlapping of funds (a.k.a. double-dipping) and conflict of interest.

Question #3:

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Required Element: Proposals must include a plan and timeline to complete an impact evaluation of the prior to the end of the period of performance.

Does this imply that the proposed project must include, as part of its activities and budget, the production of the impact evaluation? An impact evaluation (especially if control and treatment groups are needed) would likely take up a significant fraction of the budget.

Would the evaluation be conducted by the proponent, or by a third party?

Does INL have specific technical requirements for the evaluation (e.g., having treatment and control groups, acceptable statistical treatments, etc.), or should this be proposed by the interested organization?

INL Response #3:

Yes, the proposed project must include, as part of its activities and budget, the production of the impact evaluation. It is up to the applicant to determine who should conduct the impact evaluation and the technical requirements for the evaluation.

Question #4:

Page 7 states:

As this NOFO permits multiple awards, INL encourages all applicants (including small and large organizations) to submit proposals with costs that are closer to the funding floor or less than the funding ceiling, as stated in the application cover page.

Can you confirm if INL intends to fund several proposals adding up to the total funding ceiling? We feel that successful work on the topic of GBV implies deep work with several institutions in any state, which might complicate preparing effective proposals if they are relatively small in scope, budget and geography.

INL Response #4:

INL will fund the project that can achieve a greater impact by complying with what is established in this NOFO. This can be one or multiple awards.