

Frequently Asked Questions

Regarding

Funding Opportunity Announcement # DHS-21-CISA-127-CWDT001 Week of July 26, 2021

Question #1: When submitting an application, is there a maximum dollar amount that my budget cannot exceed?

Answer: A: Yes. Applicants can submit budgets in any amount, however, the budget cannot exceed the maximum award funding limit of \$2,000,000. Application budgets in excess of \$2,000,000 will not be considered for further review. *See Section C.2.f. Funding Limits.*

Question #2: Who are the eligible applicants?

Answer: Eligible applicants are non-profits with and without 501(c)(3) status, however, they must not be institutions of higher education. *See Section C.1. Eligible Applicants.*

Question #3: Are institutions of higher education excluded from applying?

Answer: Yes. Eligible applicants must be non-profits with or without 501(c)(3) status. However, they must not be institutions of higher education. *See Section C.1. Eligible Applicants.*

Question #4: What is an underserved community?

Answer: As defined in the NOFO, examples of underserved communities are women, people with different physical and cognitive abilities, indigenous, rural, LGBTQ+, and racial/ethnic minorities. *See Section C.2.a. Target Community.*

Question #5: If there are two awards, is the maximum award for each recipient still \$2,000,000?

Answer: No, the maximum total award is \$2,000,000. Applicants are encouraged to submit budgets that reflect meeting all of the expected outcomes set forth in the NOFO. *See Section D.12. Budget Narrative.*

Question #6: Is the maximum funding level \$2,000,000 for 36 months or \$2,000,000 per year for 36 months?

Answer: Applicants should submit budgets reflecting a funding level of up to \$2,000,000 for 36 months, not \$2,000,000 per year for 36 months. *See Section D.12. Budget Narrative.*

Question #7: What are the start and the end dates for the projected period of performance?

Answer: The projected period of performance is as follows: 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2024. *See Sections B.4. and B.5. Projected Period of Performance.*

Question #8: What are cybersecurity apprenticeships and how do they differ from internships?

Answer: Non-traditional technical training providers (NTTPs) are entities that actively provide cybersecurity training, internships, apprenticeships, and/or other hands-on exposure

to meets the dynamic needs the cybersecurity workplace. For the purpose of this NOFO, an apprenticeship includes hands-on cybersecurity activities and experiences to meet the dynamic needs of for entry-level cybersecurity job. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide a thorough and convincing description of how the proposed training and apprenticeship activities are appropriate for the target communities to be served, and how the strategies will address skills, training gaps, and other needs of participants identified. *See Section D.13.f. Proposed Pilot Design.*