

Questions and Answers for
Strengthening Nicaraguan Communities' Capacity to Resist Drugs
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Question 1:

Regarding Activity 2 under Objective 3, are there specific documentary movies INL has in mind that must be showcased for the four video forums?

INL Response:

Once awarded, INL may provide video documentaries from previous programs that can be used in the video forum activities. The grantee will also have the freedom to use other documentary movies for the activity.

Question 2:

Regarding Activity 3 under Objective 1, are there any specific fields of vocational training that should be covered?

INL Response:

There are no specific fields, but INL recommends selecting fields that help youth obtain employment or start a business.

Question 3:

Regarding Activity 1 under Objective 3, does INL have specific communication materials that should be distributed or are all materials expected to be created by the grantee?

INL Response:

The communication materials should be created by the grantee.

Question 4:

Can you please advise us as to how we can access the grant documents? As mentioned, we have not been able to find and download the full documents through our active accounts on grants.gov or SAM Domestic, and are not sure where they might be.

INL Response:

All INL templates are located under the TAB RELATED DOCUMENTS. Please pull the suggested templates from that folder.

Question 5:

Which of the listed activities can be virtual, and which must be in person? We would like to make sure we understand this fully, given the unique context in place in Nicaragua given 1) pandemic conditions and 2) socio-political conditions.

INL Response:

INL understands the unique operating challenges executing in-person activities in Nicaragua. INL leaves it at the discretion of each applicant to determine in their proposal which activities should be in-person versus virtual. Applicants can also provide more details in their contingency plan (NOFO page 7) socio-political conditions do not permit in-person activities to move activities towards virtual engagement. Once awarded, the implementing partner should consult with the Grants Officer prior to any significant change in activities.

Question 6:

What kinds of implementation partners can be considered? For example, for virtual activities, can private sector partners/providers be considered to provide access to participating young people?

INL Response:

The applicant must make that determination and include the implementing partner in the proposal for review. INL cannot advise who applicants should partner with.

Question 7:

Is it possible to choose just one of the regions mentioned, or must all the regions mentioned be included in implementation?

INL Response:

Yes, the applicant can select one of the target regions.

Question 8:

Given the socio-political situation in Nicaragua, which could potentially interfere with the implementation of the contract, will a joint risk management/contingency plan be created as part of the contract?

INL Response:

Page 7 of the notice of funding opportunity states: *Proposals should include a brief contingency plan in the event socio-political conditions in Nicaragua complicate in-person program activities and operations, necessitating an increase in virtual engagement.*