

Questions and Answers for

Citizen Security through Anti-Drug Community Coalitions: Creation and Support of Anti-Drug Community Coalitions in Costa Rica: Phase II

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Question 1:

Could you confirm that public universities meet the organizational eligibility criteria given that this University is a branch of a State and as such, is exempt from federal taxation under the constitutional doctrine of intergovernmental tax immunity?

INL Response:

Yes, U.S. based public universities are eligible to apply to this funding opportunity.

Public universities can and often do obtain tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status because they qualify as quasi-governmental entities that: are separately organized entities; pass the organizational test by being an educational organization; do not possess regulatory power; and are not an integral part of the state government.

Question 2:

What training was done already with existing communities in Costa Rica as part of Phase I of the project? Who did the Phase I project? What are the results of the Phase I project? Is there any documentation of the processes and results of the Phase I project?

INL Response:

Phase I of the project will be completed in September 2022. The main result to date has been the creation of the anti-drug community coalitions, youth community coalitions, and a local-based group that oversees the coalitions and provides different trainings throughout the year. The community's part of phase I are: San Jose; Desamparados; Moravia; Escazu; Alajuelita; Curridabat; Tibas; Goicoechea; Alajuela; Mora; Santa Ana; Montes de Oca; La Union; Belen, Quepos, Puntarenas, Cartago, Pococi, Siquirres, Guacimo, San Carlos, Tilaran, Cañas, Sarapiquí and Turrialba.

The current grantee will provide a final report when the grant ends in September 2022.

Question 3:

What are the expectations regarding data collection concerning the implementation and evaluation of the Phase II project? Does there have to be a particular method or type of data collected? Is there an existing IRB for the collection of data? Or is there an expectation that the grantee will find a collaborator to develop an IRB protocol and Human Subjects projections?

INL Response:

The expectations are to gather information regarding the indicators. There is no method or type of data and no expectation to find a collaborator.

Question 4:

Can post-test data be collected after the three years of the project, for example, using the 2027 collection of IAFA (Institute of Alcoholism and Drug dependence) data as part of the 7th National Household Survey of Psychoactive Substance Use? Will the use of these data (to be collected in 2027) suffice to examine project outcomes?

INL Response:

Yes, post test data can be collected after 3 years of the project.

Question 5:

Would it be possible to change the sequence and numbering of the activities?

INL Response:

The way in which the activities are numbered/written must remain as written in the NOFO. However, the timeline in which the activities are accomplished are up to the applicant to propose.

Question 6:

Would it also be possible to streamline some of the activities by combining two into one?

INL Response:

All the activities listed in the NOFO need to be met and cannot be altered. Therefore, two separate activities cannot be combined into one activity. How the activities are accomplished are for applicants to include in the proposal.

Question 7:

The NOFO references already existing community coalitions. Could you please confirm:

- the number of existing community coalitions; as well as,

- the geographic locations of those existing community coalitions.

INL Response:

The community's part of phase I are: San Jose; Desamparados; Moravia; Escazu; Alajuelita; Curridabat; Tibas; Goicoechea; Alajuela; Mora; Santa Ana; Montes de Oca; La Union; Belen, Quepos, Puntarenas, Cartago, Pococi, Siquirres, Guacimo, San Carlos, Tilaran, Cañas, Sarapiquí and Turrialba.

Question 7:

INCAE Business School (INCAE) is an International Organization, it is a non-profit educational institution based in Costa Rica. It has a life-long relationship with the INCAE Foundation (the Foundation), a US-based 501(c)3 organization, whose sole purpose is to support INCAE's mission. INCAE is and has been the implementer of all grants awarded to the Foundation, including US government grants, and we would appreciate knowing whether the Foundation is eligible to apply for this grant using INCAE as its prime implementer. If this is possible, can the NOFO application be presented with INCAE's experience and past performance, instead of the Foundation's?

An international organization/non-profit educational institution has had a life-long relationship with its U.S.-based non-profit counterpart. The international organization has been the implementer of all grants awarded to the U.S.-based counterpart. Is the U.S.-based counterpart eligible to apply for the grant using the international organization as its prime implementer? If this is possible, can the NOFO application be presented with the international organization's experience and past performance, instead of the U.S.-based counterpart?

INL Response:

The U.S.-based counterpart is eligible to apply as the prime recipient and propose that the international organization serve as a subrecipient. However, the international organization's experience and past performance CANNOT be used instead of the U.S.-based counterparts since the U.S.-based counterpart is applying as the prime recipient. The applicant can provide the past performance and experience of the subrecipient as additional information but not in place of the prime recipient.

Question 8:

Please confirm that the requirements of the NOFO are to train a total of 480 participants. Based on the following calculations 33 community groups (21 already existing + 12 to be formed) x 10 community members = 330. Plus 150 at risk youth.

INL Response:

The goal is to establish up to 12 new community coalitions at the local level of cantons/districts within selected provinces and support the already existing community coalitions (21). Each coalition must have presence of at least 12 community sectors, and at least 10 members. Plus, the members of the 21 already existing community coalitions in addition to the 120 at risk youth for the formation of youth coalitions.

Question 9:

For training activities, are there any methodological restrictions for implementers (such as: group size, clustering communities together, modality, duration, location, etc.)?

INL Response:

The only suggestion is that each coalition core group must be of at least 10 members.

Question 10:

For objective 5, are the 17 existing coalitions in Costa Rica referenced as part of the 21 existing coalitions described in section A. Project Description - Overview? And if not, please provide their geographical distribution.

INL Response:

Yes, they are.

Question 11:

Are contractors and sub-grantees required to have an NCAGE and UEI number? If yes, are they required to have it on hand at the time of submitting the proposal?

INL Response:

It is also mandatory for all subrecipients to obtain a UEI (formerly a DUNS number), unless the organization qualifies for an exemption. A recipient may not make a subaward to a subrecipient unless that subrecipient has obtained and provided to the recipient a UEI. Subrecipients should register in SAM.gov but are not required. However, this does not eliminate the requirement for the prime recipient to check SAM.gov and document that no active exclusions prevent the subrecipient organization from receiving Federal funding. Note that other vetting requirements described in the terms and conditions may apply as the same rules for the prime recipient will flow down to the subrecipient.

NCAGE codes are required for organizations physically located outside the United States and its territories. The application and instructions for registration is in Section D of the NOFO.

A UEI number is required for the prime recipient at the time of submitting the proposal in order to upload the grant application via grants.gov. UEIs are not required for subrecipients at the time of submission. However, organizations should work toward obtaining the registration for vetting purposes.