

RFA-TS-23-001 Questions and Answers

1. If our proposal has been submitted to a similar funding mechanism in years previous, are resubmissions of these same proposals with revisions allowed for this funding announcement?
 - a. Applicant institutions submitting applications with essentially the same proposed research to two or more CDC/ATSDR NOFOs will not be funded under more than one NOFO. Please review **Number of Applications** in the NOFO for more information.
2. Are foreign institutions eligible to apply?
 - a. Foreign Organizations are eligible to apply. Also, applicants may include collaborators or consultants from foreign institutions. Foreign (non-US) organizations must follow policies described in the HHS Grants Policy Statement (<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf>), and procedures for foreign organizations described throughout the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide. International registrants can confirm UEI by viewing the organizational registration on SAM.gov. Please review **Foreign Organizations** section of the NOFO for more information.
3. Are post doctorate researchers eligible to be PD/PIs?
 - a. Per **Section III. Eligibility Information**, any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. The SF-424 Biographical Sketch for the contact PD/PI and/or Co-Investigator must include documentation of prior expertise, experience, and knowledge directing human epidemiological, environmental health and ecological empirical research on ALS risk factors, including the use of prospective and retrospective case-controls, large epidemiological datasets, and toxicological/molecular laboratory approaches, as appropriate to the research plan.
4. When trying to apply for the RFA-TS-23-001, the website is requiring an "opportunity package ID". I get an alert that says "ALERT: Cannot create Workspace. This Opportunity Package is only available to Organization Applicants." Can you please let me know what I should enter in that space or what I should do?
 - a. Problems with grants.gov can be resolved by contact the Grants.gov Contact Center at 1-800-518- 4726 or by email at support@grants.gov. Please also see **Section VII. Agency Contacts** in the NOFO which includes contact information from Grants.gov and eRA Commons for technical support. Also please see **Section IV. Application and Submission Information** in the NOFO for additional information on who to contact in the event of technical difficulties.
5. Can you review my Specific Aims to confirm that my proposal is of interest to the CDC and is responsive to this announcement?
 - a. We are not able to provide specific guidance or information on the appropriateness of your aims to the RFA-TS-23-001 NOFO. We can, though, point you to sections of the NOFO that can assist in developing your application. To get a detailed description of the intent of this NOFO, please especially review the **Section I. Funding Opportunity Description, 1. Background and Purpose**

section. Please also review **Section III. Eligibility Information, 5. Responsiveness** for details on what constitutes a responsive application.

6. Does this program accept requests to increase the budget ceiling if we provide an explicit justification?
 - a. Nothing in the NOFO would preclude applications from exceeding the ceiling. However, please be advised that, although there is no restriction to applying above the ceiling, all successful applications will be awarded based on the availability of funding.