



Waukesha County

Department of Health and Human Services

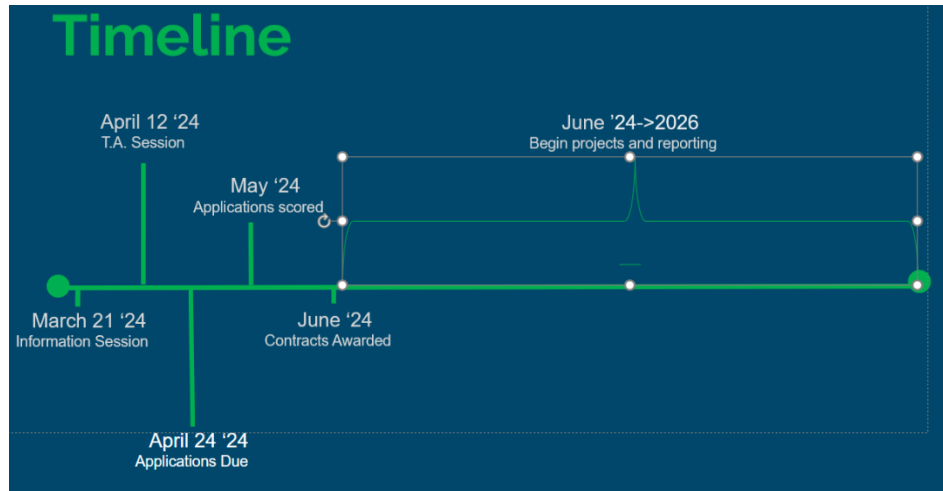
Child Welfare System Enhancement Grant Funding Opportunity Question & Answer

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1. Question: How are organizations part of the action teams vs organizations in the community that are not part of the action team going to be brought into the CHIP work?

Answer: Organizations that are on an action team in any capacity can receive an extra point on a funding application. This gives them a slight edge for taking on additional roles in the CHIP cycle. As all applications will be scored the same way, it is possible that an agency that isn't part of an action team could be awarded funding. In this case it is helpful to think of them almost "joining your action team". They are taking some of the work back to their organization to carry out the goals of the team. Other organizations on our action teams have been doing similar things throughout this CHIP cycle- taking things back to their sector or using their position within the company to obtain data. Any potential outside agency to be awarded funding would be expected to work with the action teams and assist in the implementation effort. This will keep the focus on the strategies while allowing for an open award process.

2. Question: What is the timeline for the ARPA funding?



Answer:

3. Question: If an external agency is awarded ARPA funding, what are the logistics of having their projects align with the CHIP project?

Answer: I think one important aspect will be sharing some of all your hard work with them! By reading over your action plans or looking at some of the spreadsheets they can understand the RBA process better, and align to the action plans more thoroughly. This is a topic I continue to explore. “We are building the plane as we are flying it” so they say.

4. Question: Will the information session slides be made available?

Answer: The information session is recorded and both the recording and slides will be put on the CHIP website.

5. Question: If funding is awarded to an external agency, can part of that agency’s proposal be to reimburse county employees for training expenses?

Answer: No. That would be seen as funding ourselves, we cannot give ARPA funds to County employees.

6. Question: What data requirements will be needed? Is there a portal?

Answer: The data requirements are customized to the awarded agency. There is no portal. Jamie Bauer generates a form based on the scope of the project for agencies to complete quarterly.

7. Question: Do agencies need to address all data indicators for a strategy?

Answer: No. Agencies could address all data indicators, or just one. As long as the agency is focused on addressing them in an impactful way it would be scored well. It’s more about quality than quantity.

8. Question: Can an agency submit more than one application?

Answer: No. Only one application per agency.

9. Question: Is there a logic model template?

Answer: There isn’t one on the website right now, but Jamie Bauer will get one on there.

10. Question: I'm having issues getting the link to work to go from the application to the application instructions. Can the link to the instructions be provided?
Answer: The application instructions can also be found on our website, just above the applications. We will work on getting that link working.
11. Question: Can funds be used retroactively or does it have to be for future expenses?
Answer: This would need to be for future expenses.
12. Question: Can an agency submit one application for more than one strategic health priority?
Answer: No. In order to do that you would need to fill out multiple applications, which isn't allowed. Currently, there is an application for each strategic health priority.
13. Question: Can an application address more than one strategy?
Answer: Yes! Applications can be focused on just one strategy or multiple.
14. Question: When is the Intent to Respond email due?
Answer: April 5th.
15. Question: What is the email address we should be sending the Intent to Respond to?
Answer: chiparpa@waukeshacounty.gov
16. Question: Will the scoring panel have the ability to award amounts other than what was applied for?
Answer: Yes. The scoring panel has discretion to say how much they want to award a project.
17. Question: If an agency is funded for less than the amount requested, can the agency modify what their outcomes will be? They may not have the same reach or impact with less funding.
Answer: Yes.
18. Question: What are the strategies that applicants are to align with?
Answer: In the presentation I go over the strategies and indicators of each action team. Here is the breakdown:
Mental Health: Expand Ending the Silence, Mental Health Awareness Days, School/Community Mental Health Worker, Mental Health Hotlines, and Data & Evaluation.
Substance Use: Promote Harm Reduction Strategies, Reduce Stigma, Educate on benefits of Certified Peer Specialists, Employ people in long-term recovery as Certified Peer Specialists, create an asset map, develop an advocacy plan, and Research/Implement a Substance Use Housing Navigator Model.
Healthy Aging: Conduct an Environmental Scan, Centralize Resources,

Collaborate with the Waukesha County Falls Prevention Coalition, Launch an Educational Campaign, Promote Intergenerational Skill Sharing, and Launch a Volunteer Engagement Campaign.

19. Question: Are agencies supposed to align with strategies or indicators?
Answer: Applicants should align with strategies. Those strategies are the means to which we get to our desired end, which is measured by the indicators.
20. Question: Where would we put these indicators/strategies? Under the applications outcomes achieved question?
Answer: This element can fit into the application wherever it makes sense. If a strategy is to expand Ending the Silence, and an agency applies and wants to work on this strategy, it would make sense that the narrative as well as other sections have elements and connections to the strategy of the action team.
21. Can the grant cover indirect costs?
Answer: Yes. There is a section in the budget template for indirect costs. We follow the federal standard of 10%.
22. Can UW-Extension apply as they are both a county and state organization?
Answer: We are looking into that and will have an answer soon.
23. Can a stipend be part of the budget?
Answer: Yes, a stipend is an allowable expense.
24. Do programs need to be offered for free?
Answer: No. Programs can have a fee/cost/donation attached to it. This should be outlined in the program description and the budget.
25. Can the fiscal agent be reimbursed for administrative costs? Does this need to be included in the application?
Answer: Administrative/overhead costs are allowable expenses. If an agency wants to be reimbursed for those types of expenses it would be included in the application and budget.
26. How are funds being disbursed?
Answer: Funds are disbursed quarterly based on the budget that is submitted with the application. Monthly invoices will then be provided to show what funds were spent on.
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