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Question & Answers

Answers are highlighted in red

**November 25, 2019**

For a multi-lab system that has an option to fund up to 3 labs, would the total possible maximum funding amount be $450,000 ($150,000 x 3)? No. Will each lab receive funding in the amount of $150,000, or can the total amount of $450,000 be shared amongst all 3 labs? Each lab, up to 3, is considered its own separate entity. Minimum for each lab is $75,000. Maximum is $150,000.  Application/Budget must clearly identify the lab as well as the items being purchased for that lab.

Concerning the Performance Objectives relating to the “beginning of grant period” which is 02/01/2020, should current data be used instead to avoid leaving any fields blank, and then changed or corrected later if/when the pre-application is awarded funding? OR just leave that data blank. Do not leave any fields blank. The numbers can be a estimate

**November 19, 2019**

Have you been able to find out an answer about using the funds to purchase a building to be used for a morgue? At this time funds cannot be used for construction or to purchasing a building.

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**November 12, 2019**

**Question:** If funding requires an RFP, does that RFP have to be approved before the application is submitted or just before the RFP can be released?If your plan to purchase equipment a RFP does not have to be reviewed/approved before submitting this application. If your application is funded the RFP must be reviewed/approved by the Authority’s legal department before being released or purchasing any equipment.

**Question**:

Also, I’m not sure how we plan on spending 2 and 3 years out of we won’t know what funding is available. Can you shed some light on what we should expect? Base Year 2 & 3 expenditures on your current request for funding.

**Question:** In the program narrative, under goals, objective and performance indicators. We are told to complete the table listed and provide a number in the area marked with an XX.What is the date for the beginning of the grant period? 2/1/2020 to 12/31/2020.  Is this for our previous grant? The performance measures are for the grant you are applying for. Is this a lab wide measure or specific the types of samples addressed in this solicitation?

In the second objective, it seems like this is information that ICJIA would be providing to BJA. For example, the number of agencies… receiving funding, do I put 1 for NIRCL? You would put 1 for NIRCL. If you are a agency with multiple labs you put the number of labs being funded. We don’t know yet if we are receiving the funding for this grant because that decision hasn’t been made.

**Question:** The answer to item 1 was pre-entered as “pre-application”, is that correct for this solicitation? Yes

**Question:** The answer to item 2 was pre-entered as “New”, is that correct for this solicitation? Yes

**Question:** Because this grant is now a competitive grant in IL, do I need to complete items 20 (competition identification number) and 21 (competition identification title)? What information are you looking for here? No

**Question:** Based on the instructions for item 56, our agency will need to provide a long list of counties and municipalities served, can I attach that list to the end of the application document? Use the information that you used for the current grant that you have with this agency.

**Question:** For item 60, it says to use the title as listed on the Attachment A.  I can’t find any reference to “the Attachment A”.  Would you please clarify? Leave blank. If funded, ICJIA will add this information

**Question:** We intend to purchase a piece of equipment that is expected to exceed the award limit.  As this purchase will use an IFB process, we are unsure about the amount that we should enter in section B of the budget.  Can we enter “additional funds as necessary” or give it our best guess as to what that amount might be? The award range is $75,000 - $150,000. Your request cannot be more than the award limit. The narrative should detail the total costs of the equipment and how the balance will be funded.