

## Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Webinar

For R3 Assessment & Planning NOFO  
and R3 Service Delivery NOFO

May 19-21, 2020

# Topics Covered in this Webinar

- R3 Program Values
- R3 Zones and Funding Regions
- Available Funds and Range of Awards
- Application Structure
  - Collaboratives and Responsible Applicants
- Applicant Eligibility Requirements

## Topics Covered (continued)

- Program Design
- Allowable Expenses
- Narrative Writing Tips
- Application Submission
- Scoring and Selection
- Timeline

## R3 Program Values

- Community-driven service provision
- Opportunity
- Capacity building
- Equity
- Collaboration

# R3 Zones and Funding Regions

- R3 Zones
  - Only programs in R3 zones are eligible.
  - R3 zones are the shaded areas on the map available at <https://r3.illinois.gov/eligibility>.
  - Some R3 zones are considered ‘high need’ and are given more points in the application review.
  - Zones and ‘high need’ indicators were selected based on data located on the website.

# R3 Zones and Funding Regions

- Funding Regions
  - Illinois is split into 12 different funding regions.
  - Funding in each region is based on the percentage of total R3 zone population within those regions.
  - Regions are identified in color-coded areas on the map at <https://r3.Illinois.gov/eligibility>.

# Available Funds and Award Ranges

- \$31.5 million available
  - Assessment and Planning: \$3.15 million (10%)
  - Service Delivery: \$28.35 million (90%)
- Award ranges vary by region. See page 1 of the Program Narrative for minimum and maximum award amounts available in your region.

# Application Structure

- Single organization applicant
  - One organization may apply to carry out planning or a program under either funding opportunity.
  - Single organization applicants must complete the entire application and must be eligible to receive state funds.
  - The applicant must **ALSO** have a registered account in the GATA Grantee Portal.



# Application Structure

- Collaborative Application
  - A group of organizations proposing one joint project under the same application.
  - Each member must be eligible to receive state funds, but only one submits the application.
  - The “responsible applicant” must have a registered account in the GATA Grantee Portal, but the other members **DO NOT** need this account.

# Application Structure

- Collaborative: Responsible Applicant Duties
  - Responsible Applicants must:
    - Make sure they satisfy the requirements to submit an application.
    - Submit the application on behalf of the collaborative.
    - Include signed MOUs with all collaborative members in the application.
    - Execute subgrant agreements with other members.
    - Manage financial reporting/reimbursement.

# Collaboratives and Responsible Applicants

- More information on Collaborative Applications and Responsible Applicants is available on ICJIA's Youtube channel. View "Collaborative Applicants Webinar."

# Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Single organizations **and** responsible applicants for collaborative applications need:
  - A DUNS number
  - A SAM.gov account
  - A Grants.gov account
  - Good standing status with the IL Secretary of State
  - A GATA Grantee Portal account

# Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Members of collaborative projects who are not the responsible applicant submitting the application need:
  - A DUNS number
  - A SAM.gov account
  - A Grants.gov account
  - Good standing status with the IL Secretary of State

## R3 Program Priorities

- Civil Legal Aid
- Economic Development
- Reentry
- Violence Prevention
- Youth Development

# Program Design: R3 Assessment and Planning NOFO

- Supports community assessment and planning processes in your communities.
  - Assessment: To determine which R3 Program Priorities your community will focus on and to assess the needs and resources of your community.
  - Planning: To work with your community to develop a unified plan for service delivery.

# Program Design: R3 Service Delivery NOFO

- Supports direct services in at least one of the five R3 Program Priorities to community members.
- Applicants may focus on one priority or provide services that address multiple priorities, depending on the needs of their communities.



## Program Design

- Program specifics are largely up to the applicant to establish.
- Applicants fully explain and justify the design of their proposed program in the Program Narrative.

# Allowable Costs

- Expenses must be reasonable and must support the proposed program.
  - Budget narratives should be detailed and explain how each expense will be used in the context of the program.
- COVID-19-related expenses needed to carry out a program during the pandemic also are allowable if the need is explained.

# Narrative Writing Tips

- Formatting
  - Page Limit – 20 pages
  - Single spaced
  - Margins – 1”
  - Font – 12 point
  - Typeface – Times New Roman

# Narrative Writing Tips

- READ THE FULL NOFO!
- Read each element of every question.
- Answer each element of every question.
- Thoroughly describe, do not just state.
- Do not assume that reviewers know anything about your agency or your program.
- Proofread your application prior to sending.

# Application Submission

- Complete all parts of the application.
  - Application, Program Narrative, Budget.
  - MOUs and Certification of Employee Local Residency form if necessary.
- Combine all documents into one ZIP folder
  - Instructions are on the R3 website (<https://r3.Illinois.gov/resources>)
- Email to the correct address well in advance of the deadline (11:59 pm, July 20, 2020).

## Local Preference Points

- The R3 program seeks to ensure that the needs, experiences, and ideas of local communities are central to the program.
- The review process ensures that local organizations and local residents are involved in programs.

# Local Preference Points

- 1.) Local Organizations: Applications will receive additional points if the applicant organization is located within an R3 zone.
- 2.) Local Collaboratives: Collaborative project applications will receive additional points if at least half of collaborative member organizations are located within an R3 zone.
  - Addresses must be included in the Program Narrative to qualify for additional points.

## Local Preference Points

3.) Local Employees: Applications made by a single organization will receive additional points if at least half of their employees reside in an R3 zone.

- To get these points, applicants must submit a “Certification of Employee Local Residence Form.”



# Scoring and Selection

- Applications will be scored based on the point values listed in the NOFO by a panel of at least three reviewers.
- Programs will be selected based on these scores.
- The R3 Board may also select programs to fund to support stated program goals.

# Scoring and Selection

- Within each geographic area, the applicant with the highest number of points will be funded until all funds are exhausted.
- If funds remain in one region after all selected grants are awarded, remaining funds may be assigned to another region.

# Scoring and Selection

- Applicant awards may be reduced to adjust for budgets submitted with unallowable or unreasonable costs.
- Proposals that include unallowable activities or fail to meet program requirements may be rejected.

# Timeline

Task	Date
NOFO posted	May 18, 2020
Technical Assistance Sessions	May 19-21, 2020
Notice of Intent due	July 6, 2020
NOFO question submission deadline	July 16, 2020
Applications due	11:59 p.m., July 20, 2020
Estimated date for R3 Board approval of recommended designations	August 2020
Estimated date for Authority Budget Committee approval of recommended designations	August 2020
Estimated program start date	September 21-30, 2020

## Questions?

- All questions must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on July 16, 2020. All substantive questions and responses will be posted on the ICJIA website at <https://gata.icjia.cloud/>.
- Due to the competitive nature of this NOFO, applicant may not discuss the opportunity directly with any ICJIA employee other than the respondent of the NOFO email addresses.

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