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## **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Regional Plan Implementation (RPI) 5.0**

### **Grant Proposal Questions and Answers – Week of 10/4**

1. Is funding a regional plan writer an allowable cost? For example, if a third-party entity is hired to write the regional plan and works with the Regional Organizer (RO).
  - A.** Part of the role and responsibility of the RO is the ability to develop and modify the regional plan. For any of the responsibilities that the RO cannot assume, you can use the RPI 5.0 funding to hire a third-party entity to write the regional plan.
2. Is funding a local plan writer an allowable cost?
  - A.** Yes, but this will have to align with the role of the Regional Organizer in helping put together the local plan. Please see question #15.
3. Is there a minimum amount required to allocate to the RO position? What if the RO position will be funded with RERP funds?
  - A.** We do not have a minimum allocation requirement for the RO position but the costs associated should be allowable and reasonable.
4. Is there a requirement to change the RERP budget based on RPI 5.0 to support the RO?
  - A.** RPI 5.0 is supposed to build professional development and capacity to support the work you will be doing in RERP. If you need to modify the RERP budget to allocate the RO cost to RPI 5.0, the program team can assist with the request after awards are announced for the RPI 5.0 grant.
5. Is it advised that the Regional Organizer be the “applicant” or a staff person with the lead WDB?
  - A.** This is up to the applicant, it is recommended to use the same process as with previous RPI funds to make this determination.
6. [Do we need to include] a letter of support from the submitting WDB? Or a different WDB in the Regional Planning Unit?
  - A.** This letter of support is referring the fiscal agent.
7. What are the match requirements?
  - A.** There are no match requirements.

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8. The application requires an established set of professional capacity development opportunities. How vague or specific does this need to be?
  - A. The RPI 5.0 RFA provided flexibility in how regions determine which professional capacity development opportunity best aligns with the needs of the region as it relates to one of the four regional indicators chosen in RPI 4.0. Please be as specific as possible when completing your application.
  
9. We didn't include activities in RERP that we wanted to continue regionally because they didn't seem to fit the grant requirements. Can we include those in RPI 5.0 or only funding for the RO staff development?
  - A. You can shift RERP RO funds to those RERP activities and supplement those RO activities with RPI 5.0 funds. Activities for RPI 5.0 should focus on regional planning and/or professional development and capacity building for workforce development staff and partners as it relates to one or more of the indicators chosen in RPI 4.0. Refer to the Allowable Activities section on page 4 of the RPI 5.0 RFA.
  
10. For quantifying staff training and linking it to a regional indicator. Will we need to report differently?
  - A. Not at this time, but it may change throughout the grant term.
  
11. Are local areas required to submit a signed letter from our WDB as part of the application process for this grant?
  - A. Yes, a signed agreement letter from the WDBs is required.
  
12. In the Partner R&R section of the application are we expected to name service providers who are intended to participate in regional professional development and capacity-building training session provided through RPI 5.0?
  - A. Yes, please include the service providers intended to participate in regional professional development and capacity-building training session provided through RPI 5.0 in the Roles and Responsibilities exhibit.
  
13. Salesforce shows the due date as 9/26/2022 for the RPI 5.0 application. The website and the RFA package itself say the due date is 10/10/2022.
  - A. The application due date is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm PT, the application website has been updated.
  
14. What is the grant term for the RPI 5.0 grant?
  - A. The grant term is January 2023 - June 2024.