

PIF - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question 1

The RFP states, "while a campus may only submit one consortium proposal as the lead, it can be a secondary partner on other consortium grants without limit." This rule limits the 100 Males to College consortium lead applicant because they would not be eligible to be the lead applicant in another proposal. Can 100 Males to College consortiums be exempt from this rule in order to be the lead institution on another grant?

Answer 1

Given that there are five 100 Males to College sites and at least ten higher education partners involved, the collaborative partners of the 100 Males to College should be able to identify a higher education partner that is not interested in submitting another grant as the lead.

Question 2

Are four-year institutions required to partner with community colleges to form a consortium, or can they partner with other four-year colleges?

Answer 2

Collaboration among two higher education institutions can be in any combination across segments provided that the consortium consists at a minimum of two other higher education institutions.

Question 3

Should current 100 Males to College sites accept new partners into the consortium grant or should new partners submit a separate 100 Males to College application for funding?

Answer 3

The DHE is not likely to fund new 100 Males to College sites. Rather, the DHE encourages current sites to share best practices and program expertise and develop a collaborative strategy around resource allocation with new partners.

Question 4

This year's RFP does not require matching funds but states, "proposals supported by in-kind or direct cash matches will be viewed more favorably." Is the DHE more favorably evaluating proposals with a specific amount or percentage in matching funds?

Answer 4

No, the DHE has not designated a defined amount or percentage of financial or in-kind support. The DHE is interested in the institutional commitment for sustaining the proposed project in all its forms - financial, in-kind, and administrative.

Question 5

Based on the response above, can we assume that the dollar amount in a cash match is not as important for this grant as the overall institutional commitment and pledged resources?

Answer 5: Correct.

Question 6

Do examples exist of successful PIF proposals modeling the depth of detail required to be selected for an award?

Answer 6

There is no one specific "model" that will guarantee a proposal to be selected for an award. The DHE encourages interested applicants to reach out to past grant recipients for a copy of their selected proposal.

Question 7

The format for last year's proposal was double spacing for the narrative and single spacing for the abstract and tables; is that formatting still appropriate?

Answer 7

The RFP addresses formatting on page 12. Font size should be 11 or 12 point and spacing should be 1.5. Single spacing is appropriate for the abstract and tables.

Question 8

Are proposals being evaluated with a specific number of program participants/beneficiaries in mind?

Answer 8

Proposals serving the greatest number of program participants for the fewest amount of funds will be viewed more favorably. However, multiple evaluative measures are considered during review so no one proposal is defined by one measure only.

Question 9

Would it be possible to extend the submission deadline?

Answer 9

Unfortunately the DHE is unable to extend the submission deadline. The current submission deadline of June 14 provides the time evaluators need to review the proposals and recommend awards in time to distribute funds before the start of the fall semester.