

Capacity Building Q & A

March 28, 2017

1. **Question:** Does the 2017-2018 Capacity Building Grant period run from 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018? I'm wondering because we were thinking about writing a proposal for funding the cost of sending staff to a training that runs from June 27 to June 29, 2017.

Answer: Yes it is anticipated that is the period, but may start a little after 7/1 due to Commission approval of contracts occurring on June 19, 2017

April 5, 2017

1. **Question:** I see that First 5 funded over one million dollars to several family resource centers. I want to learn more about that opportunity and if it's open to more family resource centers from the ones listed.

Answer: No, nothing is currently available for Family Support for. This funding is for Capacity Building only. It is anticipated that for FY 18-19 a new competitive funding cycle will occur for prospective Family Support applicants.

2. **Question:** The application that is due on April 28th that one is for Capacity Building & Systems Change, correct?

Answer: Yes, that is correct

April 11, 2017

1. **Question:** Regarding question number 7 (Projected number of unduplicated individuals to be served). Can you clarify if that is referencing the number of staff that would be trained from the grant or is it referencing the number of clients that would benefit from the staff training?

Answer: It would be the number of staff that would be trained on the new framework. Within the narrative portion of the application, the applicant may cite the anticipated number of clients that may benefit from the training offered to staff.

April 21, 2017

1. **Question:** Can the First Five Capacity Building grants be used to purchase technology that will help us with our assessments? We are trying to figure out a way to complete learning stories electronically with families. We're working on the learning stories trainings this year with Annie White again as soon as her proposal is approved. This round of trainings will focus on technology and using technology (ipads, talk to text, etc) in the classroom and with families in order to improve our ability to complete the stories as well as connect with families and take their responses on the ipads or recording their voices. Some of our parents are not literate and sometimes language is a barrier.

Answer: The purchase of technologies as the sole item funded by an application would likely raise a red flag during staff review of the application. The RFP states that capacity building grants are meant to support among other things:

“Activities or initiatives that increase the capacity of programs to connect with and serve clients, increase efficiencies in a way that leads to larger and or longer-term impacts, or expand data collection and analysis in ways that enable organizations to improve services.”

We understand that technologies might be a key component to the success of an “activity or initiative”. However, an application that seeks funding for technologies alone may run the risk of being viewed as a capital request. This is not to imply that purchasing technologies is not allowed with these funds. It is important for an application to show the diverse components of the broader activity or initiative for which funding is requested. One way to show that diversity is to diversify the things that First 5 funds will be used to support.

Additionally, please remember that if these technologies are funded solely by First 5, it will be expected that they be used only serving 0-5 year olds.