

Questions and Answers for CE-22-005

1. **Question:** When RFA-CE-22-005 was first forecasted, the purpose of the NOFO was on adverse childhood experiences. Will an additional funding announcement be released that is consistent with the original forecast?

Answer: We do not have any information about additional funding announcements that will be released that will be focused specifically on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). We recommend reviewing [NCIPCs Extramural Research webpage](#) for a list of current funding announcements from CDC's Injury center to see if there are any that align with your area of research in ACEs. You can also conduct a search through [grants.gov](#) to identify any relevant and open funding announcements related to that topic.

2. **Question:** When there are PDs/PIs collaborating on a project, would both need to have published work?

Answer: "Experience requirements may be demonstrated through the combined experiences of a Principal and Co-Principal Investigator" therefore both Principal and Co-Principal Investigator do not need to have published work. Please refer to [Section III Eligibility Information, Part 5. Responsiveness](#) for more information on requirements related to previous experience: "The SF-424 Biographical Sketch for the PI or Co-Investigator(s) must include documentation of expertise in the area of violence prevention that is reflected in the application's research strategy section. The knowledge, experience, and expertise necessary to conduct this research and achieve proposed objectives must be documented with at least one first-authored, peer-reviewed publication as defined by the NIH National Library of Medicine in the relevant area of violence prevention, or by serving as a principal investigator on a research grant in violence, injury, or crime prevention research. **Experience requirements may be demonstrated through the combined experiences of a Principal and Co-Principal Investigator (if applicable).** The citation of the relevant publication(s) or research experience must be clearly identified (by bold text or highlight) in the appropriate SF 424 Biographical Sketch. Applications that do not include documentation to meet this requirement will be considered non-responsive and will not be forwarded for peer review."

3. **Question:** Would proposing to implement a suite of violence prevention programs that are administered and evaluated in a high school setting be considered responsive to the NOFO?

Answer: Per [Section V. Application Review Information, Part 4. Review and Selection Process](#) "Applications proposing to evaluate universal school-based curricula, parenting and family relationship programs, or prevention planning systems [e.g., Communities That Care (CTC), Promoting School-Community University Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER Partnership Model)]" will be excluded from funding consideration, regardless of the scientific or technical merit of the proposed project. Universal school-based curriculum has been identified in this NOFO as a strategy that does not meet the intention of the funding announcement because there is considerable evidence supporting these approaches, and they tend to be focused on knowledge, skills, and abilities of young people and educational programs in schools. As the goal of this NOFO is to expand the slate of evidence-based strategies, applicants would need to ensure that the interventions they are

proposing are not universal school-based curricula, and that the interventions are innovative, and likely to address rates of violence in the community.

Applicants proposing to evaluate a suite of interventions, regardless of setting, are encouraged to consider the potential generalizability of the intervention to other communities and to assess the effectiveness of the component programs, policies, or practices to facilitate generalizability.

We recommend applicants carefully review Section III Eligibility Information, Part 5. Responsiveness to determine if the proposed project is consistent with the responsiveness criteria outlined. We also recommend review of Section V. Application Review Information, Part 4. Review and Selection Process for more information on additional review and selection considerations of this funding announcement.

4. **Question:** Would partnering with an established not-for-profit program be responsive to this funding announcement?

Answer: “Partnerships between the applicant institution and outside entities may be necessary or advantageous to complete the proposed work.” It will be incumbent on the applicant to clearly describe roles and responsibilities of each partnering entity, including the roles and responsibilities of the Principal Investigator(s) and collaborating partners, the existing working relationship, plans for the proposed research, the nature and extent of the involvement to be provided by the applicant institution and outside entity, the partner’s scope of work, and how the partnership will ensure implementation and sustainability of the proposed project.

We recommend reviewing Section 1. Funding Opportunity Description, Part 2. Approach, Sub-part “Collaboration/Partnerships” for additional guidance and requirements. Additionally, we recommend reviewing Section V. Application Review Information, Part 1. Criteria, sub-section “Environment” for review criteria related to partnerships.

5. **Question:** Objective 1 of this funding announcement calls for “effectiveness research to evaluate innovative approaches with the potential for immediate or near immediate benefits (i.e., within 6 months) for reducing community violence and racial/ethnic inequities in risk for community violence.” Does the 6-month timeline refer to 6-month from the start of the award?

Answer: No, the 6-month timeframe would start after the participants had participated or been exposed to the intervention.

6. **Question:** What is the updated guidance on the new requirement to using a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) instead of a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number?

Answer: Please refer to page 24 of the funding announcement for more information on the requirements related to the transition from the DUNS to UEI. We recommend applicants start immediately as the registration process can take several weeks. Please contact grants.gov technical support at support@grants.gov to receive assistance on these new requirements.

7. **Question:** When registering for a Unique Entity Identifier, is this done by the individual applicant or by the institution?

Answer: Registration would be done by the institution. Please contact grants.gov technical support at support@grants.gov to receive guidance on the registration process.

8. **Question:** Would an intervention implemented at the individual level but with outcomes/metrics that are at the community level be responsive to this funding announcement?

Answer: The applicant is advised to carefully review [Section I Funding Opportunity Description](#) (starting on page 6) and [Section III Responsiveness](#) (page 23) for detailed information about the intent of this NOFO including the primary objectives and responsiveness criteria. Please note that there are different requirements depending on the objective selected by the applicant. For example, for Objective 3, the NOFO states that “Applications submitted under Objective 3 proposing to evaluate community-based strategies that are implemented in community settings but address change in individual-, peer- or family-level factors (e.g., attitudes, knowledge, parent-child relationships, parental monitoring, family environment, associations with peers at risk of violence, etc.) rather than social or structural community conditions do not meet the scientific intent of this NOFO. These applications will not be recommended for funding consideration during the NCIPC second level review (see Section V. Application Review Information).”

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9. **Question:** Would a proposal that focuses on connecting first responder calls of individuals experiencing mental health crisis to mental health services meet the intention of this funding announcement?

Answer: This funding announcement will “not support applications that propose to evaluate strategies that respond to violence after it occurs, such as treatment and rehabilitation (e.g., mental health treatment, physical rehabilitation) approaches or medical care (e.g., treatment of physical injuries) **rather than focus on preventing violence from occurring.** Research proposals proposing to evaluate response strategies focused solely on treating injuries or to help victims recover do not meet the scientific intent of this NOFO.

Applications that propose to evaluate strategies aimed at responding to violence rather than preventing it will not be recommended for funding consideration during the NCIPC second level review” per [Section V. Application Review Information](#).

The intent of this NOFO is to evaluate approaches to prevent community violence. If an applicant is proposing a therapeutic approach to prevent community violence, then it is critical to explain how the approach is innovative, how it addresses the objective(s) of this NOFO, and how it substantially adds to what is already known about how the approach can

prevent future violence.” The type of intervention described appears to focus on evaluating a new system and the process of diverting calls rather than specific therapeutic interventions. It will be important to explain the focus of the evaluation to the reviewers as well as the potential for the new system to prevent community violence and the ability to detect prevention effects for those ages 10-34.

10. **Question:** Would a school-based intervention that addresses common risk factors for multiple type of violence be responsive to this funding announcement?

Answer: We cannot comment on whether the specific project that you are proposing is responsive or nonresponsive. However, we can direct you to portions of the NOFO that could help inform your decision making. For example, per [Section V. Application Review Information, Part 4. Review and Selection Process](#) “Applications proposing to evaluate universal school-based curricula, parenting and family relationship programs, or prevention planning systems [e.g., Communities That Care (CTC), Promoting School-Community University Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER Partnership Model)]” will be excluded from funding consideration, regardless of the scientific or technical merit of the proposed project. As the goal of this NOFO is to expand the slate of evidence-based strategies, applicants would need to ensure that the interventions they are proposing are not universal school-based curricula, and that the interventions are innovative, and likely to address rates of violence in the community. Additionally, per [Section I. Funding Opportunity Description, Part 2. Approach](#) “Applications submitted under Objective 3 proposing to evaluate community-based strategies that are implemented in community settings but that address change in individual-, peer- or family-level factors (e.g., attitudes, knowledge, parent-child relationships, parental monitoring, family environment, associations with peers at risk of violence, etc.) rather than social or structural community conditions do not meet the scientific intent of this NOFO. These applications will not be recommended for funding consideration during NCIPC second level review.” It will be incumbent on the applicant to demonstrate to the reviewers that the proposed study meets the intention and objectives of the NOFO and meets responsiveness criteria.

Please review [Section I. Funding Opportunity Description, 1. Background and Purpose and 2. Approach](#) while considering your research goals. Please review [Section III. Eligibility Information, 5 Responsiveness and Section V. Application Review Information](#) for information on how the applications will be reviewed.

11. **Question:** Would it be responsive to propose implementing a strategy that has already been researched and evaluated in other states/regions, but has not been implemented or evaluated in our state/region/jurisdiction?

Answer: This initiative is intended to support effectiveness research to evaluate **innovative** programs, practices, or policies among groups experiencing a high burden of community violence. Innovative approaches are those that have **not been** rigorously evaluated for effectiveness in reducing community violence. It will be incumbent on the applicant to explain how this program is innovative more broadly and not just for the county or state

proposed. Applications will be evaluated on the extent to which successful completion of the proposed activities will significantly advance understanding about what works to prevent community violence impacting young people (ages 10-34).

12. **Question:** Would a hospital-based intervention that intervenes with gunshot victims be considered responsive to this funding announcement if the goal of the intervention is to prevent further/future community violence (such as retaliation)?

Answer: It will be incumbent on the applicant to explain how the approach is innovative, how it can prevent future violence, and how the violence prevention outcomes will be evaluated. Please review “Considerations Regarding NOFO scope” on page 8 which states that “This NOFO will not support applications that propose to evaluate strategies that respond to violence after it occurs, such as treatment and rehabilitation (e.g., mental health treatment, physical rehabilitation) approaches or medical care (e.g., treatment of physical injuries) rather than focus on preventing violence from occurring. Research proposals proposing to evaluate response strategies focused solely on treating injuries or to help victims recover do not meet the scientific intent of this NOFO. **Applications that propose to evaluate strategies aimed at responding to violence rather than preventing it will not be recommended for funding consideration during the NCIPC second level review (see Section V. Application Review Information).** The intent of this NOFO is to evaluate approaches to prevent community violence. If an applicant is proposing a therapeutic approach to prevent community violence, then it is critical to explain how the approach is innovative, how it addresses the objective(s) of this NOFO, and how it substantially adds to what is already known about how the approach can prevent future violence.”

Also, per Section 1. Funding Opportunity Description, Part 2. Approach, “Some prevention strategies, such as street outreach programs, mentoring programs, hospital-community partnerships, and youth employment/apprenticeship and other after-school programs, when implemented well and reaching the intended participants, can quickly alter risk for violence. Applicants should explain why the proposed approach is innovative and describe the process and theoretical or empirical support for the potential for immediate or near immediate (i.e., within 6 months) benefits for reducing risk for community violence and racial/ethnic inequities in risk for community violence.” It will be incumbent on the applicant to demonstrate to the reviewers that the proposed study meets the intention and objectives of the NOFO and meets responsiveness criteria.

13. **Question:** What are the publication requirements for applicants?

Answer: Please review refer to Section III Eligibility Information, Part 5. Responsiveness for more information on requirements related to previous experience: “The SF-424 Biographical Sketch for the PI or Co-Investigator(s) must include documentation of expertise in the area of violence prevention that is reflected in the application's research strategy section. **The knowledge, experience, and expertise necessary to conduct this research and achieve proposed objectives must be documented with at least one first-authored, peer-reviewed publication as defined by the [NIH National Library of Medicine](#) in the relevant area of violence prevention, or by serving as a principal investigator on a research grant in**

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