

RFA CE-25-029 Questions and Answers

1. Can you provide the full listing for this opportunity/provide additional information or resources that would help us prepare our application?

More information about the grant opportunity can be found [here](#) on grants.gov under the opportunity number RFA-CE-25-029. The full announcement/Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found under the section “Related Documents” and provides additional guidance for applying and navigating the application process. Application submissions can be accessed by pressing the red buttons to apply and/or subscribe for updates. We encourage you to look at [How to Apply – Application Guide](#) for more information on how to structure your application (unless otherwise stated in the NOFO).

2. Do you know what potential topics or the spectrum of topics within youth violence that would be considered? Would lethal means restriction and firearm suicide be included?

As found in the NOFO, **Section I: Funding Opportunity Description > 1. Background and Purpose > Objectives/Outcomes** starting on page 7, Applications must assess interpersonal violence outcomes or key risk or protective factors for one or more forms of interpersonal violence impacting children or youth from birth through age 17 and address at least one of the [NCIPC research priorities](#) related to interpersonal violence impacting children or youth. Applicants are encouraged to address the following:

- Multiple forms of interpersonal violence impacting children or youth
- Firearm-related behavior, crime, injuries and deaths among children and youth
- Social or structural conditions that contribute to a greater risk for interpersonal violence and health inequities across population groups
- How the proposed research study has practical relevance to inform prevention and intervention activities

3. Can a foreign tertiary institution and its non-for-profit subsidiary entity Wellington UniVentures participate either directly and or collaborate with local entities in the U.S. to be considered eligible for this grant?

Unfortunately, foreign organizations are not eligible to apply; collaborations with foreign institutions are also not permitted for this opportunity. Please see **Section III: Eligibility Information > 2. Foreign Organizations** on page 19 of the NOFO for more information.

4. We are a [insert organization]. Are we able to apply for this grant? Are we too late to apply?

Please see **Section III: Eligibility Information > 1. Eligible Applications** on page 18 to determine if your organization is eligible to apply for this opportunity. The application is due on December 2nd, 2024.

5. Would my aims qualify for this opportunity?

While we are not able to provide guidance or information on the appropriateness of your aims to the NOFO, we can point you to sections of the NOFO that may address your inquiries and that can assist in developing your application:

- **Section I: Funding Opportunity Description > 2. Approach** to understand the objectives and intent of the NOFO
- **Section III: Eligibility Information > 5. Responsiveness** to review aspects of an application that would be considered responsive and unresponsive
- **Section V: Application Review Information** to understand the scientific review criteria

6. Can you please confirm whether the NOFO allows for clinical trials?

There is no language in the NOFO that excludes clinical trials, but it is incumbent on the applicant to demonstrate that the proposal/study design meets the NOFO's intent and objectives, which is to address violence prevention research priorities for interpersonal violence impacting children or youth from birth through age 17. Detailed objectives can be found on pg. 13 of the NOFO.

7. Would you please provide the definition of "New Investigators" for this RFP?

Please see **Section I: Funding Opportunity Description > 2. Approach > Contact Project Director/Principal Investigator Requirements** starting on page 10 of the full announcement for more information on who would be deemed as eligible for this grant as a new investigator. Here in particular the NOFO states, "applicant contact PD/PIs must have a qualifying degree, less than 5 years of experience as a post-graduate researcher in the violence prevention field, full time employment at the applicant organization at the time of the NOFO application due date, and no current or former funding as a contact PD/PI on specified excluded research project mechanisms (more information on page 10)"

8. Can you provide more clarity on if collaborating with community organization is a requirement for this NOFO?

Applicants are expected to demonstrate significant and meaningful community partnerships (e.g., state and local Departments of Public Health, health systems, hospitals, law enforcement, municipalities, etc.), *as appropriate*. For example, if implementing a prevention approach this might include partnership with: local organizations and entities involved in implementing the proposed prevention approach; all entities participating in the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of the strategy; all organizations and entities providing access to outcome data or study participants; and all organizations and entities supporting and facilitating community engagement activities during the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of the strategy. Please see **Section I: Funding**

Opportunity Description > 2. Approach > Collaboration/Partnerships starting on page 15 of the NOFO for more information.

9. Can you confirm whether letters of support are required from all mentors or only the primary mentor?

Each proposed mentor must provide a distinct Letter of Support (LoS) in the Plans and Statements of Mentor and Co-Mentor(s) section of the application. If more than one mentor is proposed, the respective areas of expertise and responsibility of each one must be described in the mentor's respective LoS. Please see **Section I: Funding Opportunity Description > 2. Approach > Mentor Letter(s) of Support** starting on page 12 for more information.

10. Is the page limit for the Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development component 12 pages in addition to a 12-page limit for the Research Strategy (for a total of 24 pages)? Or is the combined page limit for these two components 12 total pages?

The 12-page limit for the Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development component is *separate* from the 12-page limit for the Research Strategy, as identified in **Section IV: Application and Submission Information > 6. Appendix** on page 27 of the full announcement.

11. The guidance mentions that the grant follows the NIH K01 requirements, but also indicates that the research strategy should not exceed 12 pages, all other parts combined should not exceed 12 pages, and the entire application should not exceed 25 pages. I would greatly appreciate clarification on whether the whole application, in this case, should remain within the 25-page limit, or if the page limits align fully with the NIH K01 format, as outlined here: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/how-to-apply-application-guide/page-limits>.

To clarify, the **Appendix** has a page limit of 25 pages – the **Research Strategy** and **Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development** page limits of 12 pages each do not contribute to the 25-page limit for the appendix as they are not part of the appendix. Please see **Section IV: Application and Submission Information > 5. PHS 398 Research Plan Component, 6. Appendix, and 7. Page Limitations** starting on page 25 of the full announcement for more information. As a reminder, please follow the page limits stated in the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide unless otherwise specified in the full announcement.

12. Is there a preferred citation style to use?

There is no preferred style of citation. We encourage you to look at [How to Apply – Application Guide](#) for more information on how to structure your application (unless otherwise stated in the NOFO).

13. How much detail about the project should be included in the letter of intent?

The following detail should be included in your letter of intent should you be interested in submitting one:

- Descriptive title of proposed research
- The objective(s) the application will address
- A brief description (one to two paragraphs) of the proposed research, including its objectives
- Contact information of the Principal Investigator/Project Director (name, address, and telephone number)
- Name(s) of all other Senior/Key Personnel
- Name(s) of participating institutions
- Number and title of this funding opportunity

Please see **Section IV: Application and Submission Information > 3. Letter of Intent** starting on page 24 of the NOFO for more information.

14. Regarding the budget, am I correct in understanding that a research assistant is not allowed to be included in the budget?

Correct, grant funds will not be made available for mentor or research assistance support. Please see **Section IV: Application and Submission Information > 12. Other Submission Requirements and Information > Budget** starting on page 31 of the NOFO for more information on what costs are allowed and not allowed using grant funds.

15. Can you share any sample applications from the previous cycle for reference?

We unfortunately do not have sample applications/templates that we are permitted to disclose. NIH does have sample applications [Sample Applications and Documents | Grants & Funding \(nih.gov\)](#) that may be of interest for you to view – but as a reminder, the primary information to include in your application should be what is listed in the NOFO as some information may differ between NIH and CDC requirements.

We also encourage reviewing the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide](#) for additional instructions - please see **Section IV: Application and Submission Information > 5. PHS 398 Research Plan Component** on page 25 for more information.

16. Are there examples of past awards that have been awarded for this grant?

If you would like to know more about current or previously funded [NCIPC research](#), we encourage you to check out our NCIPC website and the [NIH RePorter site](#).

17. Can a faculty member be listed as a Co-Mentor on separate applications from the same institution?

Please see **Number of Applications** on pg. 5 of the NOFO, which states that “Eligible applicant organizations/institutions may submit more than one application, provided that each application is scientifically distinct. However, applicant institutions can submit only one grant application with the same contact PD/PI in response to this NOFO. Additionally, applicant institutions can submit only one grant application with the same individual designated in a Mentor project role in the application in response to this NOFO.”