

Perinatal Mental Health Community Capacity Building Funding Opportunity

Application

Q: I am part of an organization that does not fall under the categories listed in the application guidance (501(c)(3) Private Non-Profit organizations, Tribal Nations or Recognized American Indian organizations, Public or Private Schools, Faith-Based organizations, and Local Government entities). Am I still eligible to apply?

A: Yes, other organizations are welcome to submit an application for funding. If selected for funding, additional information may be requested before a contract is issued.

Q: Can a private therapist apply for the funding?

A: Yes, other organizations are welcome to submit an application for funding. If selected for funding, additional information may be requested before a contract is issued.

Q: If we are a private for-profit business, is there additional information we should submit with the application?

A: No additional information is needed for the application. If selected for funding, DCYF will request additional information if required.

Q: Is it possible to have the application be a collaborative application for funding, or should it be one solo application?

A: Historically, we have only funded single organizations that hold the resulting contract, and it is the organization that takes on the majority of the work. Additional community partners may be subcontracted for elements of the contract as long as the subcontract does not make up more than 49% of the resulting budget.

Q: When we submit an application, where do we send it?

A: Applications should be submitted to dcyf.strengtheningfamilies@dcyf.wa.gov by 5 p.m. on May 8, 2024.



Q: Who should the letters of support from parents and organizations be addressed to?

A: Letters of support should be addressed to “DCYF Strengthening Families”.

Q: Where can I find the fillable application?

A: This funding opportunity does not have a fillable application; each applicant may format their application in the way that works best for them. Applicants should follow the application formatting guidelines listed in the RFA guidance on this website:

<https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-dev-support-providers/home-visiting/funding-opportunities>.

Q: One of the priorities for this funding is reaching communities whose primary language is not English. Are you prepared for the parent letters of support to not be in English?

A: Yes. You may submit the parent letters of support from parents in whatever language is most comfortable for the parents. DCYF will identify resources to translate the letters when needed.

Q: We were wondering if we could receive technical assistance in the form of reviewing our application and informing us about whether we responded to the questions and budget correctly?

A: Unfortunately, we are not able to provide that level of technical assistance for this funding opportunity. However, if you have specific questions as you work on the application, please email them to dcyf.strengtheningfamilies@dcyf.wa.gov by 5 p.m. on April 24, 2024 and we will respond to you.

Contract Activities

Q: Do we have to create a new task force for this work, or can we collaborate with an existing local task force?

A: Applicants are not required to create a new task force. An existing group may be used to meet the task force requirement as long as it is a cross-sector group who is willing to take on this role. The task force should be developed in a way that works best for the community it will serve.

Q: This funding is used for creating or deepening a task force that is focused on promoting referrals and understanding the needs of the community and the initiative as well as a concrete service and the creation of materials for the community to promote referrals and resources. Is this correct?

A: Yes, those are the key activities. The Resource and Referral Guide typically is a part of the task force work, though, so it is not necessarily a separate activity. Perinatal Support Washington, in partnership with DCYF, will provide technical assistance in the development and implementation of all these activities.

Q: How many parents are we expected to serve in our support groups? Do we need to serve different people every time or can we serve duplicated people over time? What about how many people attend the task force?

A: We ask for organizations to aim for serving approximately 8 people per support group or about 20 people per year for 1:1 parent supports. However, we do not have an expectation of a number of families you serve in a year since this is a voluntary service. You do not need to serve different people every time, we frequently see participants who attend multiple meetings and participants are encouraged to attend services for as long as they feel it is beneficial. For the task force, there is no specific number of participants since this varies by community.

Q: We are planning to have our defined community be that of an existing program. The clients in this program are low-income, first-time moms and identify in a wide range of your focus populations. Are we narrowing ourselves down too much by having these clients be our defined community?

A: The RFA Guidance for the Perinatal Mental Health Capacity Building funding opportunity does not have any restrictions on how broad or narrow a focus population should be. Each organization is able to identify their own focus population based on their understanding of the community need.

Miscellaneous

Q: Is it possible to apply for both the Strengthening Families Washington Opportunities (Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Evaluation Capacity Building and Perinatal Mental Health Community Capacity Building)?

A: Yes, organizations may apply for both funding opportunities as long as the applications are for separate programming.

Q: Are there limitations with this funding, such as limitations on indirect or administrative costs?

A: Indirect or administrative rates are expected to not exceed 10% of the direct expenses, not 10% of the contract total. If your organization requires an indirect rate that exceeds 10% of the direct expenses, you will be required to submit an indirect rate certificate issued by a federally cognizant agency if selected for funding.

Q: Will the March 22 webinar be recorded and available to view later?

A: Yes, the presentation portion of the applicant webinar will be recorded and posted on this website: <https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-dev-support-providers/home-visiting/funding-opportunities>. The question and answer portion of the webinar will not be recorded, but all questions and answers are included in the posted FAQ document.

Q: Can you please tell me what indirect charges (rates) are allowable costs for this grant?

A: The allowable indirect rate for the perinatal mental health funding opportunity is a 10% de minimus rate, which means that indirect costs cannot exceed 10% of the direct expenses without an indirect rate certificate from a federally cognizant agency. If you have an indirect rate certificate from a federally cognizant agency, then the indirect rate cannot exceed the rate listed on the certificate.

Q: Is the CBCAP funding a source of funds from Washington State or federal funds?

A: The Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention funding is a federal funding source.