

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT OFFEROR'S CONFERENCE

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Q: What is a cognizant letter - how do we get documentation of an approved rate?

A: A cognizant letter comes from the Federal Department that where you have the highest grant dollars. Your agency would have to have applied for the indirect cost rate. Check with your agency accounting staff to see if you have a negotiated rate. Once you have an approval rate it must be used for all Federally awards going forward.

Q: What if we don't have an approved rate?

A: An indirect cost rate is not required. You can just disregard and leave blank.

Q: Does applying for indirect rate affect rating score?

A: No, the use of an indirect cost rate does not affect your score.

A: Are the required Direct assistance percentages (15% FSS and 70% SN) factored off of the TOTAL budget or only based off all direct costs, like staffing, supplies, etc?

A: It's based on the entire budget (YSS and SS).

Q: There seems to be an error in the RFP- Section II, page 26. There are two "response #6" and "response #5" does not have a title. Pages 16-19 seem to be following the format that is being discussed but 23-26 has the discrepancies, but wanted to check?

A: Yes, there was an error in this section. Please see the revised RFP on the SETA webpage under Public Information Notices.

Q: What about using de minimis 10% rate?

A: A de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs is allowable if your agency has never applied for an approved indirect cost rate. If chosen, this method must be used for all Federal awards going forward. It is best to keep accurate records on which costs are categorized as indirect for this method for consistent use in the future.

Q: Where do we get a list of SWAJCC sites? And what does the RFP mean by "FSS needing to provide incentives equal to 15% of the requested CSBG funding"?

A: You can find the AJCC Site List on the SETA Webpage.

Q: When we partner with a SWAJCC site, does this site have to submit pre-qualification documents as well?

A: No

Q: For youth, does it need to be justice related recidivism or can it be school issues?

A: Proposals for youth should provide services that modify gang/pre-gang, reckless or unlawful behavior, improve school attendance and improve family functioning or family safety.

Q: Does the 15% apply to youth support programs also?

A: Answer is on page 11 of the RFP. Successful proposers will also include emergency support services/incentives equal to at least 15% of the requested 2022 CSBG funding.

Q: If an agency works with more than 1 SETA department/program, which program performance(s) will be considered?

A: All