

Imperial County Asthma Community Linkages Project

Questions & Answers

Q. Can a non-profit organization submit an application?

A. Yes. Strategies must be responsive to need, community-centered, focused on collective impact, and clinically connected. To meet this requirement, community organizations must partner with local healthcare providers, community clinics or hospitals, as well as coordinate/collaborate with California Health & Wellness.

Q. What type of strategies would be acceptable for this project?

A. The goal of the Imperial County Asthma Community Linkages Project is to increase prevention, education, and early intervention services through the implementation of evidence-based policy, systems and/or environmental change strategies and interventions to help improve health outcomes for low income and Medi-Cal-eligible individuals. Strategies must be responsive to need, community-centered, focused on collective impact, and clinically connected.

Q. Can activities, strategies and interventions that are not listed on the Imperial County Accountable Community for Health's Strategic Priorities be included in the proposal?

A. Applicants must align all activities with the Healthy People 2020 goal for Respiratory Diseases goal and objectives which promote “respiratory health through better prevention, detection, treatment, and education efforts” and the Imperial County Accountable Community for Health's (ICACH) strategic priorities. Strategies proposed should lead to positive health outcomes, such as improved asthma diagnosis, treatment, asthma medication adherence, and quality of life; and reduced asthma-related emergency room visits, hospital readmission rates, and/or environmental triggers for asthma. Strategies must also be responsive to need, community-centered, focused on collective impact, and clinically connected.

Q. Is it required to submit a Letter of Intent?

A. A Letter of Intent is not required, but applicants are highly encouraged to submit one by 4:00 p.m. on October 13, 2016.

Q. Can the proposal focus on something other than asthma?

A. All proposed projects must focus on asthma and incorporate the following components: data analytics and capacity, evidence-based policy, systems and/or environmental change strategies and interventions, strategic planning, a communication plan, and evaluation.

Q. What type of outcome metrics are required?

A. Outcome metrics should be clearly identified, and may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Asthma patients receiving primary care follow-up within the timeframe documented on emergency department (ED)/hospital discharge Asthma Action Plan
- Patient/family and provider satisfaction of asthma care
- Asthma-related ED utilization over 12-month period
- Asthma-related hospitalizations over 12-month period
- Asthma disparity communities ED/hospital utilization due to asthma over 12-month period

Outcome metrics may also be related to, but are not limited to the following: students/families residing in asthma disparity communities who receive asthma education and school asthma strategy development with school nurse; number of school days missed due to asthma; patients who receive a written asthma action plan and are evaluated for environmental triggers; Community Health Workers/Promotoras demonstrating asthma competency based on adopted training needs; and disparity community families who receive a family assessment with navigation to community services/programs.

Additional outcome metrics may be required during the project term to more effectively measure progress in reducing the burden of asthma in our community and to measure return on investment for sustainability of efforts.

Q. Will the county mediate the relationship with California Health & Wellness or should the applicant contact them directly?

A. Applicants should contact California Health & Wellness directly.

Q. Is there an appropriate contact at California Health & Wellness who is expecting to coordinate with grantees since it is a requirement of the grant to coordinate with the health plan?

A. Yes. Dr. Kathleen Lang can be reached at KLANG@cahealthwellness.com.

Q. Is this RFP part of Imperial’s California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI) effort?

A. The Imperial County Asthma Community Linkages Project RFP is responsive to the Local Health Authority Commission’s 2015-2018 Strategic Plan which includes health status improvements as a priority. The Imperial County Asthma Community Linkages Project RFP aligns with the California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI) framework.

Q. Why was RFP Addendum #1 issued?

A. The RFP Addendum #1 was issued to modify the following 3 items in the Imperial County Asthma Community Linkages Project RFP:

- **Item No. 1: PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE**

The proposal changes the Imperial County Asthma Community Linkages Project RFP proposal submittal deadline to **Thursday, December 1, 2016, 2:00 p.m., Pacific Time**

- **Item No. 2: RFP TIMETABLE**

The RFP Timetable is changed by this Addendum to:

Release of RFP Guidelines	September 01, 2016
Applicant Assistance Workshop	September 15, 2016
Letter of Intent to Apply Deadline (Non-mandatory)	October 13, 2016
Request for Proposal Deadline	December 1, 2016
Evaluation and Scoring of Proposals	December 7-29, 2016
Notice of Intent to Make an Award	January 4, 2017
Protest/Appeal Period	January 5-18, 2017
Award Announcements	January 19, 2017
Projected Date for Commencement of Agreements	March 1, 2017

- **Item No. 3: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM #1**

Respondent shall include a signed copy of this Addendum as acknowledgement in the Appendix of its proposal:

Acknowledgement of Addendum #1

(Please return with your proposal)

Print or Type Company Name: _____

Print or Type Authorized Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Q. Should the RFP be taken to the purchasing department?

A. Proposals should be submitted to the Imperial County Purchasing Department located at 1125 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 by Thursday, December 1, 2016, by 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Q. If an agency already submitted their proposal, can they submit the addendum separately or is a whole new proposal submission with the addendum in the appendix necessary?

A. An original proposal with the signed acknowledgment of Addendum #1 included in the appendix is required. Please note that six (6) copies of the original proposal are also required.