

2013/14 CalGRIP RFP

Most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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- 1. Who is eligible to apply for CalGRIP funding?** Only California cities are eligible to apply for funding under the CalGRIP Program. An applicant city must submit the proposal, and designate a city agency to administer the grant and coordinate all agencies and community-based organizations participating in the project. The city may designate a county agency to administer the grant under contract with the city (e.g., a county Sheriff's Department serving as a city Police Department under contract with the city).
- 2. Will my idea of a project or program be acceptable?** Projects must show they are using evidence-based programs, practices, and strategies. Applicants are required to provide programs, practices, and strategies that have a demonstrated evidence-base and are appropriate for the target population. It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate in the proposal that the proven strategies selected are supported by evidence. A list of Resources is provided in the RFP on page 4 -5.
- 3. Are cities with 2011 or 2012 grants eligible to apply?** Yes. However, those that received funding in January 2013 are required to complete and submit the "Concurrent Funding" form (see p. 2 of the RFP under Funding).
- 4. May a city school district or special districts apply for the grant?** No. Only California cities can apply. However, school districts may play an important role as a partner agency.
- 5. Can cities use these funds to augment or enhance our existing CalGRIP grant?** Yes, but applicants with an existing project funded in January 2013 must include the 'Concurrent Funding' form showing distinctions in the funding for each grant period; or how existing CalGRIP grants funds (including match) are being used as compared to how the proposed grant funds (including match) will be used. New grant funds must also show an enhancement to the existing project or new project components.
- 6. If three cities partnered to apply for these funds is the maximum still set at \$500,000?** Yes. Each applicant city can only apply for up to \$500,000.
- 7. Do the department heads for the Sheriff's Department, Police Department, etc. have to commit to participate on the coordinating and advisory council?** The goal is to get input from these respective disciplines. A designated representative from these agencies will suffice in meeting this requirement.
- 8. Why do projects have to match the award, and what does "dollar for dollar" match mean?** The dollar-for-dollar match is required per the Budget Act Legislation. Match can be either cash or in-kind services, or a combination of the two. A cash match is defined as any

resource for which the applicant incurs an expense, including salaries and operating expenses. An in-kind match is defined as any resource which is contributed to the project without an expense to the applicant.

9. **Do we need to submit a full budget and budget narrative for the Match funds?** Yes. The Proposed Budget section has the budget line item table which designates columns for Grant Funds; cash match; in-kind match. The match is required to be designated under these eight categories, and the narrative is where the explanation goes describing the resources or services provided for that match.
10. **Does the match have to be on the same budget line-item as grant fund amount? (i.e. if in Salaries/Benefits category I designate \$10,000 grant funds, do I have to match that same amount in the same category -Salaries/Benefits Cash Match \$10,000?)** No; match can be designated in any line-item category, just as long as the total adds up to the 100% match of total funds requested.
11. **Do we have a better chance to receive funding if we ask for less than the \$500,000 maximum?** No. We encourage applicants to only request the amount of funds needed to support their proposal and not base the request on the maximum available. All proposals will be scored according to the established criteria outline in the Proposal Evaluation Rating Factors section on page 11-14 of the RFP.
12. **Can a school district be the implementing agency if the bulk of the programmatic piece is through the schools?** No. The applicant itself must be the city. The city is required to designate a city agency to manage the fiscal and administrative aspects of the grant. This would not preclude a school district or other outside organization from servicing as an integral partner, or even from managing the bulk of the programmatic piece, but ultimately it is the city that is responsible for the project.
13. **Can you tell me what supplanting means?** Supplanting means to deliberately reduce the amount of federal, state, or local funds currently being appropriated to an existing program or activity, because a BSCC grant has been awarded for the same purposes. When a grantee replaces funds in this manner, it reduces the total amount that would have been available for the stated grant purpose, and the substitution results in supplanting.
14. **Is the grant funding for the entire two year grant period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, or per year?** The funding is for the entire two year grant period. Therefore the budget must cover this entire time frame Jan 1, 2014 – Dec 31, 2015).
15. **Will the mandatory grantee orientation meeting be in Sacramento or will there also be a meeting in Southern California?** The plan is to hold the orientation meeting in Sacramento, but the date, time and place will be announced after the grant is awarded.