



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

November 15, 2021

ADDENDUM #1

**Eliminating Tobacco Disparities – A Community Led Approach
– RFP# 2022RIDOH002**

NOTICE TO VENDORS:

Attached are questions and answers for the above mentioned RFP.

1. What is the funding amount available for this opportunity and how many organizations will be awarded funding?
 - a. **The State of Rhode Island prohibits Request for Proposals to identify a specific funding amount available for the opportunity. Interested organizations should submit a budget for the initial project period that they believe supports a scope of work necessary to make measurable impact in reducing tobacco and nicotine use among LGBTQIA+ populations. The Rhode Island Tobacco Control Program will undergo contract negotiations with the selected organization to align the proposed budget with the allocated amount for the initial project period. At this time, only one organization will receive funding from RIDOH to implement this work.**
2. Should the applicant include funding in their budget for an evaluator or are all evaluation costs assumed by RIDOH?
 - a. **The Rhode Island Tobacco Control Program Evaluator will provide technical assistance to, and collaborate with, the selected Local Lead Agency to inform federally required Tobacco Control Program evaluation activities. Interested organizations should identify additional evaluation and/or data-focused resources to support the proposed scope of work.**
3. Is a letter of support required from the Regional Coalition if the Coalition is part of the applicant organization's infrastructure?
 - a. **If the applicant represents a currently funded Regional Coalition, an organizational letter of support is not needed. It is encouraged however, that the applicant ensures the application clearly states that they represent or are applying on behalf of a Regional Prevention Coalition in the application itself. If your organization is a partner of a Regional Prevention Coalition, it is required to solicit a letter of support**
4. Can RIDOH please clarify who the intended applicants are for this funding? For example, are the RI Substance Use/Misuse Prevention Coalitions eligible to apply or is this RFP intended for community-based organizations who are not part of the Coalitions?
 - a. **This opportunity is made available to all Rhode Island organizations/entities/agencies. Regional Prevention Coalitions are welcome to apply as well as organizations who are not currently affiliated with a Regional Prevention Coalition.**
5. Will RIDOH consider an extension on the submission date due to the Thanksgiving holiday?
 - a. **RIDOH will extend the application deadline to December 3, 2021 at 4: 00p.m EST. We look forward to engaging in the review process for this exciting opportunity.**