

**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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RFA Questions and Answers

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Questions and Answers *(list all questions and answers in numerical order)*

1. Question:

Do Early Care and Education (ECE) programs that serve children birth-6, like Head Start Community Action Agencies, qualify as "feeding sites"?

Answer:

ECE sites can be considered "feeding sites". The Building Resilient Inclusive Communities (BRIC) initiative prioritizes working with "*existing efforts to address COVID-19 in high-risk areas focusing on vulnerable populations (African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, young children, aging adults, and people with disabilities).*"

2. Question:

Can we use funds for food?

Answer:

Funds may not be used for food.

3. Question:

Can funds be used for a portion of staff time?

Answer:

Funds may be used for a portion or all of staff time

4. Question:

When would the award occur?

Answer:

The proposed contract start date is January 1, 2022.

5. Question:

Are we required to spend the funds in one calendar year?

Answer:

Funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Reimbursement will be made for expenditures incurred during this period and as outlined and approved in the executed contract.

6. Question:

If a non-profit organization has a workplan for the BRIC proposal but needs to update their Strategic Plan to include any new initiative, is that cost for the Strategic Plan allowed?

Answer:

All workplan deliverables for the BRIC initiative must be completed by December 31, 2022. BRIC funds cannot be used to supplant other efforts.

7. Question:

Are marketing and public outreach costs of the new initiatives an allowable expense?

Answer:

Marketing and public outreach costs are permissible if they support the proposed strategies and outcomes.

8. Question:

If a nonprofit addresses health equity issues to a smaller area/population rather than a regional entity, which serves a larger population, does that put them at a disadvantage, in terms of scoring criteria?

Answer:

No

9. Question:

If the applicant is not in the priority counties, will our application be at a disadvantage compared to the priority counties?

Answer:

No

10. Question:

Under ineligible expenses it says "equipment", what is defined as equipment?

Answer:

Equipment is defined as any one item with a cost of \$5,000 or greater.