

## IMPERIAL COUNTY COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

## SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

	1	Question
		Since our application was submitted in 2016, we have already completed the submitted project. Can
		we revise our proposal to a similar kind project that may be slightly different?
		Answer
		Yes. As long as the scope of the project/program and the requested funding does not change.
	2	Question
		Our application was submitted almost 2 years ago. Personnel costs have increased. Should funding request be increased or should scope be reduced?
		Answer
		No increase in funding will be considered. Although the County understands that the applications for
		specific projects/programs submitted in 2016 may have changed, increased in costs, etc. However,
		given the limited amount of funds available for Round 2 of the Community Benefit Program, it is
		requested that the fund request remain the same.
	3	Question
		Board resolution included with original application in 2016 do we need current one?
		Answer
		No. As long as the current Board is aware of the project and its potential funding through the CBP.
	4	Question
	-	For a government agency, what specific valid agency documentation are you expecting, in lieu of a
		non-profit agency?
		Answer
		Documentation to validate that an agency is current and is good standing with State and Federal
		agencies. In the case of a public agency, it would be simply a Federal ID and possibly a DUNS number.
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5	Question Between Women Inc. is our corporate name, Imperial Valley Cancer Support Center is our DBA. Should we apply as Between Women Inc. dba Imperial Valley Cancer Support Center? We do not use Between Women Inc. any longer, as our business name.
	Answer
	It is requested to provide documentation to confirm that it is essentially same agency, as a third-party 501C3 is not permitted.
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	If funding request involves medical services, must names of individuals be identified? Our concern is privacy, HIPAA.
	Answer
	Once the Board of Supervisors has approved those agencies, the County will meet one on one with agencies to review the required data/information.
7	Question
	On the checklist, it states you have to submit a board resolution accepting the funds. How do we submit that if we don't know if we have been selected to receive funds?
	Answer
	The resolution should contain language whereby the respective Board acknowledges the submittal of
	the application to the Imperial County Community Benefit Program. In addition, the resolution shall contain information regarding the main point of contact and signing authority should the grant receive funding.
8	Question
	On the application, it wants addresses of board members. Do you want personal home addresses of board members? I'm sensitive to my board's personal information.
	Answer
	No. The County requests that agencies provide their names, title and city of residence.
9	Question
	If the group applying is a volunteer agency and they do the construction work, does that impact the prevailing wage rule?
	Answer
	Unless they are employees of a government agency that are performing the work and are not subject,
	prevailing wage issues will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Applicants are advised to seek legal or other expect advise on this issue.
10	Question
	Is there a page limit for the project description?
	Answer
	No. But it is recommended that it be about ten (10) pages long. Nevertheless, should an agency require more, that is acceptable.

11	Question
	Are there format guidelines for the narrative portion? Font, spacing, etc
	Answer
	No.
12	Question
12	For past grant awards, what has been the average difference between what was requested and actually awarded (example 50% less then requested)?
	Answer
	In the First Round, approved funding equaled 42.6% of the total amount requested. For the Second Round, the available funding is only 13% of the total amount requested.
13	Question
	How likely will the program deviate from funding the three stated focus areas at different levels? Example funding Community Services at a level below \$600,000.
	Answer
	The Committee will attempt to stay within the allotted amounts within the categories, however the
	Committee may recommend to modify.
14	Question
	Is the goal of the program to find as many high quality projects as possible?
	Answer
	The goal of the Committee is to provide recommendations on as many projects that demonstrate
	community benefit.
15	Question
	Is in-kind required, and how much or percentage?
	Answer
	No. Matching funds and/or in-kind funds are not required. However, given the limited amount of
	funding the identification of matching or in-kind may increase the chances of the Committee
	recommending project.
16	Question
	Where do you submit the application? Suite 208?
	Answer
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	Applications should be submitted at: County of Imperial, County Executive Office, 940 West Main

17	Question
	If an agency is unable to hand deliver, may it mail the application?
	Answer
	Yes, the agency may mail the application along with three copies. It is recommended to send via
	certified mail to obtain proof of delivery.
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18	Question
	If an agency submitted an application in 2016, will the Agency have an opportunity to resubmit an updated application to reflect updated information?
	updated appreation to remeet apaated information.
	Answer
	Yes. The County understands that applications for specific projects/programs submitted in 2016 may
	have changed. Agencies who submitted an application in 2016 may submit an updated application to
10	reflect the current project/program needs.
19	<b>Question</b> Should a project be approved by the Board of Supervisors, the process requests a list of all the agency's
	Board members along with their contact information. Do we include their home addresses?
	Answer
	No. The County requests that agencies provide their names, title and city of residence.
20	Question
	Information requested by the County may violate HIPAA laws, will the County accept information
	that is not complete?
	Answer
	Once the Board of Supervisors has approved those agencies, the County will work one on one with
	agencies to review the required data/information.
21	Question
	Are funds to be paid back to the County?
	Answer
	Unless, the application specifically states a loan is being requested, the funds do not need to be paid back. Rather, this is a grant program.
22	Question
	Will the agency receive a check with the entire amount once the Board of Supervisors approve grant?
	Answer
	No. The grant will be on a reimbursement basis. Rather, once the agency provides proof of payment
	to an expense, then reimbursement is processed. The other option would be that the County provide
	direct payment to a vendor.

Question
What if an agency would like to submit additional documentation to an application, but the files are
big. Do they need to be hard copy or a USB is fine?
Answer
The application itself need to be hardcopy, however and large amounts of back-up documentation may
be submitted in a USB.
Question
May the funds be used for existing staff?
Answer
Funds granted under this program are meant to enhance the services of an agency/program.
Applications for funding for existing staff/program will not be scored as highly as applications to
enhance programs/services.