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R3 Reentry/Economic Development/Civil Legal Aid
2378-010626-1

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS (Posted every Friday)

Day Posted 3/5/26

Question

Could you please either adjust the text field setting to allow up to 10,000 characters as per your previous email or advise if there is another avenue to submit the responses which are over 8,000 but under 10,000 characters?

Response

At this stage, we are unable to make changes to the application questions. All applicants must respond within the same character limits to ensure a fair and consistent evaluation process.

Question

When I'm filling out the budget template the page that has the ICJIA funds section A, when I go to put in the numbers for year one it's not allowing me to put in the numbers because they are saying that the document is locked so the budget has a lock on it. How do I unlock it?

Response

The tab you are referencing pre-populates based on the data entered into other tabs. You can edit any area highlighted in blue. Please download the document before entering data as the form does not load properly while using the online version.

Question

We are currently attempting to access Amplifund in order to complete the R3 grant application, but we are encountering an issue with my account. My Executive Director is able to access the application and has attempted to grant me access through the system; however, when I attempt to log in to the portal, I receive a "User Not Found" error message.

Response

To access the application, you must be granted permission by the grant seeker. Please review the GATA grantee portal <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/> to confirm access to

both the portal and Euna grants. If you have access to the grantee portal and are still having issues with accessing Euna Grants, please submit a help ticket <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

Question

I was writing to confirm that the maximum award that can be requested is based on the amounts listed in Appendix B: Funding Table and in fact, no agency will receive up to \$1M.

Response

Appendix B lists the maximum amount of funding available by tier and region. Depending on the tier of competition the maximum award could be up to \$1 million.

Question

I am attempting to upload my budget narrative and keep receiving the following message: "The cell or chart you are trying to change is on a protected sheet. To make a change, unprotect the sheet. You might be requested to enter a password."

Response

Double click inside the narrative box to enter text. Please download the document before entering data as the form does not load properly while using the online version.

Question

The uniform budget template requires a Grant number. I can not find that information on the NOFO. Can you please provide me with that number?

Response

Grant numbers are created by ICJIA. You may leave that field blank.

Question

I am having trouble logging back into the R3 system it keeps reading a no access code. Can I have some assistance.

Response

Try clearing the cookie data from your browsing history. If that does not help, please submit a help ticket with Amplifund (Euna Grants) as they can be a resource for troubleshooting issues with the system <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

Day Posted 2/27/26

Question

Is the ICQ approved once we obtain a contract with state?

Response

All applicants must complete the ICQ questionnaire for FY26 in their GATA profile. Approval of the submitted ICQ is the responsibility of the cognizant agency listed in your profile. If ICJIA is the cognizant agency, approval is completed within 7-10 days of submission.

Question

Per the question below, there are activities listed in appendix A of the NOFO. I am unable to locate Appendix a on the R3 website or in Aplifund. Is there a link to this document?

Response

The list of activities appears on pages 8-9 of the NOFO instructions document. You can download the document on the ICJIA website at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

I seem to have come across differing deadlines for this opportunity and wish to clarify the correct deadline. Would you kindly confirm if it is March 6, 8, or 12th?

Response

The application deadline is March 6, 2026, at 2 p.m. CST.

Question

I finally am in good standing and got my UEI number validated. However, when I reset my password for the portal I'm locked out now. Also when I tried to log into the Amplifund this is the message I'm getting "Error 403 Access denied".

Response

The GATA Grantee Portal is not managed by ICJIA. Unfortunately, that means staff is unable to assist with troubleshooting. Others have found this guide useful for troubleshooting: https://gata.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/gata/documents/resource-library/support-accessible/GATA%20New%20User%20Guide_accessible.pdf

Question

We recently learned that our GATA status is currently “non-compliant” due to our charitable registration with the Secretary of State. We are working with the State to expedite resolving this issue but wanted to know if this would impact us submitting our application.

Response

GATA prequalification is required for applying for these funding opportunities. The NOFO instructions indicate that the applicant must be compliant by the time the applications enters the review process. This process begins once the application window closes at the deadline.

Question

The award period is stated in the NOFO as September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027. Additional funding of up to 24 months may be awarded after the initial funding period, contingent upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds. Total funding for the grant program will not exceed 36 months.

When we submit our budget, do we only submit for 1 year or are we allowed to submit a 3-year budget?

Response

The budget included in your application should only include expenses for Year 1.

Question

If it is possible for a collaborative to get points for employee residence, in addition to points for Q5 and Q3(a), please provide instructions based on the attached Amplifund portal view for the Local Preference section.

Response

Yes. For local preference consideration, all collaborator addresses should be listed in that section.

Questions

would it be possible to get a clean PDF of the application to review without logging in to the Amplifund site?

Response

You can download the NOFO narrative document here: <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/funding/r3-youth-development-violence-prevention-nofo-2378-010626-2/>.

Question

Can two proposals for "2378–010626-1 SERVICE DELIVERY C4 R3 Reentry | Economic Development | Civil Legal Aid" (CSFA 546-00-2378) be submitted by the same institution, if one proposal focuses upon "Economic Development" and the other focuses upon "Civil Legal Aid?"

Response

Applicants may propose providing services in more than one category in a single application. For example, you may apply to provide both economic development and civil legal aid services in one application. Please note: Applicants may only submit one application per region.

Question

I noticed that the Youth Development program priority no longer exists. Our organization has extensive knowledge in this program priority and has previously applied for R3 funds under this priority. Will there no longer be funding for this program priority?

Response

Youth development programs are eligible for funding. Read more here: <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/funding/r3-youth-development-violence-prevention-nofo-2378-010626-2/>

Question

Can we add a budget line for program space in the building we own?

Response

No, currently owned program space usage is not an allowable expense. Please refer to the budget guidance instructions on the budget template in the rent/utilities section.

Question

Can two applications with two different leads have the same collaborator?

Response

That type of relationship is only allowable if service provision is proposed in two different regions of the state. The leads would have to submit their applications in different regions.

Day Posted 2/20/26

Question

Can a local school be considered a member of the collaborative? An individual school is not usually considered a local unit of government, rather part of a larger school district. We are working with one individual school.

Response

Yes, a local school can be considered a member of a collaborative in an application. The lead applicant must define how the collaborator will contribute to the outcomes and deliverables of the proposed project and monitor their progress towards those outcomes. You can read more about how ICJIA defines the collaborative relationship in the NOFO instructions for the recently released R3 opportunities. You can download the NOFO instructions on ICJIA's homepage <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

I would like to know, as our agency provides services for areas 1677 – 1984, is the maximum amount that can be awarded for tier 3 \$47,000 per section or as a whole?

Response

Funding amounts are determined by the region of the state in which the proposed services will take place, the number of years of service provision of the applicant, and the applicant's total operational budget. When determining the max award allowable, the applicant should refer to the Appendix B of the NOFO instructions document to best understand the maximum amount of funding available by tier and region. You can access

the NOFO instructions for the opportunities available through R3 on ICJIA's website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

As of yesterday at 4:00 I am unable to access my applications. I get a message that says 403-Forbidden: Access denied. You do not have permission to view this directory or page using the credentials that you supplied. Is the site down or did something else happen to make this occur. How can I get access to my applications?

Response

Please be advised that the software works best using Chrome or Microsoft Edge. It is also suggested that you clear the cookie data from your browsing history. If this does not help, please submit a help ticket with Amplifund (Euna Grants) as they can be a resource for troubleshooting issues with the system <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

Question

Just for clarification, My Youth department and my Reentry department are able to apply for this grant?

Response

Organizations are allowed to apply for one opportunity only. If your organization has two departments, you must determine which program you want to propose service for under either NOFO for R3.

Question

I would like to apply for a grant but the apply button is not working. I was able to make a public account. After logging in, I am directed to a blank screen that says "administrator." at the top. I also tried clicking apply when I am not logged in and it sends me to the same screen. This is the link to the screen:

<https://il.amplifund.com/account/UserNotFound.aspx>

Is there a way that I can apply using a different link?

Response

Interested applicants must meet the prequalification requirements according to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act prior to applying for the recently released funding opportunities under R3. To best understand your organization/entity status, you can visit the IL GATA grantee portal at <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>. If you believe your organization/entity has not met the prequalification standards for applying, you can review the guidance and support provided on the ICJIA website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/training/> to learn more.

Question

Does this grant fund the expansion or addition to physical structures (brick and mortar building) where services and programs are currently being offered inside the accepted service area?

Response

This grant does not fund additions to physical structures because those are considered capital expenses and are unallowable costs. However, minor renovations and repairs may be allowable. The applicant will have to cost allocate the cost of the repairs and have them pre-approved before any renovation or repair can take place. To learn more about funding restrictions, please access the NOFO instructions on ICJIA's website at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

I am trying to fill out the application and have created a public portal. I also verified it, however, when I try to log in and start the application, I receive an error message. Could you please let me know what I can do to resolve this?

Response

Interested applicants must meet the prequalification requirements according to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act prior to applying for the recently released funding opportunities under R3. To best understand your organization/entity status, you can visit the IL GATA grantee portal at <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>. If you believe your organization/entity has not met the prequalification standards for applying, you can review the guidance and support provided on the ICJIA website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/training/> to learn more.

If your organization is prequalified according to GATA, please submit a help ticket to Euna Grants to provide technical assistance for accessing the application software <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

Question

Where do I find the Goals and Performance Metrics, Implementation Schedule and Budget & Budget Narrative templates? I have been unable to find them even after searching your website several times. Could you please provide a link or send them to me?

Response

You can access the templates within the application when applying. They are available for download, however I am attaching them to this email for use.

Questions

Can Youth Development and Violence Prevention programs be proposed in the same proposal or should they be separate funding applications? Can applicants propose programs that operate, either in full or in part, in middle or high schools?

Response

Regarding youth development and violence prevention programming proposed together, yes, the applicant can address both priorities within that funding opportunity. Regarding collaborating with HS, MS, etc., an organization may operate within a school.

Question

Regarding transportation services for participants, while the NOFO states that funding cannot be used to purchase new vehicles, does that restriction apply to short-term leasing of new or used vehicles, e.g., small vans?

Response

Short -term leases can be allowable; however it is up to the applicant to provide the reasonableness and necessity for the expense. Please note this expense requires preapproval by ICJIA prior to entering into a lease agreement.

Question

With respect to contract awards, is there any correlation between a proposal's ranking and the approved amount, e.g., could a higher ranked bid receive more funds, proportionately, than one receiving a lower score? Does the amount of participants to be served have any impact on the funding awarded?

Response

Yes, a higher ranked proposal may receive more funding than a lower ranked proposal. Regarding the number of participants to be served, ICJIA considers the full proposal when determining the funding amount.

Question

Can you please clarify whether the character limits in the narrative template should still be followed, or if they were included in error?

Response

Character limits for questions in the program design section of the applications have been updated to allow 8,000-10,000 characters.

Question

It's two programs in different buildings, funding, programs, under same organization(Reentry Department and Youth Department). You have two different R3 grants are we able to apply individually even if we're under the same organization. But the Reentry will be partnering with another agency in applying for this R3 Grant.

Response

Organizations/entities are allowed to apply for one funding opportunity under the recently released opportunities under R3. Although your question indicates there are multiple priorities you may propose services for, it is up to the applicant to determine which opportunity best aligns with their scope of work.

Question

I have question regarding the Conflict of Interest Disclosure form - where do I find this form?

I was able to locate all of the other documents, but can't find this one anywhere.

Response

Thank you for your inquiry. Conflict of Interest forms will be sent directly to the assigned grant specialist should the proposal be awarded. This document will be shared as a part of the onboarding packet.

Question

Please clarify whether an organization can submit an application in one R3 funding region and participate as a collaborative partner in another R3 funding region. Also, if so, what are the rules or regulations that govern these types of service provisions across more than one funding region (for budgeting, billing, activities, etc.)?

Response

An organization cannot submit an application in one region and participate as a collaborative partner in another R3 funding region. This is not allowable for the recently released opportunities for R3 funding.

Question

Last time I applied, a county-by-county list of zones was available. I can not find that now. All that comes up is the map, and it doesn't really answer my question.

When I do click on Quincy's zone the funding opportunities are listed by CLA, ED, RE or VP, YO.

Does this mean that the available funds for programs under Economic development and Reentry have a different request cap than for violence prevention? What is the amount if the program is for violence prevention, economic development, reentry, and youth?

Response

Recently ICJIA released two notices of funding under the R3 program. NOFO 1 focuses on the priorities of economic development (ED), civil legal aid (CLA) and/or reentry (RE). NOFO 2 focuses on the priorities of youth development (YD), and/or violence prevention (VP). Applicants can apply for one opportunity as a lead applicant or as a part of a collaborative. You can read more about each NOFO on ICJIA's website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Regarding the eligibility map on the R3 website, if you scroll down below the map, there are detailed instructions on how to use multiple features to identify if your proposed service is located within a designated R3 zone.

Question

Are short-term, time-limited subsidized client wages or stipends an allowable expense for work learning or trial job placement?

Response

Stipends are an allowable expense and should be categorized as a supply on the budget. Applicants must provide a narrative that provides the reasonableness and necessity for the

expense. All costs associated with the proposed program are subject to approval by ICJIA.

Question

My agency is interested in submitting an application for this grant through our Fiduciary Agent. Can we file under our Fiduciary Agent who has a current R3 grant?

Response

No, an organization/entity that has a current and active R3 grant is not eligible to apply for the recently released opportunities through R3.

Question

I am doing the budget for the re-entry grant, and I don't see anywhere in the budget for support services such as transportation, training costs for classes or credentials, or other support needs. Are these allowable costs, and if so, where in the budget template would they go?

Response

The expenses as described would be allocated under supplies.

Question

Where can we place marketing supplies, client stipends, client transportation assistance, and client records management system in the budget? Is there a Performance Metric for the Collaborative or can we use Current Performance Metrics? When we include information on our employees and leadership should we include information on each organization?

Response

Regarding the performance metrics for collaboratives, if an applicant does not have a standardized template developed to manage the collaboration, it is allowable to use the template provided by ICJIA. Regarding the combined leadership narrative for the lead and collaborative, it is up to the lead applicant to include information that best addresses how their agency leadership and connection to the community will support the goals and outcomes for the proposed program. Regarding the local preference points, you can claim local preference points if the employees of the lead and collaborative reside in a designated R3 zone.

All the items described below would be classified as a supply expense on the program's budget. Please be sure to provide a narrative to support the reasonableness and necessity for the requests.

Question

I submitted a ticket – several times. Once I hit “submit” button, I get an error message that it was not submitted. Is it possible for you to send me the application so we can fill out by hand? I also confirmed with tech support that my credentials are correct.

Response

Right now, you do not have portal access to apply for the opportunity. Your email is listed in the GATA portal as a grantee contact, but you need access to the GATA grantee portal <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/> and access to the Amplifund (Euna Grants) portal to apply for the opportunities. This article may help you to confirm your status and troubleshoot https://gata.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/gata/documents/resource-library/support-accessible/GATA%20New%20User%20Guide_accessible.pdf

Question

If our organization is applying for a grant as the sole applicant for Youth Development, can we also join a collaborative with another organization on a second application? Their application would be for the "Economic Development" focus area.

Response

For the recently released funding under R3, an applicant is not allowed to apply as lead or collaborator for both opportunities.

Question

My organization is interested in applying for the Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3) Notice of Funding Opportunity Reentry/Economic Development/Civil Legal Aid Service Delivery NOFO #2378-010626-1. I registered for an Amplifund account via Illinois.gov and validated my account via email, but the system will not allow me to login. I've received multiple errors messages, including "user not found" and "access denied". Can you please advise?

Response

Unfortunately, ICJIA is unable to troubleshoot access to the GATA grantee portal or the Amplifund system. Please note that you must be a user in the GATA grantee portal with portal access and access to Euna grants in order to apply for the opportunities. Please connect with your internal executive staff to approve access.

Question

One other clarifying question, our organization partners with School District 148 to provide youth development programs. This spans across Riverdale and Dolton, which are separate R3 zones. Do we need to submit separate applications for the schools in each zone?

Response

If the R3 zones for the proposed services are within the same region, the applicant fills out one application for that region and lists the R3 zone area ID for each zone they want to include in service provision within the application where prompted.

Day Posted: 2/6/26

Question

Please clarify which of the following is the correct interpretation of this language from the NOFOs. (Or – please let me know if there is a another, more accurate interpretation than what I've listed.)

- a. Each organization may submit up to 24 proposals – 12 for 2378-010626-1 (each proposal for a different project, covering a different funding region) and 12 for 2378-010626-2 (each proposal for a different project, covering a different funding region).
- b. Each organization may submit up to 2 proposals – 1 for 2378-010626-1 (covering a single funding region) and 1 for 2378-010626-2 (covering a single funding region).
- c. Each organization may submit up to 2 proposals – 1 for 2378-010626-1 (covering multiple funding regions, as appropriate) and 1 for 2378-010626-2 (covering multiple funding regions, as appropriate).

Response

Organizations/entities may apply for one opportunity and can apply for multiple regions within an opportunity. The applicant must submit one application per region in which they are proposing service.

Question

My understanding now is that each organization may submit up to 12 proposals – 12 for NOFO 2378-010626-1 (each proposal covering a single funding region) *or* 12 for NOFO 2378-010626-2 (each proposal covering a single funding region). Please clarify if that is the correct interpretation.

Response

Yes, that is correct. Organizations/entities may apply for one opportunity and can apply for multiple regions within an opportunity. The applicant must submit one application per region in which they are proposing service.

Question

Can a city apply on behalf of the 501c3 non-profit. So a city would be the contract holder and would contract with the non-profit to run the program?

Response

Response

Yes, cities and other municipalities can apply for R3 funding. You can learn more about the collaborative application process in the NOFO instructions for the R3 funding opportunities. The information can be accessed on ICJIA's website at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>.

Question

I was reaching out because I created an account as a public account and received this message when I logged in. Can you help with this?

Response

To ensure that you can fully access the opportunities through R3, you must meet GATA pre-qualification requirements. If you need guidance on how to confirm your prequalification status you can check the GATA grantee portal <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/> there you can view/confirm your status.

If you believe that you are already prequalified and accessing the system is still an issue, please submit a help ticket with Amplifund (Euna Grants) <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

Question

Can grant funds be used to support existing programs, or do they have to be used for a new or expanded program?

Response

Yes, funding can be used to fund an existing program. Organizations/entities must be mindful of cost allocating correctly to ensure that grant funds are being used in alignment with 2CFR 200 and that there is not overlap.

Question

Several of our partner organizations, including our fiscal agent, received R3 funds from past rounds. Given this is a pilot and distinct from these organizations other work, is our fiscal agent able to submit an application? And would organizations that receive R3 funds as lead agencies separate from the pilot be able to be sub-awardees?

Response

Any organization/entity whether as single or a part of a collaboration that has an active R3 grant are not eligible to apply for the recently released opportunities.

Question

Would it be possible to submit two separate applications for this grant? We operate programs in two different parts of the state, both Northwestern and Southern Illinois.

Response

Yes, it is possible to submit two separate applications for two funding areas of the state.

Question

Would an organization from out of state be eligible to apply?

Response

No, unfortunately out of state organizations/entities will not be considered for the funding opportunities for R3.

Question

Our account is connected to a former employee's name, it possible for us to update our username?

Response

You can contact GOMB at <https://accounts.illinois.gov/help.html> they would be a resource for resetting access to the grantee portal.

Question

I'm looking to review pages 9-10 of the NOFO for youth program development requirements and I can't seem to find it.

Response

You can view and download the NOFO instructions on ICJIA's website at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

Can you please clarify whether a single organization is allowed to submit two separate applications to serve two separate community areas?

Response

R3 designates funding amounts by region of the state. Currently there are 12 regions with funding designated to each region. A single organization can submit a separate application for each region they are proposing to service.

Question

May we apply for multiple areas within a region? If so, in identifying our service areas, do we just add extra rows? I cannot select multiple areas within the map.

Response

Yes, you can apply to service multiple R3 zones within a region. You can identify each zone's area ID# and input into the application where applicable. Unfortunately, you will have to geo map the areas separately in order to generate the area ID#.

Question

Where can we find the Conflict of Interest Disclosure form and where do we upload it and the 501c3 letter? I was not able to find these in the NOFO or Amplifund portal.

Thank you!

Response

Regarding the COI, if the applicant's proposed service is awarded the COI will be sent directly to the grant specialist. Regarding the 501c3 letter, this can also be shared with the designated grant specialist should the project be awarded. ICJIA will update the NOFO instructions to reflect this change.

Question

1. If our violence prevention program serves more than one R3 priority area, may our organization submit two applications as a single entity (one for each R3 priority area)? Our organization will serve both "Cook - Chicago Southern" and

“Cook – Suburban” R3 zones.

2. Our organization has multiple locations. While our “main address” is outside of an R3 area, our “hub,” or where services will be provided, is in an R3 area. Under Question 5, “Location of Organization,” should we list our “main address” or the address of our hub?

Response

Thank you for your inquiry. Organizations/entities who are proposing service in multiple regions should submit a separate application for each region. For question 5 please list your organization's address, as there is a space within that same section for you all to include the "hub address".

Question

I cannot locate the language in the NOFO that corresponds with the answer provided that “grantees who have a current/active R3 award are not eligible to apply as a single organization or a part of a collaborative.” Will you please direct me to, or provided me with, the information that you are relying on to make this determination?

Response

The information you are looking to source may not be included in the NOFO language, as this is an internal ICJIA policy.

Question

Please see the quote from the funding restrictions in question:

"A renovation, lease, or any other proposed use of a building or facility that will either result in a change in its basic prior use or significantly change its size"

Can you please elaborate on "basic prior use"? We envision renting a commercial space, but not necessarily something that was specifically a drop in center previously, as this would significantly limit our options. Please advise.

Response

The idea of basic prior use refers to an organization/entity having to make significant structural changes to the space to accommodate the proposed service. This action limits the amount of renovation that is allowable to a space for programmatic use.

Question

how we respond to the following questions:

Q3 - State your organization’s current annual operating budget.

Q4. About how many years has your organization been active in the community?

Are we answering these questions as a collaborative? Meaning one of the operating budgets may be \$350,000 a year another maybe \$800,000 per year. Another \$600,000. Are we combining the operating budgets?

Response

In a collaborative the lead agency is the entity who fills out the application and references their current operational budget and years of service provision.

Question

For entities applying as a single organization, are local preference points given to certify that 50% of our employees are residents of the exact R3 zone listed on our application for service delivery?

Response

Yes, if 50% of your employees are residents of an R3 zone you can claim the local preference points. Please fill out the certification form and upload with your application.

Question

Are we allowed to buy chromebooks for the participants to be used during class (the devices will remain in the class)?

Response

Chromebooks for participants is an allowable expense, however, it is up to the applicant to provide narrative that outlines the reasonableness and necessity of the purchase.

Question

My organization is applying and the CBO we plan to work with is applying. If we are both awarded the grant, will it be possible to work together?

Response

No, unfortunately an organization/entity cannot be a lead applicant and a part of a collaborative.

Question

If they are considered separate funding opportunities, could we submit one application under Reentry/Economic Development/Civil Legal Aid for our Legal Department to provide services to one R3 funding zone and then submit a separate application under Youth Development/Violence Prevention for our Prevention Education department to provide services to a different R3 funding zone?

Response

The recently released opportunities under R3 are separate notices with different priorities. Organizations/entities must choose the opportunity that best aligns with their proposed program.

Question

Would it be possible to receive a copy of the questions included in the grant application?
We are in the process of accessing the application and have not seen the questions yet.

Response

You can download the NOFO instructions for the recently released opportunities at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

We were able to access what we were looking for, which has brought up another question: would you be able to help clarify the region specification?

Specifically, if an organization based in Cook – Chicago Northern applies to support a program the organization operates in Cook – Chicago Western, would the program region be Cook – Chicago Western? Services would be provided to those living in Cook – Chicago Western and all activities would be carried out in that region.

Response

Yes, you are correct that the proposed program according to your description would be for the Cook-Chicago Western region.

Question

The application worksheet for youth programming indicates 750 characters, etc. for responses. However, the Euna system allows much more, such as 8000. Which is correct?

Response

8,000 characters is correct. ICJIA will update the program narrative document and post to the ICJIA website for download for the opportunities.

Day posted: 1/23/26

Question

On the application it says youth development and violence prevention. On the <https://r3.illinois.gov/> website, it states civil legal aid, among other things. So I am trying to figure out which this is for we could apply under either.

Response

There are currently two notices of funding opportunities that are open for applications. Potential applicants can access and download the instructions related to the two opportunities on the ICJIA website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

We are working with an agency that has multiple youth development sites, one of which is located in an R3 zone but the administrative offices are not. The planned project will occur solely at the R3 location. Do you consider that the organization is located in an R3 zone for the purposes of question 5?

Response

Yes, we consider where the services are being offered in determining eligibility.

Question

To confirm, matching funds are not required, correct? I ask because the application preview linked in AmpliFund indicates that matching funds are required for the program. In addition, is viewing of technical assistance sessions prior to applying required or mandatory?

Response

There is no match requirement for either NOFO. Yes, viewing and acknowledgement of review of training materials is required.

Question

I have been unable to find a separate NOFO document on the website or within Euna. Can you provide a link to NOFO if a separate document exists?

Response

Detailed information on the notices of funding opportunities available under R3 and their corresponding instruction packets can be found here <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

If a lead applicant does not have an office located within an R3 zone, but partners with an organization that does, will the application receive the 5 Local Preference Points?

Response

Yes, if the collaborators on the application are located in an R3 zone, the application is eligible for 5 local preference points.

Question

There are two copies of the NOFO file posted on the website. Would you please let me know which file to use?

Response

The file indicating "update" would be the file to use.

Question

I've been trying to access the site to apply for funding and i keep getting a screen that says administrator. What am I doing wrong?

Response

You are receiving this message most likely because you have not met the pre-qualification criteria required to apply for the opportunity(ies). To learn more about this process, please review the training resources available on the ICJIA website at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/training/> . If you believe that you have met the pre-

qualification requirements and still get the error message, you can submit a support ticket with Euna Grants (Amplifund) <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

Question

Our question is, do we decide which tier to apply within, or is that determined for us?

Response

Tiers are based on your number of years of service provision and annual operating budget of your organization. Organizations/entities determine which tier their organization falls into based on the information above.

Question

I was wondering if it might be possible to meet for 15–20 minutes in the next week or so to learn more about how we could strengthen our application for this round.

Response

As the opportunities are competitive, R3 staff are not available to answer questions specific to how to best address the priorities in the current opportunities. It would be up to the applicant to review the instructions and develop their programmatic plan to specifically address the priorities within the opportunity. You can view the supportive documents related to the opportunities on the ICJIA website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

Previous R3 rounds included a detailed NOFO PDF. From what we have been able to locate, the only information available is the opportunity information page and FAQ--both significantly less detailed than previous R3 rounds. Have you issued/will you be issuing a NOFO pdf of any kind? If you have already issued it, where can it be found?

Response

The NOFO instructions can be viewed and downloaded on ICJIA's website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

Are grantees that are current R3 recipients (with an active contract) eligible to apply for this grant for an expansion or different program than currently funded?

Response

No, unfortunately, grantees with an active R3 award are not eligible to apply for the current opportunities.

Question

I understand how to identify if we are located in a zone and to see if we are in or serving an area designated as high need, but what do we need to “collect” form the map and upload?

Response

Potential applicants must use the eligibility map to determine if the area they intend to serve with R3 funding is within an identified "R3 zone". Applicants must export data related to their service area from the eligibility map and upload to their application where instructed.

Detailed instructions on how to perform this action can be found below the eligibility map on the R3 website <https://r3.illinois.gov/eligibility>

Question

Currently we are a sub-awardee for a R3 grant that serves Cook-South Chicago. Our question is, are we eligible to apply for Cook-West Chicago as a lead grantee?

Response

Organizations/entities (lead or collaborative) with a current active award are not eligible to apply for the current round of R3.

Question

May an out of state partner serve as our collaborative lead?

Response

An out of state partner cannot serve as the lead applicant.

Question

May we include an out of state partner within our collaborative if we are the lead?

Response

Yes, this is possible and dependent on the scope of work performed by the out of state partner and the deliverables to be produced as a result of the collaboration.

Question

May we use an out of state organization as a contracted service provider?

Response

Yes, this is possible and dependent on the scope of work performed by the out of state partner and the deliverables to be produced as a result of the collaboration.

Question

If an organization is part of a collaborative applying in one region, they may not submit a separate application for funds in the same or different region."

Response

Organizations/entities can submit one application as a lead applicant or as collaborative organization within a designated region.

Question

We serve two different R3 areas within Vermilion County, Danville and Georgetown. Are we allowed to submit two different grants, one for each area?

Response

Funding areas for R3 are broken up by region of the state. To best determine which region your proposed programs will fall under, you can use the Appendix A from the NOFO Instructions or use the eligibility map to locate the proposed service address. If your service addresses are within two different R3 regions, yes, you must submit a separate application for each region in which you are proposing service.

Question

Are organizations currently funded for Violence Prevention in Year 2 permitted to apply to offer Reentry services within the same region where they are presently funded, or must Reentry services be proposed in a different region or zone than the current Violence Prevention award?

Response

Unfortunately, those who have a current active R3 award are not eligible to apply for the recently released opportunities for R3 funding.

Question

Is there a list of **unallowable costs or activities** specific to the Economic Development category, particularly as it relates to **participant stipends, training supports, incentives, or supportive service payments**?

Response

Please refer to the NOFO instructions, pages 12-13, for a list of allowable expenses. NOFO instructions can be downloaded on ICJIA's website at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

If an organization intends to serve **more than one eligible region**, should **separate applications** be submitted for each region?

Response

Yes, that is correct.

Question

If we are going to serve all 7 zones within our region, can we apply for the maximum amount per zone?

Response

The max award amount by region and tier is listed in Appendix B of the NOFO Instructions. Applicants can apply for the maximum funding amount available within their specified funding tier as listed by region.

Question

We are currently funded as a Lead Agency under the R3 Service Delivery program in one R3 Region. Are we permitted to serve as a subcontractor or subrecipient on an R3-funded

project where another organization is the Lead Agency in a different R3 Region than the one in which we are currently funded, provided that services are delivered only within the Lead Agency's approved region and zones and there is no duplication of services or funding?

Response

Organizations/entities with a current active R3 grant, whether lead or part of a collaborative, are not eligible to apply for the recently released R3 opportunities.

Question

There are several places in the grant NOFO that indicate that match funds are required. However, I don't see any explanation of how match is required or what the calculation is to determine the required match.

Response

The indication that match is required is an error and is being updated. There is NO match requirement for either R3 opportunity.

Question

I am just curious about whether you offer an advance rather than just an reimbursement?

Response

Active award recipients have three payment options, standard reimbursement, working capital advance, or advance pay. Working capital advance and advance pay are subject to enhanced review and require additional documentation and approval.

Question

If our team proposed a project to provide Civil legal aid for young people, which grant category would that be?

Response

That would depend on the outcomes you are seeking from your target population. There are some limitations to the type of civil legal aid offerings allowable for the R3 opportunities, coupled with specifics around who can deliver the service. ICJIA provides guidance within the NOFO instructions, which you can view on our website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

One request we receive often is if we can host events for people to sign up for their FOID/Concealed Carry license. Would it be possible to fund those programs through R3, or is that off limits?

Response

This would not be an allowable activity with R3 funds.

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Question

I was wondering if funded R3 services could also bill Medicaid for those services?

Response

Yes, R3 grant funds can be used to pay any remaining portion not covered by Medicaid. Grantees should be careful to avoid double billing the grant. Double billing, the grant occurs when an amount is paid by Medicaid is also reimbursed with R3 funds. The amount charged to R3 should only be the remaining amount owed.

Question

We are applying for **Economic Development (NOFO 2378-010626-1)** as the lead applicant, with a partner organization included in our proposal. That same partner organization is also planning to submit a **separate application as a lead applicant** under **Youth Development/Violence Prevention (NOFO 2378-010626-2)**. Could you please confirm whether this arrangement is allowable?

Response

Organizations/entities may only submit one application, either as lead applicant or sub-awardee.

Question

I would like to chat about how the programs that artists and arts organizations provide relate to the R3 program goals, to help folks connect the dots between their work and this opportunity.

Response

Due to the competitive nature of the funding opportunities ICJIA staff are unable to answer questions specific to how your program aligns with the funding priorities. Potential applicants should review the notice of funding opportunity and craft their application as instructed. Questions should be sent to CJA.R3Questions@illinois.gov. Weekly ICJIA posts the answers in Amplifund and on the R3 website.

Please see the following for more information

<https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

<https://r3.illinois.gov/>

Question

One, are the funding amounts listed in Appendix B, an annual allocation over the three-year period, or the total amount a grantee can receive over a 3-year period? Secondly, as an education institution, would it be more appropriate for us to apply under the grant with \$35 million available for funding or the one for \$15 million?

Response

Funding amounts listed in Appendix B are reflective of an initial award amount designated for 12 months. The period of performance for this grant opportunity is from

September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027. Additional funding to support programs past that date may be available for up to 36 months, per GATA guidelines. Additional funding is not guaranteed and is subject to ICJIA approval. Educational institutions are eligible to apply for both funding opportunities made available with R3 funding.

Question

I'd like to login to see the application for the SERVICE DELIVERY C4 R3 Reentry | Economic Development | Civil Legal Aid grant, but I'm getting a login error that says either "an error occurred". I've reset my password, double-checked my user name, and used two different browsers. Can you help?

Response

Potential applicants can access the notice of funding opportunity packet and instructions here <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Regarding accessing the applications in Euna Grants, potential applicants must be registered in the GATA system and meet the pre-qualification criteria in order to apply for the opportunity. Learn more about this process on ICJIA's website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/training/>

Question

I have logged into Amplifund to view the R3 application. Sometimes it says "this NOFO;" sometimes it says "the NOFO." Are the application and the NOFO two separate documents or the same? Below are two references to page numbers in the NOFO. They do not seem correspond to pages in the applications.

Response

The application and notice of funding opportunity are not the same. The notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is the announcement that funding is available and accepting applications to address the funding priorities. ICJIA releases NOFO instructions when a NOFO is available to provide context on the issue the funding is seeking to address. Potential applicants apply for the opportunity through Euna Grants (Amplifund), which is the state mandated software for application submission. Under R3, ICJIA recently release two NOFO's. Potential applicants can access and download the instructions related to the two opportunities on the ICJIA website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

Question

I am reaching out to just get some clarity on the grant. On the application is says youth development and violence prevention. On the <https://r3.illinois.gov/> website, it states civil legal aid, among other things. So I am trying to figure out which this is for we could apply under either.

Response

Two notices of funding opportunities are currently open for applications. Potential applicants may access and download the instructions related to the two opportunities on the ICJIA website <https://icjia.illinois.gov/>

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Question

If my organization received a R3 grant, are we eligible for this round of funding?

Response

Prospective applicants who have been previous recipients of R3 funding are eligible to apply for the current notice of funding opportunities under R3.

Question

Are agencies allowed to apply for both areas of R3 funding (Reentry/Economic Development/Civil Legal Aid and Youth Development/Violence Prevention)?

Response

Perspective applicants are permitted to apply for **only one opportunity within their designated R3 zone.**

Question

For the adult NOFO # 2378-010626-1 is Workforce development a required component of Reentry Programs Design?

Response

No, workforce development is not a required program component for Reentry program design.

Question

I am not able to log in. I logged in yesterday but once I logged out it won't let me back in. Yesterday I had to clear my browsing history and then I could log in, but even that isn't working today. Please advise or connect me with some technical support.

Response

All Methods of Accessing Customer Support:

1. Visit the support portal: <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com>
2. Submit a support ticket: support@il-amplifund.zendesk.com
3. Call the help desk: 1-844-407-3573

ICJIA staff cannot provide technical assistance for the AmpliFund system. Outreach to ICJIA staff regarding AmpliFund may delay assistance.

Question

We are a reentry organization that serves returning residents from many R3 zones in Southern Chicago. However, our organization is not located within an R3 zone. Are we eligible to apply based on the constituents we serve?

Response

Yes organizations/entities whose organizational address is not located in an R3 zone are eligible to apply. Proposals should include sufficient detail to show how activities, service delivery locations, and intended beneficiaries are aligned with the specified R3 zone. Projects that do not clearly serve the designated zone will not be considered eligible.

Question

I wanted to make sure I wasn't missing anything. Will there be a webinar going over the R3 grants for this cycle?

Response

Technical assistance webinars related to the opportunities can be found in the resources section of the R3 website <https://r3.illinois.gov/resources>. Be sure to choose the video resources section to find the list of mandatory training for prospective applicants, which includes an overview of best practices for grant seekers.

Questions

Do you offer automated alerts for when funding opportunities become available? If possible I would like to enroll. Thank you.

Response

Please see the following for more information

<https://icjia.illinois.gov/> Scroll to the bottom of the screen to the blue box that says "SUBSCRIBE" and sign up for ICJIA's newsletter. This ensures that you receive the most up to date information regarding ICJIA grant resources.

Question

1. We see that 15 points are awarded for 'local preference'. Does that mean the lead organization must be located in the R3 zone where project is proposed?
2. Could the 15 'local preference' points be awarded if a collaborative partner (not the lead) were located in the R3 zone where the project is proposed?
3. Does ICJIA anticipate this funding is likely to be extended for 2-3 years as in the past?

Response

1. Potential applicants can earn local preference points based on applicant experience, contribution to the community and applicant location within an R3 zone.
2. 5 additional points are awarded to collaborative applications whose collaborative partners location is within an R3 zone.
3. Funding beyond the 1st year is not guaranteed, but could be extended for a total of 36 months.

Question

1. May we apply for one opportunity (e.g., economic development) and propose to serve multiple zones as long as they are in the same region (e.g. Chicago South)?
2. Are we allowed to use R3 funds for one region (e.g. Chicago South) and provide services for residents of a different region?

Response

1. Yes, a potential applicant can apply to serve multiple zones within the same region.
2. All services provided under the R3 grant (if approved) must be within the service region in which the application was approved.