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R3 Reentry/Economic Development/Civil Legal Aid
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RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS (Posted every Friday)

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Question

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Response

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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” from 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/>

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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/>

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Response

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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.