

2018 RFP FAQ Sheet

- 1. Q: Does a partnership with another organization need to include giving that agency funds to provide their services, or can we engage formal partners, say with an MOU, in which the partner provides their service in exchange for something other than money, such as co-sponsorship/co-branding, etc?**

A: A Sub-subgrantee partnership must be a critical aspect of the program for it to be considered a formal sub-subgrantee partnership application. The relationship does not have to be financial. The partner can provide in-kind services. But the sub-subgrantee partnership must be critical for the program to function. There are ways to partner (in the more casual sense of the word) and engage with other organizations, without it necessitating a Sub-subgrantee partnership application. We encourage you to collaborate in the way that makes the most sense for the success of the program and brings the most benefit to Holocaust survivors. Please refer to page 6 in the RFP.

- 2. Q: We previously used JFNA funding for a home safety evaluation and modification program. We'd like to explore the use of assistive technology for clients with disabilities or safety-related issues. I noticed however that the RFP says that equipment purchases are not allowed unless such equipment is demonstrated to be necessary to carry out an activity otherwise fundable under Title IV of the Older Americans Act. The RFP also says that equipment purchases, including but not limited to, emergency response systems, iPads, or grab bars are allowable provided they are tied to the intent of this grant. We are going to meet with an assistive technology program that specializes in letting people with disabilities know about assistive technology that is available to them – it could be something that helps people get out of the car safely, or weighted utensils for people with tremors. Would such assistive technology equipment be allowable under JFNA?**

A: A program involving assistive technology could be acceptable, provided that the program makes a clear link with person-centered, trauma-informed services and the equipment is to help the survivor age in place. The PCTI aspect should be infused throughout the program and clearly stated. The purchase of a vehicle to transport Holocaust survivors is not allowable.

- 3. Q: Our agency has a DUNS number but not yet registered at SAM. Do we need to have the SAM registration approved by the time we submit our letter of intent or by the time the funds are disbursed?**

A: Applicants need to be in both systems by the time funds are disbursed, usually a few days before March 1, 2019.

4. **Q: The services that we currently offer for Holocaust survivors are focused on safety, empowerment and respectful of trauma, but not formally PCTI-trained. Do we need to be *officially* PCTI-trained in order to apply, or can this be a component of this program (training staff)?**

A: Applicants do not need to be currently trained in PCTI to be eligible; many agencies do similar work or even have no experience in PCTI practices. The primary purpose of the grant is to grow the field of PCTI practice and develop innovative PCTI practices (trainings, programming, etc.). Applicants can even propose improving existing services by expanding them and making them PCTI.

5. **Q: Can we modify two different older adult programs to be specific to Holocaust survivors, to create the program which we will apply for, would this adaptation be eligible?**

A: The proposed programming is allowable, however, proposals that do the best with our independent review committee are generally innovative and add to the body of knowledge about PCTI care.

6. **Q: Regarding the matching funds, can you please let us know if we are allowed to use grant funds from our local Jewish Federation for the match, even if they are not all specifically for the Holocaust survivors program?**

A: The match funds must be used for this program. General allocations do not count as the match, but if they are funds that are used for this program than those funds can count towards the match because they are being used for this exact program.

7. **Q: We are current subgrantee and would like to apply for the Delta cohort. Our question is if there is a program that already exists in our organization (not in this program) BUT we would like to add a completely new and customized element for Holocaust survivors where we would be taking the program into the home of the survivors and also training volunteers (including Holocaust survivor volunteers) in PCTI work, is this considered a new enough concept for the Delta cohort?**

A: Programming supported by this grant must include innovative methods – JFNA will not fund an outright continuation of an existing program. What is innovative for one program may not be innovative for another. Please see the top of page 8 of the RFP for more details.

8. **Q: On page 9, one of the service categories is mental health services. Can this include psychiatric services?**

A: We cannot fund medical services. There can be services that psychiatrists provide that are not medical in nature. The prohibition is on the type of service, not the

provider. Please see page 4 of the RFP for more information regarding the types of services that are allowable.

9. Q: What if an organization is starting out and doesn't have the matching money necessary? Does that mean that organization is disqualified?

A: No, however, the organization must have their matching funds by August 31, 2019 and should have a clear plan for obtaining that funding outlined in their application.

10. Q: Is there any information on PCTI trainings that others have found particularly good?

A: Yes, there are many PCTI trainings that others have found particularly helpful. And many have been developed by our subgrantees. We suggest looking at our list of subgrantees on our website and it will tell you if they are doing training and you can always reach out to them to see if they are interested in sharing any of their best practices, or if they have any resources.

11. Q: Are paid caregivers only allowed to receive PCTI training?

A: Paid caregivers can receive training on topics other than PCTI exclusively, however, those trainings should include PCTI elements. For example, training a paid caregiver how to bathe a client would not be fundable, however, if that training included education on how to provide bathing in a PCTI way it would be allowable. If PCTI is infused into the training being offered, it would be eligible for funding.

12. Q: How many subgrantees get funding out of the number that apply?

A: That depends on the number of organizations that apply and the funding that is available.

13. Q: If a program is not suitable for the grant, will the organization be notified after the Intent to Apply is submitted?

A: The Intent to Apply form does not collect information about the program idea; but it includes information about organizational eligibility. If your organization is not eligible, the Intent to Apply cannot be submitted, and you will be informed immediately upon attempting to submit this document.

14. Q: There are some terrific programs that have been funded. There are several that could be beneficial in our service area. Would you consider funding programs similar to those that have been funded in other locations?

A: Yes, you may replicate previously funded projects at your agency as long as it is new to your agency and meets the other guidelines outlined in the RFP. Your proposal does not have to be innovative for the country, just for your community.