

**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) ~ FY 2022**  
**Communication Access Service Centers**

**Questions and Answers (Q&A)**  
**Updated 1/19/2021 8:30 a.m.**

**Questions from Informational Meeting (1/6/2021)**

1. Does the hearing aid funding also apply to cochlear implants?
  - a. The hearing aid funding is for hearing aids only. It does not include the mold or any other pieces of equipment, just the hearing aid.
  
2. If we choose to serve a specific region, would the Case Manager travel to all counties, or would the work be done remotely/would the individual receiving assistance travel to the county the agency is located in?
  - a. When you select a region, we do expect that services are provided in all counties within that region. In your application, you would detail your plan to best provide the regional services and that may be a combination of in-person and remote work, and it also depends on consumer needs.
  
3. Is the type of equipment listed in the presentation in the Telecommunication and Assistive Technology category an exhaustive list? Or would other assistive technology equipment be considered?
  - a. The list that was provided during the presentation are some examples of the types of equipment that would need to be provided.
  - b. Assistive technology equipment that is provided must be communication related. For example, the lights that alert or notify someone that the phone is ringing is an example of telecommunications equipment.
  
4. Why is there a 15% match required when the program is completely funded under the surcharge and the NRS?
  - a. We require match in order to provide additional resources for these services, the TDD surcharge is not comprehensive enough to serve 100 percent of the need.
  - b. We have implemented a 15% match across all funding sources starting in 2020 and that's implemented with each competitive NOFO cycle.
  
5. Can unrecovered F&A be used for match? For example, if a subrecipient's indirect cost rate is 28% and the application caps it at 10%, can we use the difference as match?
  - a. Per ADSD's Requirements and Procedures for Grant Programs (RPGPs), GR – 8, ADSD may consider unrecovered indirect costs as match during review of the application and may or may not approve the request.
  - b. RPGPs:  
<http://adsd.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/agingnv.gov/content/Programs/Grant/FiscalRequirements.pdf>

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6. In the NOFO regional allocations, Lyon County is listed as both a northern and rural county, but in the presentation today, it was listed as north. I wanted clarification on where that county fell into that regional allocation.
  - a. There's a typo in the NOFO. Lyon county is considered rural.
7. If a program is partially funded through grants from another state agency, does that qualify as applicable to the cost share or not?
  - a. We will need to know more about the other funding to know if there are any conflicts. This funding comes from the PUC TDD funding; so, it's unlikely that there will be any conflicts, but we will work with applicants to make a determination.
8. I'm looking at the timeline on the NOFO. The application is due on January 29th, which I think is too soon. That doesn't provide much time.
  - a. The timeline was adjusted to ensure services were being provided to the Deaf and hard of hearing community because we have no provider at this point.

**Additional Questions Received**

1. We have what is called a foreign business registration in the state of NV. Is that sufficient? If not, what is the process to obtain a State Vendor Number and where do we start?
  - a. A State Vendor Number is unique and is used by the State Controller's Office to disperse payments to vendors/subrecipients. You may register for one at <https://controller.nv.gov/Buttons/VendorDB/> (see Forms section of the webpage for Electronic Vendor Registration).
  - b. If you do not obtain one before submitting your application, you may put "Pending" in the associated box on the Applicant Information tab of the Excel file.
2. Within the 'Access to Services' category, we have two very important offerings for the Deaf community. Do we submit two completely separate applications?
  - a. The Notice of Funding Opportunity requires just one application per service category. However, if services are focused on adults vs. youth, two separate applications could be submitted. Please note - under each category, all services listed in the appendix are required.
3. Is the vendor who is awarded grant money considered the 'subrecipient'? Or is that if the awarded vendor uses other contractors? We want to be 100% clear if we are responding and submitting an application if we are considered a subrecipient or not.
  - a. The organizations/vendors chosen for funding will become subrecipients of ADSD. Those subrecipients may subcontract portions of the service if needed as well.

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4. In the Word portion of the application [in the Applicant Questionnaire], number 3 asks what type of agency we are. As a private, non-profit, we selected that box. However, it also adds the following: “Does the agency have a Board of Directors that is active, responsible, and holds regular meetings? Members must have no material conflicts of interest and must serve without compensation.” We do have a Board of Directors that IS active and responsible and DOES hold regular meetings. There is no material conflict of interest. However, members are compensated a nominal amount for their services. If I check “NO” for that section, it asks for an explanation and plan of action. Where we are uncertain is the ‘plan of action’ part. Please advise. Does this one piece about nominal compensation to Board Members preclude us from applying for the grant?
  - a. No, it doesn’t. You would need to indicate the compensation you provide is within IRS guidelines for reasonable compensation. A “plan” could be that the compensation is reviewed for compliance each year and supported by your bylaws. It would also be helpful to have a description of how the compensation is determined.
  
5. Number 7 [of the Applicant Questionnaire] in the Word document says, “If the agency is currently providing this service, please answer the following questions”. For one of the applications we are submitting, we are currently providing the service that we are proposing, but not providing to the state of NV or a state entity yet. Should we respond Yes and answer 7a-7f or No?
  - a. You may fill in that section, but please add a note to 7a which indicates the services are not yet provided in Nevada.