



LCAC and Transformation Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestments

Q&A Webinar Summary

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Q. When are the “Agreement to Participate” letters due and who should they come from?

A. These are due with the application. Any *collaborating* organization (outside of the applicant organization) that is playing a major role in the project must provide a signed letter agreeing to be part of the project. The purpose is to ensure that these partnerships are set and that everyone is clear on what they are being asked to do.

Q. Is there a limit on the number of applications that can come from an organization or county?

A. No.

Q. If an applicant wants to apply for multiple opt-in Transformation CBI projects, and there may be some overlap between the project plans, do they need to do multiple applications or can they submit 1 application?

A. Applicants should submit an application for each project for which they are applying. For example, if they are interested in applying for the community health worker project and the adolescent well care project, they need to submit two separate applications. The reason is that each application has some project specific questions. However, applicants may “reuse” language for overlapping questions, as long as they are still addressing the specific needs of each project.

Q. What support will applicants get in completing applications?

- A. OHSU and GOBHI staff members are not able to write applications or complete forms for applicants. However, they are happy to discuss project plans, review materials (draft of proposal, evaluation plans, etc) and provide feedback, assist in understanding metrics, and answer any questions applicants have. Questions and requests for phone calls about applications can be directed to Anne King (kinga@ohsu.edu) or Sankirtana Danner (danners@ohsu.edu).
- B. Note: if evaluation plans will rely on data from Moda, please contact Briona Campbell (briona.campbell@modahealth.com) to review your plan.

Q. For the colorectal cancer screening Transformation CBI project, is this only for EOCCO members or can applicants use funds for non-EOCCO members?

- A. The data that EOCCO is able to provide is specific to EOCCO members. If a clinic/applicant wants to use a small amount of funds to coordinate outreach to non-EOCCO members, this may be okay but EOCCO does not have lists for these members.
- B. Note: There are other projects, such as adolescent well care health fairs, where both EOCCO and non-EOCCO members often benefit, and this is expected. However, projects should have a plan to measure outcomes for EOCCO members specifically.

Q. What data are required for applications?

A. For Transformation Opt-In Projects and LCAC applications, applicants do not need to submit existing metrics data. They only need to list which metrics they plan to track for the upcoming project if funded (see metrics table in application forms). However, applicants applying for Transformation Continuing Current Projects must provide sufficient evidence (quantitative and qualitative) that their current project is having the desired impact on their selected incentive measures and community goals (see Page 6, Question C of Transformation CBI application form).

Q. Will transformation funds be available for new projects that are not outlined in the RFAs?

A. There may be funds left to fund new projects later on in the year, however, we are not issuing an RFA at this time for those. We encourage applications to the opportunities that are currently available.

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Q. We are worried about explaining the project in the page limits. Will reviewers of the “Continuing Current Projects” grants know about the prior project.

A. Yes, reviewers will know about the projects and have access to your evaluations, however, your proposal should go into full detail about the project and what you plan to do in the next year. If you need to go over the page limit to fully explain the current project you want to continue that is permissible.

Q. Do we know the 2017 incentive measure targets yet?

A. No. You can use the 2016 measures and assume the targets will be a little more than 3% higher than they are now.

Q. Are the counts to reach incentive measures in each county available?

A. Contact Briona at the EOCCO for counts or other data needs.

Q. Can you email the county data to LCAC members?

A. Each LCAC has a contact for data emails and that contact should be sending out the data to the LCAC members. Contact Briona if you don't know who your data contact is. Moda and GOHBI staff will reach out to the LCACs to ask that they ensure data are being shared.

Q. Regarding the clinical and claims data integration project, what if a clinic isn't able to hire someone in time to make the 4 month requirement to connect to Arcadia?

A. EOCCO selected Arcadia due to their experience in connecting to many EHRs. Arcadia will be working with clinics' IT/technical staff to make the connection, but we don't anticipate that taking any new staff, just the staff you have now. In terms of the data cleaning which happens after the connection, our experience is that many clinics use existing staff or hire a limited duration resource part time from their communities, rather than do a full recruitment. For this and any of the “Opt-in” projects if you perceive barriers or have questions and wish to discuss them, contact Anne King or Sankirtana Danner (contact information above).

Additional Q&A

Topic and Programmatic Questions

Q. Can LCACs apply to continue their 2016 projects under the transformation pool of continuation funds and do a different project with the LCAC funds?

A. Yes.

Q. Can LCACs apply to continue their same 2016 projects under the LCAC pool of continuation funds?

A. Yes. However, the LCAC needs to provide data on the outcome of the 2016 project that supports continuing it in 2017.

Q. The project we planned to propose is on the same topic as one of the “Opt-in” projects (e.g. AWC or CRC screening). Can we still apply to do our project separately?

A. We encourage you to consider participating in the opt-in project as the methods have been proven to work and the standardized approach should provide information and support that would make your project easier. However, you are permitted to submit an application for a project with a different approach.

Q. For the Continuing Current Projects option can we request more than \$50K?

A. No. \$50K is the limit for those funds.

Evaluation Metrics

Q. Are we required to come up with evaluation metrics if we are proposing to join an Opt-in project?

A. No. The evaluation metrics for those projects will be common across each of the projects and will be determined prior to the start of those projects.

Q. Are data available from Moda for us to use in evaluating our projects?

A. If you plan to use Moda data for evaluation, please give Briona a call so that she can determine if the data you are contemplating can be available in a format and time period so as to be of use to your project.

Review Criteria

Q. What are the criteria by which the applications will be reviewed?

A. The reviewers will be looking at whether your project addresses an important issue facing EOCCO patients, providers and the community, has a good likelihood of success in meeting the goals, has a well thought out and fully explained implementation plan, has the people and resources necessary to get the work done and is likely to be sustained.

Budget Questions

Q. Is the purchase of equipment permissible under the grant?

A. Yes if it is necessary for the project.

Q. Can grant funds pay for building purchase or renovation?

A. No

Q. What's the definition of capital expenditures?

A. Expense to acquire, maintain or remodel fixed assets such as buildings. Major equipment (cost of over \$3K per piece of equipment with a useful life of more than one year).

Q. Is training an allowable cost?

A. Yes. Be sure to explain who you plan to train, how you propose to train them, what the training will enable them to do and how you will evaluate whether the training was effective.

Other Questions

Q. Why is there a requirement to bill in some of these projects?

A. There are two reasons that billing is a required part of some of the projects. The first is that it enables EOCCO to report on some of the incentive measures that are claims based. The second reason is to ensure sustainability of some of these initiatives.

Q. For the transformation CBIs are you trying to fund one project per county?

A. No. However, the LCACs in each county are eligible to receive designated LCAC funds for a project once it has been approved by the EOCCO.

Q: Can we submit proposals for solutions/services that go across multiple counties (i.e., one project plan, one financial plan), or do we need to make each proposal county specific?

A: Proposals may serve multiple counties.

Q. Is it ok to propose to serve non-EOCCO members with our project.

A. Yes, however the population focus of your project should be EOCCO members. Also if both EOCCO and non-EOCCO members would receive the same service, be sure to explain in your proposal how you would be able to report on how many EOCCO vs. non-EOCCO members were served.

Q. Letters of support/agreement to participate

A. The goal of the requirement is for you to confirm in writing what the collaborating organizations will do and/or provide for your project and to share that information with us. This ensures that everyone is on the same page for the project. There is a template provided in the RFA that you can use for your letters. You do not need to use the template, but you are not expected to do anything more elaborate than the template.