ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION: RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS (TIER 2) COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY AH-TP2-14-001 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Will applicants propose specific cities/communities on which they will focus or will they design and implement an application process by which cities/communities would apply to the grantee?

Either process could be proposed by the applicant. The expectation is that the applicant will work with 3 to 5 communities with high teen pregnancy rates. The applicant should describe the process used in recruiting eligible communities and identifying the types of community representatives to make up the team in a community collaborative. See pages 5, 32 and 42 of the FOA.

2. Is the use of an outside evaluation consultant required? If so, is there a dollar amount or percentage of the total budget that needs to be allocated for this expense?

The use of an outside evaluation consultant is not required. The FOA does not indicate an amount for evaluation. The amount should be reasonable in order to support a process evaluation. See pages 33 and 45 of the FOA.

3. Are there any specific staffing requirements—such as having a minimum of one full-time staff member managing the project?

The applicant should describe their staffing plan based on their individual project design. The applicant should identify who will have day-to-day responsibilities for key tasks such as project leadership, monitoring the project’s on-going progress, preparation of reports, and communication with community teams and HHS/OAH.

OAH expects that throughout the grant period, the Project Director will have substantial involvement in, and substantial knowledge about, all aspects of the project. See pages 34 and 35 of the FOA.
4. **What is the threshold to be considered "high rates of teen pregnancy"?**
   Greater than what/1000?
   The FOA did not specify a threshold. Applicants should describe the rates of teen pregnancy in any community with which they propose to work. Or identify the threshold they would use in recruiting community sites. See pages 3, 4 and 8 of the FOA.

5. **How many grant awards will be made by this initiative?**
   One award will be made through this funding opportunity announcement. See page 3 of the FOA.

6. **Will you define "communities"? Must the community teams represent 3-5 different cities or states, or can it consists of different communities within a city?**
   The successful applicant will select 3 – 5 different communities and work with each community collaborative to identify a team of 8 – 10 key community representatives. The community teams could be either 3- 5 different communities in a state or in different states. The applicant will be responsible for defining the communities. See page 5 of the FOA.

7. **If a state has a low rate overall but high rates in certain communities, which are NOT designated Promise Zones, would a project proposed for those high birth rate communities be competitive?**
   Yes, the purpose of the announcement is to work with communities with high teen pregnancy rates. See page 4 of the FOA.

8. **If you are not in one of the 5 identified Promise Zones, are you ineligible to apply for the grant?**
   Being in one of the identified Promise Zones sites is not a requirement for applicant eligibility. OAH is interested in applications that propose to work with a Promise Zone community. See pages 6, 32 and 41 – 42 of the FOA.

9. **Do you expect the communities to be pre-selected and named in the proposal? Or, do you anticipate that the awardee would have a solicitation process post-award?**
   Applicants will not be expected to pre-select or name the proposed sites, although they may. However, applicants would need to describe the process to be implemented in the site selection process. See pages 32 and 41 – 42 of the FOA.
10. **How does this program relate to the CDC, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, National Training and Technical Assistance provide for a Community-Wide Initiatives?**
   This is a 2 year planning process for communities to develop a coordinated teen pregnancy prevention framework. As discussed in the FOA, this is a similar process that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) uses with state level program and policy leaders. See pages 10 – 11 of the FOA.

11. **Will we be able to get a copy of the PowerPoint presentation?**
   Yes, the presentation along with the recording and transcript will be available on the OAH website.

12. **Are there any guidelines on co-funding/matching funds?**
   Co-funding/matching funds are not required for this announcement.

13. **Is the $50,000 that can be awarded to communities equal to $50,000 total across the 3 to 5 communities or $50,000 available to each of the 3 to 5 communities? And, do these funds come from the awardee’s budget?**
   Applicants can allocate up to $50,000 to each community site per year. The funds will come from the awardee’s budget. See page 16 of the FOA.

14. **Do Promise Zones have a single point of contact? I tried googling them and found prime-funded agencies for some, but not all, of them.**
   For additional information on Promise Zones email promisezones@hud.gov or go to www.hud.gov/promisezones

15. **Are letters of intent required?**
   Letters of intent are not required and they are non-binding. See page 22 of the FOA.

16. **If the communities are not pre-selected, how can you get points for having a Promise Zone as one of your communities?**
   In the case of a Promise Zone community, in order to receive the 5 points, the community would need to be identified in the funding application, and, the applicant would have to commit to partnering with that Promise Zone community. See pages 32 and 42 of the FOA.
17. **Is the $50,000 that can be awarded to communities separate from sub-awards? Is there a cap on the amount that can be given as sub-awards?**

Yes, these would be separate. A successful applicant may provide each community team an award of up to $50,000 per year. Communities may use the award to develop their action or pilot steps in their plan. See page 16 of the FOA.

There is no cap in the FOA on sub-awards to carry out an aspect of the project. The applicant should describe the role and make-up of specific sub awardees. See pages 33, 36-37 and 42 of the FOA.

OAH will review and approve substantive provisions of proposed sub-awards substantive programmatic work. The review is to ensure that the roles and responsibilities, experience, and expertise of the sub-awardees is appropriate for the project. See page 48 of the FOA.

18. **Will there be an opportunity after this webinar to email additional questions and is there a deadline for submitting those questions?**

Yes, see contact information below. Questions will be accepted up until the close of the application process, which is **April 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**

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