



2019 Innovation Fund FAQ Updated 12.4.18

Good Standing

Q: If an organization that met the 70% threshold applies for funding (as the lead) but partners with an organization that did not meet the threshold, will that lead organization lose points on the proposals because of the partner organization?

A: No, the lead organization will not lose points for partnering with an organization that did not meet the threshold. CNYCC encourages partner organizations to form partnerships for Innovation Fund proposals. Lead Organizations that are in good standing will receive bonus points in the scoring.

Q: How many bonus points does a partner receive who is in 'good standing'?

A: CNYCC does not have this information. The concept of bonus points has been approved by the Board of Directors but has not been finalized.

Outcomes and Performance Measures

Q: What performance and outcome measures are there?

A: CNYCC has provided the list of performance and outcome measures located on CNYCC's website on the 2019 Innovation Fund page under the Purpose section.

Q: Who do we ask for the Aligned Performance and Outcome Measures?

A: CNYCC has provided the list of performance and outcome measures located on CNYCC's website on the 2019 Innovation Fund page under the Purpose section.

PHM Roadmap/Health Disparities

Q: Do proposals have to fit into one of these three goals listed in the PHM Roadmap/Health Disparities document?

A: If the applicant is targeting a Health Disparities goal, the applicant should hit at minimum one of the three goals. Proposals can address any of the Innovation Fund Goals.

Q: When looking at the Summary of the PHM Roadmap Goals and Objectives, all three goals need to be addressed, is this correct?

A: If the applicant is targeting a Health Disparities goal, the applicant should hit at minimum one of the three goals.

Q: I see that CNYCC Population Health Management Goals and Objectives does not list social or behavioral health objectives?

A: The Population Health Management Goals and Objectives are separate from social and behavioral determinants of health goals in regards to priority areas CNYCC is looking to fund, even though they may overlap.

Q: Do we have to meet all three of the Target Population bullets or just one?

A: If the applicant is targeting a Health Disparities goal, the applicant should hit at minimum one of the three goals.

RFP General Questions

Q: Is the actual RFP available ahead of time so we can study the specific parameters of the RFP?

A: If a partner organization is selected to move forward from their Letter of Intent, partners will receive the RFP rubric.

Q: What should the LOI include? Can we see a sample?

A: The LOI should include all information requested by CNYCC. Please refer to the CNYCC website, scoring section of the Innovation Fund webpage and LOI Cover Sheet for LOI categories. CNYCC does not have any examples.

Q: As a new CBO partner, would a "Bridges out of Poverty initiative" align with the purposes of this funding?

A: It appears from the title that this could meet the Innovation Fund goal aligning with improving quality of care resulting from addressing social and behavioral determinants of health.

Q: Would a new organizational relationship that is being established to better serve the community's healthcare needs be acceptable?

A: No. A new relationship would not be acceptable unless this new partnership generated an innovative project that touched one of the priority areas.

Q: It looks like the time between an approved LOI and submission of proposal of 1 month is very short. Can the time to submit a proposal be extended?

A: No. CNYCC is on a very strict timeline to ensure these awards go out in a reasonable timeframe.

Q: Is there a scoring rubric which can be shared?

A: CNYCC currently does not have a shareable rubric for the Letter of Intent. Please refer to the Scoring section of the Innovation Fund webpage for LOI categories. The rubric will be shared with those organizations/partnerships whose LOIs are accepted and given the opportunity to provide an RFP.

Q: Is it possible to reapply for an awarded 2018 Innovation Grant either in part or whole?

A: CNYCC is looking for new innovative projects and will not re-fund successful awards. Previously awarded projects should have included a sustainability plan and should not need additional funds. CNYCC would consider projects that were not funded in 2018 that meet the 2019 objectives.

Q: Where do we find the LOI cover sheet?

A: The LOI cover sheet can be found in the last bullet of the Letter of Intent Requirements on the 2019 Innovation Fund tab on the CNYCC website.

Q: Is there a listing of what has been funded in the past?

A: The list of awarded partners can be found on CNYCC's website in the 2018 Annual Meeting Recap under 2019 CNY Cares Innovation Fund presentation: <https://cnycare.org/2018annualmeetingrecap/> or under this direct link: <https://cnycare.org/media/3200/2019-cny-cares-innovation-fund-announcement.pdf>

Q: Can a safety-net hub leader be part of project with another safety-net hub leader?

A: Yes, a safety-net partner can partner with another safety net partner but only one can be designated as the lead. The other safety-net partner must be a collaborator in the project.

Q: Can a safety-net hub that we don't have an agreement with be a lead applicant for our project?

A: It is up to each organization in regards to their relationship for each project. CNYCC is not requiring project collaborators have a contract. However, each lead applicant must be a designated safety net and be a CNYCC partner organization with an executed Phase III project agreement.

Q: Is there a first contact for the Syracuse City Schools that they prefer we use?

A: CNYCC does not have a contact for the Syracuse City Schools.

Q: Does the hard copy application need to be rec'd by 4/5/19 5pm? Or postmarked by that date?

*A: All applications and LOIs must be **received**, not just postmarked, by CNYCC on the prescribed due date and time.*

Q: Can you describe what you mean by "innovation?"

A: Innovation is a new and creative idea that has not been previously done in our area. Partners are encouraged to think outside the box when generating innovative ideas.

Sustainability

Q: When looking at sustainability once the project period closes, does sustainability have to be at the same level as that conducted during the project period?

A: CNYCC is looking for projects that can be sustained post Innovation Fund funding period. We ask that partner organizations develop sustainability plans during the award term in order to be sustainable once funding is extinguished.

Q: Regarding sustainability, which will be one of the goals of the project, will the proposal need to demonstrate up front sustainability or is project as a pro forma?

A: CNYCC is looking for projects that can be sustained post Innovation Fund funding period. We ask that partner organizations develop and communicate their sustainability plans in the RFP and then be prepared to implement once funding is extinguished.