



Implementation and Outcomes Research Cycle 2 RFP  
Addendum 4  
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Questions & Answers

Below are questions (generally verbatim unless otherwise noted) and answers regarding the RFP.

The questions below were received from June 30 to July 7, 2025.

Please note this is anticipated to be the final Addendum that will be posted for this RFP.

Please check [wacarefund.org](http://wacarefund.org) for future updates.

1. Question [Edited for clarity]: Does IOR Cycle 2 have a mandate for the percentage of not-for-profit vs. for-profit companies that the CARE Fund seeks to award?

Answer: No, the CARE Fund does not have a mandate for the percentage of not-for-profit or for-profit companies that receive awards.

2. Question [Edited for clarity]: We have a two-year grant from another funder that ends in July 2025. Can we apply for follow-up funding for this project through the CARE Fund IOR Cycle 2 opportunity?

Answer: Yes, if the application to the Implementation and Outcomes Research Cycle 2 (IOR2) RFP is responsive to the scope and criteria for this specific funding opportunity. Please also see the answers to Question #6 and Question #10 in Addendum 3 of the RFP.

3. Question: [Edited for clarity]: Could I submit an application with anticipated matching federal funds from a future award that is not yet secured, and confirm receipt of funding later if received?

Answer: No, applicants must submit proof of their secured minimum one-to-one (1:1) match of non-state of Washington funds to requested grant funds when the application is submitted.

4. Question [Edited for clarity]: In Question #7 of Addendum 3 of the RFP you mentioned that the notice of award (NOA) of a federal grant can be used as the binding, enforceable document for the proof of available matching funds. Is the NOA alone sufficient as the proof of available matching funds in the matching NIH grant?

Answer: The notice of award may be submitted as proof that the funds proposed for the match have been secured. Applicants must also confirm in the application that the required matching funds will be available and dedicated for use during the grant period.

5. Question [Edited slightly for clarity]: If a co-investigator in the team has X% of their FTE supported by the matching grant for closely related research, can we claim that X% of the investigator's FTE as part of the matching fund?

Answer: Yes, if the costs associated with the percentage of FTE in the closely related research grant used for the matching funds are justified, are not being paid by the CARE Fund award or being used as match to another CARE Fund grant, and other requirements of the match are satisfied.

6. Question [Edited slightly for clarity]: The answers to questions 3 & 6 in Addendum 3 of the RFP seem contradictory. Can the proposed research for the Implementation and Outcomes Research be referenced or overlap with any of the research funded by an SBIR grant? To add additional detail, our Phase II application made some assumptions about timelines and costs that turned out to be wrong. Many parts of R&D took longer than anticipated to complete and/or were grossly underestimated in terms of time and costs. We now have a more informed understanding of the work plan requirements (which were not understood and articulated in our Phase II proposal) which we'd like to include in our Implementation and Outcomes Research proposal. Since the SBIR Phase II funds were spent on delayed achievement of earlier milestones, can the grant funds remaining during the grant period be used to match similar and expanded research not originally imagined in the Phase II proposal?

Answer: The answer to question #3 in Addendum 3 confirmed that federal grants are included as a type of source of non-state matching funds. The answer to question #6 in Addendum 3 referred to CARE Fund grant award funds and stated that CARE Fund grant award funds may not be used to pay costs that will be paid by another source (i.e., CARE Fund will not allow the duplication of expenditures already supported by another source). If the SBIR Phase II grant funds being proposed for the matching funds for the CARE Fund application are not restricted by the funding source as an allowable source of matching funds for the CARE Fund grant, the proposed research activities are closely related to those in the CARE Fund application, and if the proposed matching funds will be available during the grant period, they would be an allowable source of matching funds.