



Implementation and Outcomes Research Cycle 2 RFP
Addendum 1
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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 the date the application opened

June 4, 2025.

Please check wacarefund.org for future updates.

1. Question: For budgeting, is there a salary cap that should be applied?

Answer: There is no salary cap in the RFP, however all budgeted personnel costs must be justified and consistent with the proposed research activities. Please see the Project Budget Narrative Justification Guidance document on the [Implementation and Outcomes Research Cycle 2 RFP](#) web page for information on completing the budget.

2. Question [Edited for clarity]: If a Principal Investigator has protected research time, could the salary/fringe be applied toward the one-to-one non-state match contribution requirement?

Answer: Salary and fringe for the Principal Investigator may be applied toward the non-state match contribution provided the source of the salary funds is not the State of Washington.

3. Question [Edited for clarity]: Is there a requirement for some minimal FTE that needs to be reflected in the application?

Answer: There is no minimum FTE requirement, but the FTEs in the work plan and budget should be commensurate with what is needed to complete the proposed project and be justified.

4. Question [Edited for clarity]: I would like to consider submitting a grant application for the Implementation and Outcomes Research Cycle 2 RFP that is a complement to a current application or grant in another CARE Fund funding opportunity. Is it allowable to submit for two grant opportunities from the same organization but with different goals?

Answer: Yes, an organization may apply and receive a grant from different CARE Fund funding

opportunities. However, the application to the Implementation and Outcomes Research Cycle 2 (IOR2) RFP should be responsive to the scope and criteria for this specific funding opportunity and should be clearly distinct from, and not duplicative of, a grant for other CARE Fund funding opportunities.

5. Question [Edited for clarity]: May we submit an application as a request for follow-on funding to further advance a previously funded CARE Fund project?

Answer: See the answer to Question #4 in this addendum.

6. Question [Edited for clarity]: To what level does the non-state match funding need to be matched to the proposed budget submitted to CARE Fund? Is it the amount committed in total, or is it at a more detailed level, such as salaries for individual study team members, consultants?

Answer: The total non-state matching contributions must be at least one-to-one (1:1) to the CARE Fund grant requested. The distribution of non-state matching contributions for each budget category is not required to be equivalent provided that the total matching contributions is at least 1:1 to the CARE Fund grant requested.

7. Question [Edited for clarity]: Can I submit a concept paper for the RFP?

Answer: No, CARE Fund does not accept materials or proposal queries for the RFP outside of the submission of the application. Any questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to grants@wacarefund.org. We encourage all applicants to review the RFP and the information provided on the funding opportunity webpage before submitting an application.

8. Question: Can you provide guidance on whether our proposed program would be considered appropriate for this funding opportunity?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question #7 in this addendum.

9. Question [Edited for clarity]: Could you please advise on how to assign a dollar value to equipment used as a part of the Non-state Match contribution? Based on the guidance, I believe that equipment purchased by a collaborator on the project team could qualify as matching support, but I'm unsure how to calculate the appropriate dollar amount to report.

Answer: If the equipment is used for the proposed (or closely related) research or by the proposed researcher, then the pro rata equipment cost attributable to the research activities may be applied

towards the matching contribution provided that the equipment was not purchased with State of Washington funds, there is documentation of the cost calculation, and a binding enforceable agreement signed by the source organization's authorized official stipulating use of the equipment by the researcher(s) and the costs are outlined in the proposal application.

10. Question: Can I include a post-doctoral fellow in the research team?

Answer: Yes, post-doctoral fellows can be included in project proposals.

11. Question: Can you share more about your expectations within the scope of the proposal?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question #7 in this addendum.