



Implementation and Outcomes Research Cycle 2 RFP  
Addendum 2  
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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 17 to June 22, 2025.

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1. Question [Edited for clarity]: The RFP mentions a need to be different than previous CARE work within the last 37 months. Would this just apply to what was proposed in my original CARE award?

Answer: The applicant's proposed projects should be distinct from or aim to substantially advance their previously CARE Fund grant supported research. On the Project Sources of Support form, applicants should explain how any overlap between the current application and prior CARE Fund awards received in the past 37 months will be resolved. Please also see answers to Question #4 and Question #5 in Addendum 1 for more information.

2. Question: Do you know if contracts for investigator initiated clinical trials can be used as matching funds or must these be grants?

Answer: Yes, if the source for the funding for contracts for investigator initiated clinical trials is not the State of Washington and there is a written, binding, enforceable agreement from the contributor committing the contract amount to the proposed project, then it is allowable for use as matching funds.

3. Question [Edited for clarity]: What are typical sources for the required 1:1 matching funds? What sources are typical for investigators from my institution?

Answer: Please see the Non-State Match and Allowable Cost Guidance document on the funding opportunity webpage for information about allowable sources of matching funds. For specific information on typical sources of matching funds for your institution, please contact your institution's resources directly.

4. Question: If I have grant money from federal sources, to what degree must the objectives overlap for it to count as matching?

Answer: For federal grants used to meet the matching funds requirement, the funds must be used for the proposed (or closely related) research and there must be a binding, enforceable agreement committing a minimum of 1:1 amount of Non-state match funds to CARE Fund grant funds for the proposed project for the grant period. Please see the Non-State Match and Allowable Cost Guidance document on the funding opportunity webpage for more information.

5. Question [Edited slightly for clarity]: Could I count recently expended federal funds which built the foundation for the proposed work as matching?

Answer: No, funds that have been expended prior to the application may not be used as matching funds. The Non-State Match contribution, including federal funds, must be secured at the time of application and expended during the grant period to satisfy the match requirement.

6. Question [Edited for clarity]: I have a question about using an indirect funds waiver as a match. Would that mean that the waiver would allow us to match indirect funds to the direct funds that require matching? Or would the waiver simply increase our budget and we would be required to provide 1:1 match on total cost?

Answer: The applicant must match at a minimum of 1:1 the non-state match funds with the total CARE Fund grant amount requested. Waived or unrecovered indirect cost may be used to satisfy the match requirement. The indirect cost rate may not exceed the institution's federally established indirect cost rate established on or prior to February 6, 2025, and if the applicant organization does not have a federally established indirect cost rate, the rate may not exceed 30%.

7. Question: I would like to talk with someone about some specific questions about what is allowable for matching funds.

Answer: CARE Fund does not conduct individual calls or meetings with potential applicants regarding questions about the RFP during the open application period. Please see the answer to Question #7 on Addendum 1 of the RFP regarding responses to requests regarding the RFP. Please also see the Non-State Match and Allowable Cost Guidance document on the funding opportunity webpage for further information about allowable non-state match contributions.