

ICWA Urban Primary Responders Conference

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Location: Virtual

Attendee's

- DeeAnn Waupoose, AIW Grants Coordinator
- Reanna Jacobs, AIW Manager
- Holly Raab
- Reyna Gonzalez-Rivera, Red Lake Nation – Youth Shelter

Background on Special Focus Funding

This grant is funded by the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, which allocates state funds to support Tribal and Urban Indian organizations. The funding is divided into three primary sources: Tribal, Urban, and Special Focus. Our focus today is the Urban Primary grant.

Reviewed RFP, and related services/action items that meet the goal of the funding. Additionally, provide information about the work plan and how it aligns with the program and your evaluation.

Funding is provided for 4 years.

Proposals are required to be submitted by Friday, December 27, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.

Question and Answer

Question

Do we email the proposal directly to DeeAnn?

Answer

Yes. DeeAnn.Waupoose@state.mn.us and/or Taylor.Broome@state.mn.us are the listed contacts for receiving proposals.

Question

Within the RFP, section 3 indicates that all items from section 2 need to be provided meaning all services listed. Do we need to provide all the listed services?

Answer

No, one item from the listed services should be identified. DCYF will make an amendment to the current RFP to reflect this. The statute does not require all listed services to be provided in one program, but one of the listed services does need to be identified as a focus for the programs focus.

Question

Does it matter if the program is geared toward Women and/or children?

Answer

The programs receiving these funds are intended to serve Urban Indian organizations and prioritize American Indian children and families, regardless of the program's specific specialty.

[Minnesota Statutes, section 260.821](#) (c) The commissioner shall award Indian organizations and tribal social services agency programs located off-reservation that serve Indian children and families up to 30 percent of the amount set in paragraph (a) for primary support grants. A maximum of four multiservice Indian organizations and tribal social services agency programs located off-reservation may be awarded grants under this paragraph.

Question

Financial assistance is identified, what does this entail?

Answer

It varies from program to program. Financial assistance can look like gas vouchers for clients, transportation services, assistance with the purchase of furniture, diapers, etc.