



Mercedes Logans Community Innovation Initiative-RFA 22-01 Questions and Answers

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1.	Regarding the zoom call, I wasn't able to get into for the Grant. I want to make sure not being able to enter the call will not negate my chances to submit an application and if I could get the recording of the call?	Per RFA 22-01 Mercedes Logans Community Innovation Initiative (MLCII) Submission Guidebook Section I Paragraph B Minimum Requirements : Applicants must have both registered for and have a representative at the mandatory application workshop in order for their application to be accepted. First 5 will not be releasing a recording of the workshop.
2.	Will this presentation be available to attendees for later review or reference?	Yes: The PPT has been sent via email to all attendees that were registered and attended the mandatory application workshop.
3.	Will all attachments be available in PDF fillable forms?	No: If you are unable to convert it into a fillable form through adobe, you may type your answers in word and print and scan the forms to submit. Per RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section XII Paragraph A 1-4: Applicant is responsible for submitting application as per the instructions outlined in Section XII Paragraph B and C.
4.	It looks like I missed the deadline for putting in a reservation to attend today's workshop. Is there any way that I can still participate in the Zoom meeting?	Per RFA 22-01 Mercedes Logans Community Innovation Initiative (MLCII) Submission Guidebook Section I Paragraph B Minimum Requirements : Applicants must have both registered for and have a representative at the mandatory application workshop in order for their application to be accepted. First 5 will not be releasing a recording of the workshop.
5.	Will applications be reviewed on a rolling bases or will all applications are reviewed at the same time?	All applications will be reviewed at the same time per our review process outlined in the application submission guidebook.



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6.	I was on your site first5sanbernardino.org and came across a few links that were not working. Do you mind telling me who I should send them over to?	Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We will ensure that all links on the website are active.
7.	If awarded, would the award preclude the organization from being awarded other funding in the future (while within an active grant cycle?)	No: Organizations in an active contract are welcome to apply for future funding opportunities.
8.	I missed the mandatory meeting any way it will be repeated?	The workshop will not be repeated. Please sign up to receive First 5 San Bernardino news and announcements and visit the First 5 website on the procurements tab to check out funding opportunities in the future https://first5sanbernardino.org/programs/procurements/
9.	Is the “Innovation Funding” funding open to Centers and Family Child Care Providers to apply?	Yes: Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria.
10.	I'd like to know how I might present our books for a possible collaboration with your First 5 Innovation Funding initiative so that we might further help you advocate for child wellness through the literature that we create.	Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements.
11.	I can get a copy of the zoom from yesterday to reference ?	Per RFA 22-01 Mercedes Logans Community Innovation Initiative (MLCII) Submission Guidebook Section I Paragraph B Minimum Requirements : Applicants must have both registered for and have a representative at the mandatory application workshop in order for their application to be accepted. First 5 will not be releasing a recording of the workshop.
12.	When will questions be answered, and how can I find them?	Questions and Answers will posted on the First 5 website at first5sanbernardino@cfc.sbcounty.gov



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<p>13.</p>	<p>Is this opportunity is still available, as the email received September 19th, one of the important dates states, request for application September 15th.... Due to September 15th passed, Are we unavailable to register for the Mandatory attendance at the virtual <u>Application Submission Workshop</u> (Deadline to register online is 12 pm on Sept. 27; Workshop to be held at 4 pm?</p>	<p>Please refer to RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section II: Project Timeline</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>I am reading that the deadline to request the application was also yesterday. Is there any way we can still get the application for this?</p>	<p>The application has been available on the First 5 website since September 15, 2022. For deadlines, please refer to RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section II: Project Timeline</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Where can we find a list of programs and initiatives already offered/funded in the County so that we don't propose a duplicate service?</p>	<p>Applicants are required to conduct their own research to determine what programs and initiatives already exist. For a list of First 5 funded programs, please reference https://first5sanbernardino.org/programs/</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Could the following program qualify as an innovative service: a trainer of trainers program in which grant funds enable the free training of staff at other early child development agencies across the county in an evidenced based, cost effective, non-therapy behavioral intervention where comparable services are NOT accessible/sufficient?</p>	<p>Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria.</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>However, two of our key players can't attend the zoom meeting tomorrow. I will be able to. Does this disqualify us from applying?</p>	<p>Per RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section I Paragraph B Minimum Requirements : Applicants must have a representative at the mandatory application workshop. Organizations are able to apply based on representation at the workshop.</p>

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18.	Would a collaboration with Regional Center which provides services funded by the state and not the county be an acceptable collaboration through which to offer an innovative service?	Applicants can collaborate with any organization(s) that best meet the needs of their application. Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria.
19.	Does the County have a preference for types of organizations to collaborate with e.g. small non-profits, county funded agencies, cities, private agencies, etc?	No: All types of collaborations are encouraged to apply. Applicants can collaborate with any organization(s) that best meet the needs of their application. Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria.
20.	I was inquiring to see if your organization provides funding for educational conferences?	Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria.
21.	Where can I find the presentation from the mandatory application submission workshop?	The PPT has been sent via email to all attendees that were registered and attended the mandatory application workshop.
22.	I have been trying to contact you or someone in your office regarding the zoom call I wasn't able to get into for the Grant. My QSSB contacts give me a number and this email which I was told we could only communicate via email. I want to make sure not being able to enter the call will not negate my chances to submit an application and if I could get the recording of the call?	Per RFA 22-01 Mercedes Logans Community Innovation Initiative (MLCII) Submission Guidebook Section I Paragraph B Minimum Requirements : Applicants must have both registered for and have a representative at the mandatory application workshop in order for their application to be accepted. First 5 will not be releasing a recording of the workshop.
23.	How do you request an application for Innovation funding?	All application materials, attachments, and supporting materials can be found by visiting the First 5 website as well as on the procurements tab. https://first5sanbernardino.org/programs/procurements/



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24.	Contract History: should we only list relevant contract history as it pertains to the proposal/application? Or ALL of our funding history in the last 5 years?	Per Section XII Paragraph C Application Format #13 Attachment J The applying organization's entire funding history for the last five years (2017-2022) must be listed.
25.	On page 8, Section B under project criteria under what is not considered, it mentions incidental or one-time benefit. Would one-time assistance, for a family, through rental assistance or food programming exclude us from counting that family in our numbers served?	The "one-time" exclusion applies to the entirety of the project not the experience of the participants. Services need to be provided through the duration of the contract term regardless of intensity of service for any one family.
26.	What does "Local Organizations" mean? Several years ago, we had a contract agreement with First 5 Sb, even though we are housed in Riverside County.	Please reference the Local Preference Policy on page 7 of the RFA. Section III, paragraph N.
27.	We are in the process of applying for the First 5 Innovation Funding for 2023 and would like to verify whether there is an "Addendum D." The materials available on the county website skips from Addendum C to Addendum E, and we just wanted to be sure there wasn't any other information we needed.	If you are referring to the attachments, there is no Addendum D. Please refer to Section XII Paragraph C Application Format #6 Submission D Project Budget and Budget Narrative. The format for the budget submission is at the preference of the Applicant.
28.	Would a collaboration with wraparound foster care programs be an acceptable collaboration through which to offer an innovative service?	Applicants can collaborate with any organization(s) that best meet the needs of their application. Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria. All types of collaborations are encouraged to apply. Applicants can collaborate with any organization(s) that best meet the needs of their application. Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria.



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<p>29.</p>	<p>Are all behavioral health services/interventions provided by therapists or behavioral paraprofessionals for children prenatal to 5 years old considered to be a duplication of services already funded by the County?</p>	<p>Duplicative services refers to services that are identical or nearly identical to those offered by an existing program. Services to enhance or fill gaps in current services offered are acceptable.</p>
<p>30.</p>	<p>Is a duplication of services limited to services funded by First 5 or does it include services funded by other County funds (like funding for foster care agencies) or even include services privately funded in the County ?</p>	<p>Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV Project Requirements Paragraph B. Please also refer to the Commissions Supplantation policy. https://first5sanbernardino.org/who-we-are/commission/#bylaws</p> <p>Duplicative services refers to services that are identical or nearly identical to those offered by an existing program. Services to enhance or fill gaps in current services offered are acceptable.</p>
<p>31.</p>	<p>On attachments I & J, are all subcontractors and contracts for the organization as a whole needed? Or just as it relates to the request?</p>	<p>Attachment I Subcontractor Information is related to the Applicants request. Please review the instructions in Section XII Paragraph C Application Format #12</p> <p>Attachment J Contract History is related to all contracts the Applicant’s organization has as a whole. Please review the instructions in Section XII Paragraph C Application Format #13 Attachment J.</p>
<p>32.</p>	<p>I would like to submit an application for the Mercedes Logans Community Innovation Initiative. I attended the call last Tuesday representing my private practice, However, I am in the process of creating my non-profit and hope to have that completed before November 1, 2022. I wanted to know if I can submit my application using my new nonprofit organization which is my preference. If not, is this initiative open to organizations other</p>	<p>The organization applying must currently have all necessary documents in order to apply. This opportunity is not exclusive to only non-profits.</p>



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	than non-profit agencies so that I would still be able to apply under my private practice?	
33.	Would a specialty behavioral health intervention (not therapy) that is not currently funded by the county still be considered a duplication of services based on the fact that First 5 monies pay for general child mental health services?	Duplicative services refers to services that are identical or nearly identical to those offered by an existing program. Services to enhance or fill gaps in current services offered are acceptable.
34.	If there is a service that exists in one small part of the county (e.g. Redlands) but does not exist in the most under resourced parts of the county (far desert areas), would it be a duplication of services to propose to offer that specialty service that is only offered Redlands to those remote areas where children do not have access to that specialty service?	Replication of an existing program will not be considered. A new component, expansion or enhancement of an existing program will be considered.
35.	Is this grant for only 1 agency or can there be more than 1 recipient who split the funds?	There is no minimum amount applicants can request. The entire initiative cannot exceed the cost of \$1.5 million for the 30-month contract term. There is no pre-determined number of contracts expected.
36.	I have a couple Family Child Care providers who are interested in attending the application workshop for "Innovation Funding" but I wanted to ensure they understood the criteria and wanted to ensure if Family Child Care providers would meet the criteria to go through the application process or will it only be intended for organizations ?	The funding opportunity was open to any organization that meets the criteria as outlined in the RFA. One of these criteria was registration for and attendance at the mandatory application submission workshop on September 27 th , 2022.

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37.	We are a remote company that provides services at the location of our clients. So we do not have a physical office space to visit for the on-site visit. Will our application still be considered? And if so does that need to be indicated anywhere on the application.	Yes: Organizations without a physical address will be considered for this opportunity. However, applicants must be able to adhere to all documentation requirements outline in the RFA.
38.	Is the "Innovation Funding" funding open to Centers and Family Child Care Providers to apply? How do you request an application for Innovation funding?	Yes: Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria. All application materials, attachments, and supporting materials can be found by visiting the First 5 website as well as on the procurements tab. https://first5sanbernardino.org/programs/procurements/
39.	Independent sub-contractors who are an individual person without an FEIN number, for attachment I can they use their social security number instead?	Yes: Please follow the instructions in Section XII Paragraph C Application Format #12 Attachment I
40.	On page 8, Section B under project criteria, it mentions that a project should be "a new component, expansion or enhancement of an existing program or project (cannot be a duplication)" Does this mean that existing programs within our organization must exhibit expansion or enhancement?	Replication of an existing program will not be considered. A new component, expansion or enhancement of an existing program will be considered.



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41.	Would you be able to tell us if a project like replacing our current playground or adding adaptive playground components would be eligible for funding?	No: Capital improvement projects will not be considered. Please refer to Section IV paragraph B.
42.	Are all Private Centers, and FCC's eligible to apply?	Yes: Please review RFA 22-01 MLCII Submission Guidebook Section IV: Project Requirements under Paragraph B Project Criteria.
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43.	Page 20 mentions Attachment B-Program Budget for allowable costs. Where can that be found?	Attachment B-Program Budget will be developed prior to contract approval by the Commission. It should not be confused with the Attachment B-Statement of Certification application document.
44.	What is the min-max amount of funding that we can apply for?	There is no minimum amount applicants can request. The entire initiative cannot exceed the cost of \$1.5 million for the 30-month contract term.
45.	How many organizations are expected to be funded?	There is no pre-determined number of contracts expected.
46.	How many awards are expected?	There is no pre-determined number of contracts expected.
47.	What is the expected range of awards? Is there a maximum or minimum request amount?	There is no minimum amount applicants can request. The entire initiative cannot exceed the cost of \$1.5 million for the 30-month contract term. There is no pre-determined number of contracts expected.
48.	How long does it take to receive reimbursement after the draw has been submitted to the county?	Generally, it takes about 30-45 calendar days from the time the claim is submitted.



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49.	On page 28 of the RFA under XIII Application Evaluation and Selection, 10. Attachment H – Applicant’s Financial Capacity: Are we required to submit A. the three most recent annual audits and C. unaudited financial statements to cover the period from the last audit? The verbiage is unclear.	Applicants must turn in a current year-to-date financial statement (C) and three <i>audited</i> financial statements (A) or if that is not available, three <i>unaudited</i> financial statements (B).
50.	Since there is no budget template provided, are there any requirements besides: three separate budgets and budget narratives with narrative for each line item in budget that ties into program narrative?	No: Submission D will suffice.
51.	Although we have been doing this work within Southern California for decades and have built strong partnerships in San Bernardino County, we are a newly established nonprofit organization serving the Adelanto and High Desert areas. Therefore, we would like to know if there are alternatives to Attachment H - Applicants Financial Capacity. How else can we show our financial capacity that meets the requirements of the application?	There is no alternative to Attachment H. Applicants must turn in a current year-to-date financial statement (C) and three <i>audited</i> financial statements (A) or if that is not available, three <i>unaudited</i> financial statements (B).
52.	Must grant money be used to serve all ages (prenatal to 5) or is it sufficient that the innovative service improves early development of just premies, toddlers, or any sub-population within prenatal to 5 years old?	Funds are intended to be used for services to all or any subset of prenatal to 5 years.
53.	Attachment H indicates: “Submit an unaudited financial statement to cover the period from the last audited statement to present, ending no more than 120 days prior to the submission of this application.” If we only have 1 year of unaudited financials, and there are no previous audited records, is there another way we can meet this standard?	You must meet the requirements as specified in Attachment H.
54.	Our company is 1 years old and does not have financials that go back 3 years? Both options on attachment H asked for 3 years	You must meet the requirements as specified in Attachment H.



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	worth. Will our application be considered if we only submit 1 years worth of finances? Is there anything specific we should do or provide as far as fiscal for this specific scenario?	
55.	Can we use grant funds to cover any required audit costs?	Yes: Once the contract is approved by the Commission and awarded.
56.	Does the budget requirement for the use of grants funds include the budget for all other programs in the entire agency budget?	No: Please only provide the project budget and budget narrative that the organization is seeking funding from this RFA.
57.	Do budget sheets require a wet signature at the time of submission?	There is no requirement to sign the budget submitted. Please referred to Section XII, Application Submission for signature requirements.
58.	On attachment H wouldn't it be A and C?	Applicants must turn in a current year-to-date financial statement (C) and three <i>audited</i> financial statements (A) or if that is not available, three <i>unaudited</i> financial statements (B).
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59.	Although the guide states that board members cannot be staff members or employees of the agency applying for the grant, is it sufficient that a board member who is also employee/staff is unpaid or only receive the nominal compensation of \$1 per month eligible to apply for this grant assuming all other requirements are met?	Please refer to Section V. Contract Requirements, Paragraph B, Number 13.
60.	What are the statistical reporting requirements? (It was said at the meeting that statistical reporting would be reviewed but we did not hear it covered.)	Data reporting requirements will be determined through contract negotiations should the applicant move forward with the procurement process.