



Webinar FAQs

- 1. In order for a First 5 to apply on behalf of FRCs is there a formal type of relationship they must have, or can they work together?**

A First 5 may apply as a lead agency in partnership with the FRCs in their county.

- 2. Are individual beneficiaries' adults, or children as well?**

Individual beneficiaries served includes both children and adults.

- 3. Can Child Abuse Prevention Councils (CAPCs) apply on behalf of FRC's providing CAP services?**

Yes, as long as the partner FRCs meet the definition of FRC as defined in the NOFO and SB 436.

- 4. What is the 10% indirect rate?**

The 10% indirect expense means that you can allocate 10% of the overall request to organizational expenses without allocating to anything specific. This is to help support increased operating costs from the work.

- 5. Can some of these funds be used to reimburse the FRC for supplies already given to families?**

Yes, as long as they were purchased on or after April 13, 2020.

- 6. Must we work directly with Tribal governments or serve Tribal members?**

In order to receive preference for engaging and collaborating with Indian tribes and non-profit tribal organizations you will need to describe your relationship with the tribe, provide the name and contact information of your primary contact person and describe how you will serve tribal communities specific to this emergency response and/or provide a letter of support or email from Tribal Leadership or Tribal Government Staff specific to the COVID-19 response coordination with the FRC.

7. Are local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) who serve Native American children eligible to apply?

Only if they meet the definition of an FRC as defined in the NOFO and SB 436 or partner with an FRC that does.

8. Can the FRC apply and then distribute the materials through DSS or CASA foster children or do the foster youth have to be actual FRC clients?

Yes, the FRC can apply as the lead applicant and partner with other agencies to distribute the supplies to beneficiaries.

9. Is there a preference for duplicated vs. unduplicated count?

No, either one is accepted.

10. Do we include donations?

No.

11. Do the majority of the recipients need to be Tribal and foster families?

No.

12. Can you start and then save your online application?

Yes, you can start the application and save it so that you can view the content, plan your answers and come back to it at any time to finish.

13. When will applicants be notified of the decision?

Applicants will be notified by May 15, 2020.

14. If we are doing it in collaboration, do we include all of our FRC partner numbers under 'how many staff' and how many laid off because of COVID?

Yes.

15. Can you elaborate on Foster and Tribal- are those the only priorities? When we tally beneficiaries, we can only count foster families or Tribal?

No, foster families and Indian tribes are not the only targeted populations, but they are priority populations. Children and families at risk for child abuse and neglect may also be

served. Please include proposed service numbers for all three of the proposed target populations.

16. Is the number of personnel for the lead only or aggregate for all FRC partners?

Please include all FRCs in the application.

17. Are the funds provided immediately or via reimbursement?

Immediately.

18. What about staff that are not working because of increased health risk exposure to COVID-19, can we list them under-lay off?

Yes.

19. Is there a maximum amount we can ask for in the grant proposal?

No. The cost per individual beneficiary served cannot exceed \$93 and services must be provided by June 30, 2020.

20. If an organization has many programs, and FRCs are one part, should we answer the questions around other COVID funds relative to the whole org, or just our FRCS?

Please include funds for FRCs only.

21. Can you describe the data collection that will be required to be used to track results if awarded funds?

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will include a data template and instructions for reporting the number of individual beneficiaries served, the service provided and how the funds were expended.

22. Is the funding up front or in arrears?

Funds will be provided up-front.

23. Can some of these funds be used to reimburse the FRC for supplies already given to families?

Yes, as long as the expense occurred on or after April 13, 2020.

24. When will the decision be made?

Applicants will be notified by May 15, 2020 and funds will be distributed by May 20, 2020.

25. Can the FRC distribute to families in other agency's home visiting prevention program who are not in CWS services, or foster, or tribal programs?

Yes.

26. By meeting the checklist to determine eligibility, do you mean meeting every part of the checklist or some/most of the checklist? Do we need to say Yes to each part?

Each applicant FRC must meet every part of the legal definition in order to be eligible.

27. Can the funding be used to purchase gift cards for groceries?

Yes.

28. Are emancipated foster youth considered "foster families?"

No.

29. Are we held to the category totals in which we apply for or is there flexibility if priorities shift between categories so long as the total isn't exceeded?

Flexibility within the total amount proposed is allowed.

30. Funds have to be spent by June 30th, does that mean supplies must be disbursed by then?

The intent of the funding is that the supplies should be distributed as soon as possible and within the period. You should only request an amount that can realistically be distributed within the 2-month timeframe.

31. Can the funds be used for rental assistance or small cash stipends to student parents?

No, expenses are only allowed within the 6 categories described in the NOFO.

32. Can we work on the application save and edit to send on May 5th?

Yes.

33. Can technology to do Telehealth or visits be purchased for families who do not have access to these items? Or is it for staff use only ?

Both.

34. Is the \$93/beneficiary total per month or both months?

For both months.

35. What about foster youth who are their own caregivers (AB12 youth) - still in foster care but are living on their own, in a roommate situation etc?

They can be included as individual beneficiaries served, but not as foster families.

36. Are small-denomination gift cards to families an acceptable use of the funds, if we provide our receipts for our purchase of the cards and documentation that we disbursed them to families?

Yes. Requests will be evaluated for their proportionality to the numbers you can reasonably reach in the 2 months, given your network's current service volume.

37. If we distribute gift cards to families, do we need to get receipts from the purchases they make?

No. The purpose of the Fund is to get support to families as quickly as possible, and we understand that the accounting will not be precise.

38. Define "foster families."

For the purpose of this funding, foster families includes licensed homes and kinship homes.