**Frequently Asked Questions**

***iFORWARD***

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This document addresses frequently asked questions related to the iFORWARD Request for Proposals (RFP) announced in January 2022.

**Eligibility**

1. **Can you have a fiscal sponsor if my organization is not a 501c3?**

Yes, organizations or coalitions that do not hold 501(c)(3) status must have a fiscal sponsor to apply and receive funding.

1. **The RFP states that, “only organizations with an annual operating budget of $1 million or less are eligible to apply.” Does the annual operating budget requirement only pertain to overhead costs, or does it also encompass budgeted funds for services from other grants?**

The current annual operating budget should include expenses and income for the entire organization. If you are applying with a fiscal sponsor, please include their annual operating budget.

1. **The RFP states: “Current or previous grantees of any of AIDS United’s funding portfolios must be in good reporting status.” What does that mean?**

Good reporting status means that your organization has satisfied all funding requirements outlined in the grant agreement between AU and the funded organization, including on-time and complete reporting. This requirement is only relevant to current and former grantees of AIDS United. If you are unsure of your organization’s reporting status, please email your inquiry to [iforward@aidsunited.org](mailto:iforward@aidsunited.org).

1. **If you are a small grassroots or community-based organization with very small budget could that potentially have a negative impact on eligibility for this grant application?**

No, in fact, those are the exact organizations that should apply! Small grassroots and community-based organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply for this opportunity. Having a small budget alone will not have a negative impact on your application. Organizations should, however, be fiscally stable and viable before submission of the funding application.

**Application and Deadlines**

1. **When is the grant period?**

The grant period begins on March 21, 2022 and ends on November 30, 2022. All grant funds must be expended, and all project objectives must be met before the grant period end date.

1. **There is an application question related to Ending the HIV Epidemic (ETE) in the U.S. Plan. How does this initiative relate to ETE Plan?**

We are asking how the proposal aligns with the strategies outline in the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. plan. You can find the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. plan [here](https://www.cdc.gov/endhiv/index.html).

1. **The grant only covers 8 months of funding. Is there any plan for future funding for those who are award winners and successfully develop and implement their iFORWARD program?**

At the moment this is a one-time funding opportunity.

1. **If you have a fiscal sponsor whose information goes in the application?**

Please make sure any financial information, such as the annual operating budget and audit, are from the fiscal sponsor organization.

**Allowable Funding Requests**

1. **Can that fund be used to develop a new App which will increase access to support services and increase retention in care?**

You may apply for funding to develop an App. You will need to describe how you will protect client information as it relates to the App.

1. **Does telehealth honor Complementary Alternative Medicine and other integrative health practices?**

We would need more information to answer this question. Please reach out to [iforward@aidsunited.org](mailto:iforward@aidsunited.org) and we will follow up.

1. **Meditation, Massage, and other stress relief therapies are all forms of complementary medicine that contribute to the quality of life of people living with HIV. Could funding from this grant be used for these types of practices?**

Yes, funding can be used to fund these practices.

*If your question was not addressed in this document, please email* [*iforward@aidsunited.org*](mailto:iforward@aidsunited.org) *with your questions.*