Data Across Sectors for Health

Frequently Asked Questions for the CIC-START Call for Applications

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

Q: Under the Eligibility Criteria, what does it mean to be a member of *All In*?

A: Membership in *All In* is satisfied by:

- Being a member of an existing community or regional collaboration that was funded by an *All In* partner
- Having attended the 2017 or 2018 *All In* National Meetings
- Having created a profile on the *All In* online community by the time of the application deadline

Any *All In* member is able to apply, but communities that are not currently funded by *All In* Partners will be given preference.

CIC START awardees will be expected to participate in additional *All In* activities during the contract period, including completing the *All In* capacity assessment and attending virtual and/or in-person events.

Q: How do I join *All In*?

A: If you're new to *All In*, the first step to join is to sign up for the online community (allin.healthdoers.org) and create an individual member profile. If you do so by the application deadline, you will be eligible for CIC- START funding.

Q: Who are the *All In* partners?

A: The *All In* partners are national program offices which are aligned in growing *All In*. Partners include: Academy Health CHP, The BUILD Health Challenge, Public Health National Center for Innovations, and The Colorado Health Foundation. For more information on the partners, click here.

Q: My organization is currently a BUILD Heath Challenge grant recipient. Is my organization considered an All-In member?

A: The eligibility criteria states that an existing community or regional collaboration or current grantee of any *All In* partner, including the BUILD Health Challenge, are considered *All In* members. Communities that are not currently funded by *All In* will be given preference.

Q: Can a Public Health Department be an applicant if it is leading and convening a collaboration among community partners?

A: The eligibility criteria states that applicants must be either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and must not be private foundations or non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organizations. A Public Health Department would qualify under that status. DASH is looking for active, pre-existing collaborations to apply.

Q: Am I eligible for another CIC-START contract if I am a current CIC-START awardee?

A: You are eligible to apply, but the contract is not intended to support multiple stages of work, but rather clearly defined activities with specific products or 1-2 deliverables. Communities that are not currently funded by *All In* will be given preference.

Q: Can I apply to CIC-START if I previously applied?

A: Yes. Applicants in the first round were invited to follow-up on unfunded applications and are still invited to contact us about the process.

ALL IN MEMBERSHIP

Q: Is there a cost to becoming an *All In* member?

A: There is no financial cost to joining *All In*, but members are encouraged to participate in discussions, attend webinars, and use and contribute resources to generate a rich community of practice to generate learnings to advance this field.

Q: I attempted to join *All In*, but accidentally made an error in typing my e-mail address, thus didn't receive the confirmation e-mail. How can I fix that?

A: Email info@dashconnect.org and DASH will work to fix that.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Q: Can a private technical solution provider who works with nonprofit communities co-apply with one of the nonprofit partners?

A: DASH seeks strong, active collaborative relationships from across multiple sectors working towards a common goal. A 501(c)(3) public entity or nonprofit organization on behalf of a project idea can include a business as a partner in the collaborative.

Q: Who would be the primary applicant to apply in a collaborative?

A: The collaborative can select the partner that meets the eligibility criteria and best represents the shared goals and work of the collaborative.

Q: Does the lead applicant from a project currently funded by an *All In* partner need to be the lead organization submitting to the CIC-START CFA?

A: The lead organization for a currently funded project does not have to be the proposed lead organization for the CIC-START application. Another partner can apply as the lead and sign up for sign up for *All In* if they haven't already done so.

Q: Should a site visit from the DASH NPO be included in the budget?

A: A "low-effort" site visit is a possible activity of a CIC-START project. The DASH NPO may request this, or the awardee may request it. If there is mutual interest, staff from the DASH NPO will travel to the awardee site and be responsible for all staff travel costs.

Q: What other financial materials may we send if we do not have two years of audited financials?

A: If an organization meetings the eligibility criteria but does not have audited financial statements, please provide whatever financial statements are available, and the DASH NPO may follow up with additional questions.

CIC- START CONTRACT AND ACTIVITIES

Q: Can funds be used for consultants and contractors?

A: A potential activity that CIC-START funds can support includes engaging individual consultants or other collaborative experts to address a problem or an opportunity (legal, collaboration, governance, etc.). In fact, the short-term nature of the CIC-START program suggests that consultants and contractors with specific technical knowledge or experience are appropriate uses of funds. Please note that the most relevant, experienced and cost-effective sources of contract expertise may be other community organizations that have already addressed the particular challenge or opportunity to be addressed.

Q: Is there a specific electronic tool or model preferred?

A: There is no specific tool, model or approach preferred or required, as DASH recognizes that tools are responsive or relevant to the local context.

Q: Can you speak more to participation and reporting requirements?

A: The DASH CIC-START contracts are intended to be a low-administration award. Awardees will participate in short, monthly check-in calls with the NPO staff, be invited to engage in discussions on the *All In* platform. NPO staff will be available for additional consultation if requested. Also, the DASH NPO will offer communications consultation to support the CIC-START project and a low-effort, in-person meeting with NPO staff. Awardees will not be required to participate.

Upon completion of the contract, awardees will be expected to submit a final report, participate in an exit interview, and/or a webinar focused on sharing lessons learned, challenges, and opportunities that others could benefit from.

Q: When and how is the money paid to the participant?

A: DASH will distribute 90% of the award amount when contracts are initiated (see brochure for dates) and will be paid to the lead agency of the applicant. Awardees will be responsible for contracting and dispersing funds, in accordance with their proposed work plan. The 10% balance of the award will be provided upon completion of final report.

Q: Will there be CIC-START contract funds available in the future?

A: There will be at least one more round of CIC-START contracts in 2018.