

Notice of Funding Availability
American Rescue Plan Act
Community Resilience Programs

Questions and Answers

March 4, 2022

- 1. Will the funding release be structured in phases so that agencies may be allowed to submit a limited number of budget changes as they proceed with program design and what kind of a variance on the high side?**

Yes, the funding release will be structured in phases in that contracts funded through the NOFA are expected to begin July 1, 2022 and end June 30, 2023, and may be renewed through December 31, 2024, depending on service provider performance.

See Exhibit B in the sample agreement provided in Attachment A, for information regarding Budget Adjustments.

- 2. Will projects being submitted be allowed a line item for yet to be determined costs to the award that will allow them to buffer their budget. In other words, if grantees were still to be adhering to the list of eligible cost activities, would reasonable reallocation of line items be allowed? If so, which categories?**

Once funding awards are made, Contractors will be required to submit a detailed, line-item budget with corresponding justifications for each allowable expense under ARPA.

See Exhibit B in the sample agreement provided in Attachment A, for information regarding Budget Adjustments.

- 3. Should the budget amounts be for the first year only, or for should they include amounts for the renewal period through 2024?**

The budget should cover the period July1, 2022, through December 31, 2024.

- 4. Can costs incurred before July 1, 2022 be included in the project budget for reimbursement during the project period?**

Please see 2 CFR 200.458 for further information on allowable Pre-award costs. These costs may be considered during contract negotiations.

- 5. Will there be community-wide reporting on spend down rates for the funded grantee's and at what frequency?**

It is anticipated that expenditures will be reported at least quarterly via the ARPA Enterprise Reporting Tool posted on the County's ARPA webpage.

- 6. Will there be a process or language included in the RFP where if projects are not clearly not meeting milestones, funding may be recaptured and added back to the overall pot?**

This language is not in the NOFA.

7. **I was inquiring if there is available money for a fire district to either provide incentives or recover money that is being put out to provide SPSL leave?**

Please refer to Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities.

8. **Must a project only serve residents of Census Tracts identified in Attachment D? Is there any way other than to look up each listed census tract to determine whether any project serving Petaluma would qualify?**

No, projects are not required to serve residents of Qualified Census Tracts (QCT). Beneficiaries not located in QCT are defined as **Impacted**, per Attachment C – ARPA Eligible Beneficiaries. While there are no QCT’s located in Petaluma, projects serving **Impacted** Beneficiaries are eligible.

9. **On Attachment D, how do I match the census tracks listed on the left with where they are on the map? In other words, which blue census track on the map is #150305 or #151201, etc.?**

See below.

10. **Can you please provide a map that clearly indicates where each of the priority census tracts are specifically located on the county map? I don't want to have to enter an address. I want to know which census tracts listed match the blue areas on the map. Thanks!**

The neighborhood names of the census tracts have been added to Attachment D (see below). Additional changes to the map are under review. For additional information, visit the Measure of America website where you can sign a consent form and download the complete Portrait of Sonoma data set ([Download Agreement – Measure of America: A Program of the Social Science Research Council](#)).

Tracts	Name
150305	Fetters Springs/Agua Caliente West
151201	West Cotati/Penngrove
151301	Rohnert Park A Section
151305	Downtown Rohnert Park
151306	Central Rohnert Park
151308	Rohnert Park D/E/S Section
151310	Rohnert Park B/C/R Section
151401	Kawana Springs
151402	Taylor Mountain
151900	Burbank Gardens
152000	Downtown Santa Rosa
152100	West Junior College
152201	Northern Junior College Neighborhood
152203	Southern Junior College Neighborhood

152802	Bicentennial Park
152903	Comstock
153001	Coddingtontown
153002	West End
153003	Railroad Square
153102	Sheppard
153103	Roseland Creek
153104	Roseland
153200	Bellevue
153300	Wright
153703	Monte Rio
153705	Forestville/Rio Nido
153808	Central Windsor
153902	Central Healdsburg
154201	East Cloverdale

- 11. We work on homeless / unsheltered persons - In Sonoma county, the majority of unsheltered are white, we can emphasize BIPOC and definitely census tract areas - do you consider being homeless a population that is inherently marginalized - or do we need to focus on BIPOC persons.**

Please see Attachment C – ARPA Eligible Beneficiaries, which lists those eligible for services as determined by the ARPA Final Rule.

- 12. If the lead agency is located in a non-eligible census tract and services are physically provided in a non-eligible census tract, but the agency/collaborate serves communities that live within eligible census tracts, would the project still be able to receive funding?**

The lead agency does not need to be physically located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT). Services can be provided/located throughout Sonoma County to Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted Beneficiaries as defined in for Impacted beneficiary definitions.

- 13. Are the QCTs intended to be priority areas or must beneficiaries actually have an address in a QCT?**

Applications for services directed to beneficiaries residing in or operating in QCTs will receive 10 bonus points.

- 14. The NOFA Section III. Funding states “Contracts ... are expected to begin July 1, 2022 and end June 30, 2023, and may be renewed through December 31, 2024, depending on service provider performance.” Is the project implementation period limited to activities occurring between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024?**

Yes.

15. If the project is “renewed through December 31, 2024”, must final contract funds be spent no later than December 31, 2024?

Yes.

16. Who will be the review committee? How will they be selected?

Per the NOFA, the review committee will consist of neutral parties, who will score and make funding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Diversity in this review committee is a priority, so there will be a mix of community members, and city/county governmental representatives from Sonoma County and elsewhere; the selection process includes choosing members with no conflicts of interest, lived experience, content area experience, and/or evaluation expertise.

17. Can you select or list more than one activity within the narrative?

Per the NOFA and Program Application, one (1) application should be submitted per proposed program.

18. Are agencies able to submit more than one proposal in different areas?

Per the NOFA and Program Application, one (1) application should be submitted per proposed program.

19. For organizations who fall under several categories, is it recommended to select only one or apply with multiple applications?

Per the NOFA and Program Application, one (1) application should be submitted per proposed program.

20. Can one agency participate as a non-lead agency receiving funds as a subcontractor in applications under the same program activity?

The lead agency should submit one application on behalf of themselves and any subcontractors. An agency may be a subcontractor under multiple program applications.

21. Can one agency be a lead agency for one application, and a subcontractor/provider in a different application?

Yes.

22. Can the lead agency be in BIPOC NP bucket and one of the partners be in other buckets e.g. housing?

Per the NOFA and Program Application, one (1) application should be submitted per proposed program.

23. Prioritized Activities - Can you identify more than one?

Yes; however, per the NOFA and Program Application, one (1) application should be submitted per proposed program.

24. Do you have to have experience administering federal funds in order to be the lead agency?

Not necessarily although agencies with prior experience will likely be scored higher based on the scoring mechanism included in the Program Application.

25. Does the 12-page narrative limitation include the application cover page, or just the narrative pages?

The 12-page limit does not include the application cover page. Pages are numbered beginning on the PROGRAM/PROJECT NARRATIVE section.

26. Can a list of required forms/attachments be provided as a template or guide in order to submit a complete application?

The only required Form is the Program Application.

27. Is there a cap of \$25,000 for any staffing related to the project/program?

No.

28. Will lead agencies be able to make sub awards through the Fixed Amount Award mechanism in 2 CFR 200.45 where payments are made based on milestones rather than costs?

This depends on the project type and the subaward amount and may be considered during contract negotiations.

29. I am unclear how the information for each of the organizations that participate together to form a group how their information will be put in the application because there is a limit of 25 pages.

The PROGRAM/PROJECT NARRATIVE section of the Program Application is limited to 12 pages. The Program Application should include the requested information on behalf of the entire partnership.

30. Do you require MOUs for all partnerships (even ones that are mostly referral-based partnerships)?

It is not required, but recommended that fiscal sponsors do enter into MOUs or formal letters of commitment with partners. This will be the responsibility of the fiscal sponsors and partners, not the County.

31. Do formal agreements between the applicant and the individual partners need to be in place prior to submitting the application?

They are not required to be in place prior to submitting the application, but it is recommended that fiscal sponsors do enter into MOUs or formal letters of commitment with partners. This will be the responsibility of the fiscal sponsors and partners, not the County.

32. My head is spinning with the information. Is it possible to list the application and the many resource links in a centrally located area?

The application and attachments are all posted on the ARPA website <http://upstreaminvestments.org/arpa/>. All the resource links are located within the NOFA document and/or attachments.

33. Is there a ceiling on any single proposal?

No.

34. Will separate contracts be issued for each separate application?

This remains to be determined depending on project/program type.

35. What do you imagine might be an average or range of grant award?

No average or range has been considered and will depend on the proposals received.

36. This being federal funding, is there an issue with supporting undocumented students with this grant?

Undocumented students may be supported with ARPA funds.

37. If we (a nonprofit) are already receiving federal APRA funds, are we still eligible to receive funds from the county?

Yes.

38. Are college students eligible under educational disparities or just K12?

College students who fall under an impacted or disproportionately impacted population would be eligible.

39. Could you please elaborate on the use of funds for facilities or recovery/response center?

More information can be found in Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and in the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#).

40. Volunteers to nonprofits suffered self-isolation, causing harm to nonprofit services during COVID, are they covered as employees?

More information regarding services to volunteers can be found in the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#).

41. Is affordable housing development an eligible activity?

Please refer to Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities.

42. Is advocacy work an eligible activity?

Please refer to Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities.

43. Of the 34.1m, are the total amounts allocated for economic impacts and public health impacts flexible?

Yes.

44. Can a lead agency partner with a regional organization, or only Sonoma County organizations?

Yes, you can partner with organizations/agencies outside of Sonoma County to provide services to beneficiaries within Sonoma County.

45. Can a consortium be formed by for profit and non for profit organizations?

Yes.

- 46. Can any of the funds be used for lost revenue (through events, program fees, etc.) or does it need to be for programs/projects only?**

Please refer to Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities.

- 47. Many of the needs identified by the equity workgroup are for systems change (capacity building, humanizing data, etc.). However, the NOFA seems primarily focused on direct service and programs. Is it correct to assume the NOFA will not prioritize this type of systems change (apart from the things explicitly noted as eligible)?**

No, the ARPA funding can support systems change projects that meet the eligibility guidelines.

- 48. Does the County/BOS/Community Advisory group have a preference for direct monetary payments/benefits to community members vs. provision of supportive services?**

No

- 49. Can you please clarify how requesting housing vouchers for homeless individuals impacted by the Pandemic will be considered. Is the value of the vouchers considered part of the financial request?**

Please refer to Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities.

The cost of housing vouchers is considered Direct Client Assistance and should be included in the program budget.

- 50. Does every organization participating in a partnership need a DUNS #?**

Only the Lead Agency is required to have a DUNS.

- 51. Can an education institution be a collaborative/sub-applicant with a non-profit as lead applicant?**

Yes.

- 52. Define successful reporting efforts from subcontractors. How will the county support subcontractors through (rigorous) reporting county processes?**

A system for data collection is being developed and training will be provided. Contractors will be expected to submit quality timely data and participate in the collaborative approach of the anti-racist RBA process.

- 53. Does every organization participating in a collaboration need an FEIN #?**

Only the lead agency needs an FEIN.

- 54. Please confirm that "eligible beneficiaries" means the people we serve who are eligible under ARPA - not our organizing receiving funds?**

Please see the definition of Eligible Proposers in the NOFA and the definition of Eligible Beneficiaries in Attachment C.

- 55. Transportation assistance is covered, what about transportation of food to pantry locations, can that be a characterized covered benefit for ARPA?**

Please see Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#).

- 56. Under section IV "culturally responsive covid-19 response and long term recovery", the only long-term recovery items listed as eligible relate to emergency operations and public health data systems. Are these the only long-term recovery focused activities that are eligible?**

Please see Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#).

- 57. For each of the projects what priority is given to securing client data i.e. is it all cloud based, what retrieval processes are required in case of fires, floods, etc.)**

Please refer to the sample contract in Attachment A re confidentiality and security of data.

- 58. Is a project to install free public Wi-Fi in disadvantaged unincorporated communities an eligible activity?**

Please see Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#).

- 59. Funding allocations were broken out by reduce health disparities & addressing economic impacts & infrastructure by the Board of Supervisors—how will these funds be broken out to the specific program/project areas that are listed as prioritized activities?**

All prioritized activities are aimed at reducing health disparities and addressing negative economic impacts of COVID-19. Funding recommendations will depend on the applications received and the scoring from the review committee.

- 60. How and where will the results of these projects be posted to the public for feedback?**

There will be a portal on the Upstream Investments ARPA website.

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- 61. How do you prioritize intersectional approaches (i.e. race, sexual orientation, Identity) when evaluating programs?**

The review committee evaluates proposals solely based on the questions asked in the application. Local data has shown that some communities have been most negatively impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and fall within one of the eligible beneficiary groups. Beneficiaries eligible for services are defined as *Impacted* and *Disproportionately Impacted*, per Attachment C- ARPA Eligible Beneficiaries.

- 62. What mechanisms has the county set in place to support access and ease of application for ARPA funds that support small organizations and initiatives**

(usually led by BIPOC communities and those most affected by the Pandemic)? In other words, how is this NOFA different from any other NOFA's released by the county (aside from allowing for creative programming on the subcontractor's part)?

The County of Sonoma has not released a Notice of Funding Availability in the past. The NOFA is considered a means to procure that is less onerous than an RFP and also includes a longer timeline (6 weeks) for submission of applications. Another relevant change in this process is that the County is not requiring that Program Applications be submitted via the County's Supplier Portal, which has been identified by stakeholders in this process as an added barrier in past processes. Lastly, prior to the release of the NOFA, numerous Meet & Greet sessions and networking meetings were organized to create space for smaller organizations to build collaborations with larger organizations as a way to create room for their participation in the process and solve for some of the challenges they may face in trying to submit an application alone.

63. What is anti-racist RBA?

Results-Based Accountability (RBA) is a way of thinking and acting to improve entrenched and complex social problems, beginning with ends and working backwards to identify the best means to achieve those ends or results. With Anti-racist Results-Based Accountability (RBA), we intentionally center racial equity, assessing the impact of our actions on Black, Indigenous and other communities of color, and working backwards towards identifying and implementing solutions that address the root causes of inequities to create better outcomes that are felt and experienced in these communities. The County of Sonoma is beginning to implement an anti-racist RBA framework as an approach to assess and transparently share the impact of County investments in these communities experiencing the most racial marginalization and worst outcomes.

64. How many people are on the review committee and is this committee made up of only government employees or others as well?

Please see #16.

65. As a small business owner, in property management I lost many clients & income. I'm trying to recover & take on new clients but need assistance.

This specific funding stream will not distribute awards to individuals, businesses, or non-profits solely for the recovery of that individual, business, or non-profit. Once awards are made, there may be a program or project that you are eligible to apply for assistance from. If you need immediate assistance, you are urged to contact [211](#).

66. Is there a way that the County can facilitate partnerships between the groups attending this webinar to further increase partnerships and streamline applications?

The County cannot facilitate partnerships during the NOFA period. Please email ARPA@sonoma-county.org if you would like to receive a contact list of organizations

who previously indicated interest in partnering during networking opportunities that were offered by the County prior to the NOFA release.

- 67. Is there a way to contact people attending this meeting who are applying for ARPA funds to explore partnerships that we haven't yet contacted even through the meet-and-greet meetings?**

Please see #66.

- 68. Is there a list of updated intended applicants for partnering opportunities?**

Please see #66.

- 69. Regarding small businesses applying, are there any referrals to provide to them? Meaning, if they are seeking partners and grant writer.**

Please see #66.

- 70. How do I apply?**

Refer to the NOFA for instructions on how to apply, posted on the Upstream Investments ARPA website: <http://upstreaminvestments.org/arpa/>.

- 71. If we have a project that overlaps on a few different "priority activity" areas, should we submit multiple applications under multiple project areas or try to make a comprehensive application under one project area?**

Per the NOFA and Program Application, one (1) application should be submitted per proposed program.

- 72. Are single applications discouraged?**

No. Please refer to the NOFA for information on scoring mechanisms.

- 73. Will agencies that submit an individual project without a formalized collaboration be unable to be awarded? This question is based on the point structure outlined in the RFP where 13 points are given for the collaboration.**

Not necessarily although applications including partnerships will likely be scored higher based on the scoring mechanism included in the Program Application.

- 74. Is there a separate application form for nonprofit and for profit?**

No, there is one application form.

- 75. Where in the application does it explain how to earn the bonus 10 points in the Program Design and Approach section?**

Question 9a. and 9b. under Program Design and Approach.

- 76. Do we submit formal agreements with partners as attachments?**

The only required form is the Program Application.

- 77. Does anything other than the Program Application form have to be submitted to qualify as a complete submission?**

The only required form is the Program Application.

78. What proof of partnership do you require? Would a letter of support work, or do you need any kind of formal MOU?

Please see #30.

79. Are beneficiaries organizations or communities that are going to benefit from the program/project?

Please see Attachment C – ARPA Eligible Beneficiaries, which lists those eligible for services as determined by the ARPA Final Rule.

80. If a service to nonprofits, can that be considered for funding, as nonprofits were impacted, even while they are a pass through of the content to their clients?

Yes; however, these are two different ARPA Activities and would require two different program applications.

81. What emphasis is on Capacity Building, there was a meet & greet exercise, but major nonprofits think this NOFA is Program Development (their program, and how do we fit into their program vision). Can the partnering discussion emphasize more of the need for local Capacity Building (distinct from Program Development), and how that expectation for fiscal sponsoring is a necessary component?

Organizations considering collaborating should have these discussions around capacity building and review Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities.

82. Are public-private partnerships eligible - a nonprofit partnering with a school district, for instance?

Yes.

83. I would like to ask if an organization can submit or be part of more than one collaborative application if the applications are for different programs.

Yes.

84. We are applying within the BIPOC led nonprofit category. Does our partner also have to be BIPOC led?

No.

85. Am I correct in my understanding that as a nonprofit partnering with a larger agency to apply as a group I can subcontract with other nonprofits and agencies to provide services? Meaning, those nonprofits and agencies NOT being applicants just simply collaborating on projects with my nonprofit.

Yes.

86. \$96 million in ARPA funds was originally allocated to Sonoma County, \$34.1 million of which is eligible through this NOFA. How will the difference (\$61.9 million) be used?

A summary of actions related to ARPA funding by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors can be found here: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CAO/ARPA/>.

Additionally, there is a graphic here: <http://upstreaminvestments.org/Impact/About-ARPA/> detailing funding allocations.

87. How do the program/project activities cross-walk to the reduce health disparities & addressing economic impacts & infrastructure buckets?

The ARPA Final Rule, released January 6, 2022, recategorized a number of eligible activities. Some activities that had initially been identified as Disparities in Public Health Outcomes were recategorized as Negative Economic Impacts on Individuals and Households, and vice versa. Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities includes all prioritized and eligible activities from both buckets.

88. Can this funding be used by a nonprofit organization for capital expenses?

Yes. Please refer to the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#) (particularly the requirements for capital expenditures) and Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities.

89. Can ARPA funds be used for capital expenses, like to pay for a new facility?

Please see #88.

90. In the Zoom chat I posted the question of whether affordable housing development is eligible for Sonoma County ARPA funding. During the Technical Assistance Session, staff directed that a prospective applicant should determine whether a proposed activity is an eligible use. The language in Sonoma County's NOFA and Attachment B are simply unclear on whether affordable housing development is eligible.

Please refer to Attachment B: Prioritized ARPA Activities; I. Households and Communities; E. Housing and Shelter; 1. *Impacted* Households; Promoting long-term housing security: affordable housing and homelessness.

91. NACo's final rule summary finds that ARPA funding is eligible for affordable housing development. Sonoma County's Housing and Shelter Priorities listed in Section E of Attachment B state: "Impacted households are eligible for the following activities, services... Promoting long-term housing security: affordable housing and homelessness." Certainly, the activity of affordable housing development in qualified census tracts would promote long term housing security. However, the language in the Housing and Homelessness section of the priorities tilts toward direct services and aid for impacted, eligible households.

Please see #90.

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92. Is it possible to provide loans to small businesses as a way to build sustainability? I understand grants are allowed, but what about loans? And if so, must they be paid back in full during the grant period?

Please refer to Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#), including the section titled F. Treatment of Loans.

- 93. Does a grant made to a microbusiness lender qualify as "expended"? The small loans made by the microlender would continue to revolve and circulate through the community beyond December 2024.**

No, it does not qualify as expended. Please review the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#), specifically the section titled: F. Treatment of Loans. Please review the guidelines for loan repayment versus a direct grant program.

- 94. Please describe how the grantor County of Sonoma plans to disburse grant funds to approved grantees.**

Agreements will most likely be cost-reimbursement, however, the County is open to providing whatever support is allowable under ARPA during contract negotiations.

- 95. Are postsecondary scholarships for students from low-income backgrounds an eligible use of funds?**

Please see #38.

- 96. Are schools/school districts eligible for funding?**

Please refer to Attachment C – ARPA Eligible Beneficiaries.

- 97. Would my cannabis farm under small business qualify for this?**

No, because ARPA is federal funding.

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- 98. In patient drug and alcohol treatment facilities - Where are the funds for these types of facilities?**

Please refer to Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#).

- 99. Within the subcontractor budget line items, can subcontractors also include federally negotiated indirect rate or 10% indirect rate in their budgets?**

Yes.

- 100. Can we submit more than one proposal?**

Please see #18.

- 101. Previous answers have said “one (1) application should be submitted per proposed program.” For clarification, is “program” referring to a single prioritized activity area as outlined in the NOFA or is what constitutes “a program” defined by the proposing agencies in their application?**

Agencies should define the elements of the program and choose the most appropriate eligible use category from the application drop-down.

102. We have a question about the Sample County Contract (Attachment A). In regard to page 10: 9.17. Ownership and Disclosure of Work Product - Are business plans or other products produced by any small business that we may aid during our project subject to this provision?

Most likely not. Determinations will be finalized during contract negotiations.

103. Can one project have multiple eligible beneficiaries selected?

Yes.

104. Because we are in a Qualified Census Tract – is it necessary for us to describe the negative and/or disproportionate impacts as a result of the pandemic?

Yes. The Proposal Review Committee will only be able to score based on information within the application, all questions should be answered fully.

105. Do the beneficiaries of the program/project have to be in the same Qualified Census Tract as the applicant? (i.e. Or can they be from multiple QCTs)

Please see #12.

106. Is it necessary, in the application, to restate the full question prompt, or can we simply refer to them by number?

It is not necessary to restate the prompt, or the question number. The application is a fillable form.

107. With regard to Prioritized Activities – Are Disproportionately Impacted Nonprofits eligible for capital investments ... i.e. Rehabilitation of a part of a building that does not currently qualify for a use permit?

Please refer to Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and the [Department of the Treasury Final Rule](#).

March 25, 2022

108. Can costs related to providing basic assistance to individuals being housed be included in a proposed budget for a program applying for ARPA funds under the category of ‘Housing vouchers and assistance relocating’?

All costs related to the program/project being proposed should be included in the budget. Please choose the best fit for the overall program/project from the activity dropdown on the Program Application.

109. Will ARPA funding enable us to provide hiring/sign-on bonuses or retention bonuses for child care workers, as part of a workforce development training program?

Yes, please refer to Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities, I. G. 1, Assistance to Unemployed and Underemployed Workers.

110. Can we pay hiring/sign-on bonuses or retention bonuses for employees of nonprofit organizations that support and train childcare providers?

Yes, please refer to Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities, I. G. 1, Assistance to Unemployed and Underemployed Workers.

111. Can costs related to deposit assistance, moving costs, and furnishings/equipment for a resident getting their own place be included in a proposed budget for a program applying for ARPA funds under the category of ‘Housing vouchers and assistance relocating’?

All costs related to the program/project being proposed should be included in the budget. Please choose the best fit for the overall program/project from the activity dropdown on the Program Application.

112. Can an organization whose 501c3 application with the IRS is pending serve as lead applicant?

Eligible proposers include private for-profit and public or private non-profit agencies as well as County Departments and other governmental entities.

113. Is it allowable to include an addendum (such as a chart or table) for one of the questions if the total pages are still under 12 pages?

The only required form is the Program Application. We will review up to 12 pages related to the narrative including attachments, if any.

114. Under Addressing Lost Instructional Time, does summer school count as an extended learning opportunity for impacted populations? (Summer school is specifically mentioned as an approved activity for Disproportionately Impacted populations; does this mean summer school is not an eligible activity for Impact populations, since it's not mentioned there?)

Please refer to Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities and describe how your program aligns with the eligible activities/services and beneficiaries.

115. Can a school district apply directly to be the lead applicant for this funding? If so, which category would they fall into?

Yes. School districts are considered to be governmental entities.

116. Can the proposer/lead applicant be located outside of Sonoma County as long as the beneficiaries are exclusively located within the county?

Yes.

117. How would you like us to cite sources in the application? I am having trouble due to the locked format. I am also not seeing a place for a bibliography.

You may use simple citation within the text. The only required form is the Program Application. We will review up to 12 pages related to the narrative including attachments, if any.

118. Would a proposal for assisting low-income households in preparing and submitting SNAP/CalFresh applications fall under "Assistance to Households/Basic Needs: Financial Assistance" or "Community Health Workers & Public Benefits Navigators"?

Please refer to Attachment B – Prioritized ARPA Activities: I., D. Community Health Workers & Public Benefits Navigators.

April 1, 2022

119. Is Davis-Bacon required for capital projects? The provided sample contract notes information about Davis-Bacon requirements, but then in a separate section it states that Davis-Bacon is Not Applicable.

Under this NOFA, Davis-Bacon requirements do not apply to projects funded solely with funds under the CSFRF/CLFRF (ARPA) program. Should a project utilize funding from another federal program in conjunction with any CSFRF/CLFRF (ARPA) funds, Davis-Bacon (and associated requirements) may apply, and any contract with the County for such project(s) would require compliance with Davis-Bacon and other applicable laws and regulations.

120. Do we need to use the exact word document that contains the ARPA proposal - I'm having a hard time with formatting in the document? I would replicate the questions exactly but would be able to use more formatting functions to make the document easier to use.

Yes, you need to use the Program Application Form.

121. I'm not clear on the answer to #113. Does this mean that Letters of Support from partners are included in the 12-page narrative count or can we have 12 pages of program narrative plus 6 additional pages making up Letters of Support?

Your program narrative is limited to 12 pages. You can include attachments related to the program narrative but you may not exceed 12 pages.

122. We have a documented MOU with all of the partners in our coalition as well as a number of Letters of Support from the community - is there a preference for combining all application documents into one pdf or keeping the 12 page application form separate from any accompanying attachments in a separate document?

See #121. There is no preference.