

required supporting information referred to in these instructions.

Construction

N/A.

Other

Enter the total of all other costs. Such costs, where applicable and appropriate, may include but are not limited to insurance, food, medical and dental costs (noncontractual), professional services costs, space and equipment rentals, printing and publication, computer use, training costs, such as tuition and stipends, staff development costs, and administrative costs.

Justification: Provide computations, a narrative description and a justification for each cost under this category.

Indirect Charges

Description: Total amount of indirect costs. This category should be used only when the applicant currently has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or another cognizant Federal agency. Applicants without an approved indirect cost rate may charge related costs as direct costs.

Justification: An applicant that will charge indirect costs to the grant must enclose a copy of the current rate agreement. If the applicant organization is in the process of initially developing or renegotiating a rate, it should immediately upon notification that an award will be made, develop a tentative indirect cost rate proposal based on its most recently completed fiscal year in accordance with the principles set forth in the cognizant agency's guidelines for establishing indirect cost rates, and submit it to the cognizant agency. Applicants awaiting approval of their indirect cost proposals may also request indirect costs. It should be noted that when an indirect cost rate is requested, those costs included in the indirect cost pool should not also be charged as direct costs to the grant. Also, if the applicant is requesting a rate which is less than what is allowed under the program, the authorized representative of the applicant organization must submit a signed acknowledgment that the applicant is accepting a lower rate than allowed.

Program Income

Description: The estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project.

Justification: Describe the nature, source and anticipated use of program income in the budget or refer to the pages in the application which contain this information.

Non-Federal Resources

Description: Amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used to support the project as identified in Block 15 of the SF424.

Justification: The firm commitment of these resources must be documented and submitted with the application in order to be given credit in the review process. A detailed budget must be prepared for each funding source.

Note: In the SF 424A, Section B, Budget Categories, list in column 2 non-federal resources separately from federal resources, which must be listed in column 1.

D. Competitive Review and Evaluation Criteria

Applications that have been determined to be eligible for funding through the initial ACF pre-review screening will be evaluated and rated by independent review panels on the basis of specific evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are designed to assess the quality of the proposed project and to determine the likelihood of its success. The evaluation criteria are closely related and are considered as a whole in judging the overall quality of an application. Points are awarded only to applications that are responsive to the evaluation criteria within the context of this program announcement.

There is a five-page limit for the application narrative, and a seven-page limit for the budget narrative with all supporting documents including letters of support and proof of non-profit status. Applications that exceed these limits will not be reviewed. Applicants should be concise and provide only the information requested and needed. Applicants should take care to ensure that budgets are clear and easy to understand.

Supplemental information (e.g., brochures, reports) not required in this announcement will not be reviewed. More information about application submission is provided under Part IV, below.

Proposed projects will be reviewed based upon the extent to which applicants address the following evaluation criteria:

Objectives and Need for Assistance (25 points)

- The applicant should describe a compelling need in the community for an increase or improvement in services for at-risk youth or the homeless. (15 points)
- The applicant should describe how the receipt of this Federal grant will enable the applicant to increase its

capacity to address this vital need. (10 points)

(2) Approach (25 points)

- The applicant should summarize its history and achievements to date with regard to at-risk youth or the homeless. (10 points)

- The applicant should describe the strategy it has employed to serve the vital need in the community and fully explain in concrete terms, the key improvements that would be made if the applicant received this Federal grant. (10 points)

- Preference will be extended to partnerships or coalitions of three or more faith-based and/or community organizations located in the same geographic region that have worked together for at least one year addressing the needs of at-risk youth or the homeless. In the case of partnerships or coalitions, the application should describe the individual achievements of collaborating members in related efforts. (5 points)

(3) Results or Benefits Expected (15 points)

- The applicant should describe the benefits to be achieved through receipt of this grant and how they will be sustainable. In that regard, the applicant should also provide a list of reasonable and measurable outcomes that will support the stated goals under this announcement.

(4) Staff and Position Data (10 points)

- The application should include a list of key staff that will oversee use of the grant funds and a brief description of their duties.

(5) Geographic Location (15 points)

- The applicant should describe the precise location to be served. This location should be limited to one community or locality, and should not be national or regional in scope. (10 points)

- The applicant should provide demographic data of the proposed location in support of the proposal. (5 points)

(6) Budget and Budget Justification (10 points)

- The applicant must include a budget that is clear, easy to understand, and that provides detailed justification for the amount requested.

(Applicants should refer to the budget information presented in the Standard Forms 424 and 424A and to the budget justification instructions in section C. General Instructions for the Uniform Project Description. Since non-Federal