

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to apply?

The goal of *Project Connect* is to change education, policy and practice at the state, territorial and/or tribal level. Applicants do not need to represent statewide entities or public health programs as long as they can ultimately impact policy at the state, Territorial or tribal level in the following program areas: home visitation, family planning, adolescent health or other maternal child health programs. Applicants will be considered if they demonstrate the ability to impact change in two out of four of those programs at state, territorial or tribal level.

(For more details, please refer to the “Eligible Applicants” section on page 5 of the Project Connect overview document).

Funding Specifics

Funding for *Project Connect* is provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office on Women’s Health (OWH). The funding period is March 2010 through August 2011 and is limited to \$100,000 total (including direct and indirect) for each year. Year one is defined as March 2010 through August 2010. Year two is defined as September 2010 through August 2011.

In-Kind Match

Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate a 25% match (\$25,000 – can be in-kind) in order to be selected. Your in-kind match can be from a federally funded source. However, you must submit an approval letter from the funding agency.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs

Although *Project Connect* addresses sexual assault in the health setting, the grant is not designed to solely support SANE programs. The focus is on the integration of domestic and sexual violence prevention and response in the public health programs named above and integration of primary and reproductive health services into domestic and sexual violence programs. However, the a SANE program could be a lead applicant if it can demonstrate ability to impact state, territorial or tribal policy and a can demonstrate a history of partnerships with public health programs in at least two of the following areas: family planning, maternal child health, home visitation and adolescent settings.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received in the office (not post-marked) by **February 8, 2010**. You may submit your application electronically, letters of support and memorandum of understanding (MOU) if preferred. Applications submitted electronically should be e-mailed to both lisa@endabuse.org and keisha@endabuse.org by 5:00pm (Pacific Standard Time). Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

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Tribal Applicants

“State Leadership Teams”: For tribal applicants, a leadership team may be comprised of tribal leaders--perhaps including those from the different tribes that would be impacted, or leaders from the tribe which is the primary applicant. The leadership team may include leaders from public health, tribal council, health care, community members, domestic violence/sexual assault program experts, and others, identified by the applicant to help steer large-scale change. Reviewers will be looking for demonstrated ability to impact home visitation, family planning, adolescent health and other maternal child health programs. It is not required that state leaders be a part of this team.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): The FVVPF recognizes the sovereignty of tribes. Tribal applicants should demonstrate how their work will impact their tribe (and perhaps others) on a large-scale basis. This may be exemplified through a MOU between the lead applicants and a tribal board of public health, or tribal council, or any other key offices/programs. Tribal applicants are not required to have an MOU with the state, however, they must demonstrate relationships that will impact change at a broader, and not just local level. Large tribes may be better poised for this particular grant, however small tribes with a strong history of collaboration and change-making (and strong partnerships with other tribes) also make good candidates.

MOU's or letters of support that demonstrate the history or collaboration between domestic and sexual violence advocates and tribal health members would be well received.

Urban Indian programs: An MOU with the state could strengthen a proposal, but is not required. For such urban applicants, the intent is to impact many Indian programs (and not just one) across a particular region. Some urban programs already maintain good working relationships with their state, or public health department, and an MOU could highlight those relationships but it is not required. Applicants should demonstrate how their work will have a broader and not just local impact. MOUs or letters of support from other entities such as tribal health boards, domestic and sexual violence advocates, national leaders or offices, or other programs/departments instrumental to making wide-scale changes occur, is recommended.

Leadership Team Meetings

The leadership team will convene three times in Year 1 (March 2010-August 2010) and quarterly in Year 2 (September 2010-August 2011), preferably in-person meetings. You may include attendance at the national meetings.

National Meetings

The Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVVPF) will convene three national meetings. The first national meeting will be held in Washington, DC in April 2010 (Year 1). The other two national meetings will convene in the fall 2010 and spring 2011 (both Year 2) in either Washington, DC or San Francisco, CA. A total of five team members are required to attend.

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Budget

The preliminary budget for Year 1 (March 2010-August 2010) and Year 2 (September 2010-August 2011) should include at a minimum the following information: personnel (at least 50% staff person), convening leadership team members, conducting training in state, attending national meetings and materials as needed.

Indirect Costs

The indirect cost percentage should be based on your specific organization standard. When budgeting for indirect costs, you need to indicate the allotted percentage and provide an explanation for each line item. It is preferred that the funds be spent on direct program costs.

Addendums/Appendices

The memorandum of understanding (MOU), letters of support (LOS) and budget can be submitted as addendums/appendices and will not count against the 10 page double spaced and single sided application limit.