



FY 21-22 Rural Communities of Practice Initiative
Request for Proposals
Questions and Answers

***Questions Submitted to DCJS through December 22, 2021 Regarding
the Solicitation. Some questions may have been
edited for clarity and/or to avoid duplication.***

Question #1:

Will the power point of the Bidder's Conference that was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 be shared via email?

Answer #1:

DCJS will post the power point of the Bidder's Conference on the DCJS website at <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ofpa/index.htm> and will also share the recording of the Bidder's conference via email.

Question #2:

Do we need to partner with another county to submit a proposal?

Answer #2r:

Yes, applicants must be a representative of a partnership made up of at least two counties or at least one county with a non-for-profit applicant.

Question #3:

Is it an award of \$75,000 per year or a single award of \$75,000 for the duration of the project?

Answer #3:

Successful applicants will receive a single award for up to \$75,000 for duration of the contract. The contract period for this grant opportunity will be two years beginning no earlier than February 1, 2022, with an optional six-month extension.

Question #4:

If our organization is not located in an identified rural county, but we serve individuals in those counties. Can we still apply?

Answer #4:

An organization that serves individuals in an eligible rural county can apply as long as it adheres to the guidelines as stated in the RFP as follows: "Not-for-profit entities, units of local government (Including school districts) and institutions of higher learning (universities, colleges, and community colleges) who are located within the eligible counties listed, listed in Appendix: Rural Community of Practice Counties are also eligible to apply" (Section II.B).

Additionally, as stated in the RFP in Section II.B, "approaches to partnerships which include that a not-for-profit institution of higher learning could apply on behalf of the county or counties. At least one county must be a partner in the application."



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Question #5:

If we use a training approach, could non-rural entities participate if the target/focus is for rural communities?

Answer #5:

If the non-rural entity can demonstrate its involvement and impact in a rural area, the entity can be included in training opportunities. The lead applicant must be one of the eligible counties listed in the Appendix of the RFP.

Question #6:

Is it possible to provide a list of 2018 awardees along with project description and award amount? The information would help understand and inform, beyond the work we are currently performing, the existing partnerships and the scope and depth of efforts underway in the communities that we serve.

Answer #6:

Please see list below.

2018 Rural Communities of Practice Initiative Grantees and Proposal Plans

Each team was awarded \$48,000 to do the following programming:

Grantee: Allegany County Probation Department in partnership with Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, used grant money to support the following programs: Real Colors Facilitator training, Youth with Problematic Sexual Behaviors, Trauma Informed Care, and Interactive Journaling

Grantee: Cayuga County Department of Social Services in partnership with local school districts, used grant money to support the following programs: Restorative Justice, Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)

Grantee: Columbia County Probation Department in partnership with local school districts and Greene County, used grant money to support the following programs: Mediation and Restorative Circles

Grantee: Catholic Charities of Schoharie County, in partnership with local colleges, used grant money to support the following programs: mentoring



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Grantee: Integrated Community Alternatives Network (ICAN), in partnership with other counties, used grant money to support the following programs: Knowledge Empowers You (KEY), Service Provision for Individualized Needs (SPIN)

Grantee: NYS Youth Advocate Programs, in partnership with other counties, used grant money to support the following programs: Strengthening Families, Trauma Conference Online Trauma Training, Trauma Team

Grantee: Washington County Sentencing Agency, in partnership with Warren County, used grant money to support the following programs: Restorative Justice, Interactive Journals & Incentives, Community Building