

EPA RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-20-09) Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants

Questions and Answers

As of August 17, 2020

Q: Is an international project based outside the United States eligible for this funding?

A: This funding opportunity is intended to support U.S. based projects to reduce indoor air risks in the U.S. Please refer to Section I.B to determine if your proposal aligns with the RFA, and Section III.A. for information about eligible organizations. *Posted August 17, 2020*

Q: Would you be willing to meet with my research team to discuss more details about the grant?

A: We are not able to meet with applicants, or comment or review pre-application concepts or materials. Please refer to Section I.B to determine if your proposal aligns with the RFA. *Posted August 17, 2020*

Q: Can an organization that is leading an application in one of EPA's priority areas (radon, asthma triggers, comprehensive) also be a partner on an application led by another organization in another topic area?

A: As described in Section I.B Scope of Work: Applicants may submit applications that uniquely address one or more of the priority areas of this RFA. Applicants may not submit multiple applications addressing the same program priority area. Successful applicants may provide funds to a project partner through a contract, provided the applicant follows the procedures contained in the RFA. Please refer to Appendix B for information about contractual services. If you intend to name a contractor (including an individual consultant) or a subrecipient as a project partner or otherwise in your application, EPA recommends that you carefully review, and comply with, the directions contained in the “Contracts and Subawards” clause that can be accessed under the Section IV.E clause for “Additional Provisions for Applicants Incorporated Into the Solicitation.” This clause is available here: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-solicitation-clauses#contractssubawards>. *Posted August 17, 2020*

Q: Are Federal Agencies eligible to receive funding under RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-20-09)?

A: Federal agencies are not eligible to receive an award under this RFA. *Posted August 17, 2020*

Q: Can you tell me if my project is too research focused to be eligible for this funding?

A: We are not able to comment or review pre-application concepts or materials. Please refer to Section I.B to determine if your proposal aligns with the RFA. There is specific guidance in this section addressing research proposals. *Posted August 17, 2020*

Q: Can you provide some examples of projects/improvements that funding would be approved for?

A: We are not able to provide project examples. Please refer to Section I.B for a description of the priority areas that this RFA supports. In addition, Section I.C (2. Outputs; 3. Outcomes) is illustrative of the outputs and outcomes of projects to be funded under this announcement.

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Q: Can you advise where I might find information about the awards for the 2017 RFA: National Indoor Environments Program: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants RFA# EPA-OAR-ORIA-17-02, Closing date: February 17, 2017 ?

A: Previous funding announcements grantees are available here: <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/cooperative-agreement-funding-indoor-air-quality> *Posted August 17, 2020*

Q: I do not see information in the RFA regarding a references cited page. Is a reference cited page allowed? If so, do we upload it with the project narrative and is it excluded from the 10-page limit? Or do we upload it separately with the other supporting documents?

A: Please see Section IV.C for details regarding the required components of the application package. The Project Narrative parameters, including the 10-page limit, are described in Section IV.C.2.a through f. Use of references, either as footnotes or a separate list, is at the discretion of the applicant. If a reference page is included with the Project Narrative, it will count toward the 10-page limit. The only documents that may be included outside the 10-page limit are listed in Section IV.C.3.a through e. *Posted August 17, 2020*

Q: Can you tell me if my proposal aligns with the RFA?

A: We are not able to comment or review pre-application concepts or materials. Please refer to Section I.B to determine if your proposal aligns with the RFA. *Posted Aug 7, 2020.*

Q: I am interested in applying for a grant but missed the informal notice deadline. May I do that now?

A: Submission of the informal notice of Intent to Apply is optional and may be submitted to IndoorAirQualityRFA_2020@epa.gov any time prior to the September 15 closing date. The closing date and time for receipt of applications is **September 15, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)** in order to be considered for funding. Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov (www.grants.gov) no later than **September 15, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. (ET)** in order to be considered for funding. *Posted Aug 7, 2020.*

Q: Are for-profit entities allowed to be a subcontractor to the applicant? Secondly, are for-profit entities allowed to be a subcontractor if they charge non-profit rates - or rates where the for-profit business does not earn a profit?

A: Successful applicants may provide funds to a for-profit entity through a contract, provided the applicant follows the procedures contained in the RFA. Please refer to Appendix B for information about contractual services. If you intend to name a contractor (including an individual consultant) or a subrecipient as a project partner or otherwise in your application, EPA recommends that you carefully review, and comply with, the directions contained in the “Contracts and Subawards” clause that can be accessed under the Section IV.E clause for “Additional Provisions for Applicants Incorporated Into the Solicitation.” This clause is available here: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-solicitation-clauses#contractssubawards>. *Posted Aug 7, 2020.*

Q: Are non-profit-operated national labs an eligible applicant?

A: Please refer to Section III.A. for information about eligibility. Non-profit organizations, as defined by 2 CFR 200.70, are eligible to apply. *Posted Aug 7, 2020.*