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**REQUEST FOR FUNDING (RFF-2021-009) ANNOUNCEMENT**  
for  
**Substance Misuse Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Services for  
Populations Disparately Impacted by COVID-19**

**RFF QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**Q:** Can the RFF address more than one area or region of the state?

**A:** Yes, respondents can choose the area(s) they would like to serve within Indiana.

**Q:** Can one eligible entity address more than one area of the state.?

**A:** Yes, respondents can choose the area(s) they would like to serve within Indiana.

**Q:** Harm reduction can be a component of Recovery so will the activity of Recovery be able to co-mingle with harm reduction.

**A:** Respondents must select primary prevention activities that focus on the prevention of substance misuse. Mental health promotion activities can also be incorporated into these programs. Treatment and Recovery activities are however, outside the scope of this funding announcement.

**Q:** Are multiple populations or communities okay and can that okay translate into more than one activity?

**A:** Respondents will decide which population(s) they plan to serve. Within this funding announcement, five (5) have been identified:

		Maximum Funding Available
Strategy 1	Primary Prevention/Education focusing on Black individuals and/or their communities	\$100,000
Strategy 2	Primary Prevention/Education focusing on Latino/Latina individuals and/or their communities	\$100,000
Strategy 3	Primary Prevention/Education focusing on Native American individuals and/or their communities	\$100,000
Strategy 4	Primary Prevention/Education focusing on LGBTQ+ individuals and/or their communities	\$100,000
Strategy 5	Primary Prevention/Education focusing on people of color and/or their communities that are not designated above.	\$100,000

However, within each Strategy, more than one activity is likely. For example, if you have selected Strategy #1, your activities may be "Hip-Hop to Prevent", "Sharing Hope: Mental Wellness in the Black Community", and "ACE's training."

**Q:** Are there any parameters of behavioral health? Or populations? Communities?

**A:** Based on the respondent's knowledge and assessment of the factors facing the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ populations, respondents are expected to prioritize and select activities that will be most impactful for the prevention of substance use/misuse.

**Q:** Can a university apply as Ball State University without 501c3?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** Also, in the budget, are indirect costs allowed as part of the budget?

**A:** Yes, indirect costs are allowed up to 15%. Please indicate this on the "Other" line of the budget template.

**Q:** I did not see specific types of entities eligible to apply through this program stated in the attached RFF, only that funding is available to "grassroot agencies that already have well-established relationships" with the target populations. Does the term grassroot agencies include nonprofit organizations, local governments, Native American Tribes/Tribal organizations, state governments, academic institutions, schools, for-profit organizations, etc.? Any additional eligibility information you can provide is helpful.

**A:** Yes, these types of organizations are eligible to apply except for for-profit entities.

**Q:** We would like to apply for the grant. What is our next steps?

**A:** Using the outline identified in the RFF, please formulate your proposal and budget. Pay particular attention to the questions asked in the RFF and respond accordingly. Also, note the page limit maximums which cannot be exceeded. **Please e-mail your proposal to [Prevention@fssa.gov](mailto:Prevention@fssa.gov) no later than **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 @ 5:00 pm ET.****

**Q:** Can an agency apply for all 5 options?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** In the application it says to configure budget for 2 years but the grant period is 21 months. Do you want us to use a 21 month figure?

**A:** The budget should reflect the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2023.

**Q:** Does employer education focused on employers of the targeted populations about zero tolerance policies and/or EAPs count as Primary Prevention?

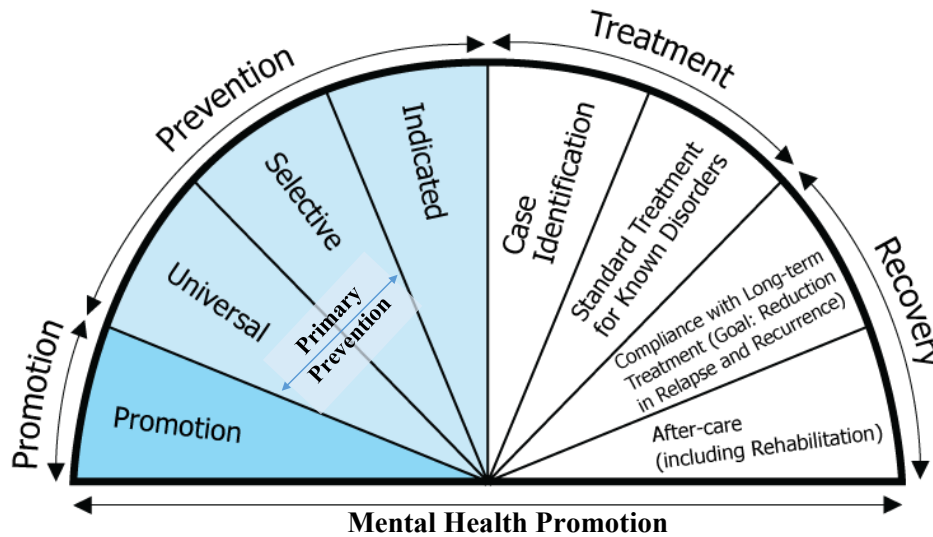
**A:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has identified strategies that can help shape your prevention plans. Two of which are Information Dissemination and Education, as long as the activity revolves around the prevention of substance use/misuse.

- Information dissemination increases knowledge and changes attitudes through communications. This method of learning is mainly one-way, such as classroom speakers or media campaigns.

- Prevention education is a two-way approach to teaching participants important social skills. These skills can include resisting pressure to use drugs, looking at the intent behind advertising, or developing other skills used in making healthy choices.

**Q:** If there are no current avenues for Primary Prevention within our community for a particular targeted population, are we permitted to submit for Secondary or Tertiary Prevention?

**A:** No, the federal funding source for this RFF is limited to Promotion and Primary Prevention. Please see the Continuum of Care Health Model below, for clarification.



Continuum of Care health model