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Child Survival and Health Grants Program 2004 RFA



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Based upon feedback from the draft RFA posted in June of this year, CSHGP received a great deal of useful and constructive feedback. The following questions and answers represent a synthesis of this feedback.



How many applications can a PVO submit?

- A PVO may be a prime (lead recipient) on two applications, but be a sub-grantee on any number of applications. The exception to the two application limit is if the PVO submits a 100% FP Expanded Impact application; in this case a PVO could be a prime on three applications, one of which is 100% FP in EIC.



How many awards/grants can a PVO have at one time?

- As of September 30, 2003, a PVO may be the recipient of no more than 6 cooperative agreements (awards/grants) at one time. The exception would be if the PVO submitted and was competitively awarded an agreement for a 100% FP application in the EIC.



Will PVOs be required to submit a concept paper for this year's RFA?

- No! The application process for this year's RFA is similar to past ones, with a full application due to USAID by November 24, 2003. In the future, we are considering the addition of a "concept paper" as part of the application process. We will be discussing this further in the coming year and soliciting PVO input. We welcome comments and suggestions on the concept paper process.

USAID



Can PVOs submit regional applications?

- Yes! This has never been done in the past, therefore, we have no examples upon which to build. Given the limited funds and the difficulty in coordinating across national boundaries and with partners including the USAID Missions, the question is what exactly a regional application/program would look like.



Can PVOs submit “bundled applications” with other PVOs?

- Yes! PVOs submitting a bundled application have a couple of options to explore. One option is to submit under the EIC with one PVO as the prime. Another option is to submit several PVO applications aimed at a single, cohesive program. In the latter case each application would be reviewed separately and compete against all others in that category.



Do FP, HIV/AIDS and TB applications have to be 100% LOE?

- **No! A PVO may submit an application with any LOE for any intervention, including 100%. There are no restrictions or limitations on what LOE should be for any and all interventions. However, a PVO should be prepared to justify why it has selected a certain LOE for any intervention, including the three listed above.**



Do CSHGP and GH have priority countries?

- CSHGP priority countries are those countries which have had their respective USAID Missions nominate them; this includes every country on this year's list. Additionally, GH, based upon program priority areas, has countries for which special emphasis has been given. This does not mean that a country which has not been listed as a GH priority for a particular intervention would not be favorably reviewed.

How many pages can the application have?

- All applications must be no more than 27 pages in length, which includes a 2-page “Executive Summary”, and a 25-page “Body of Application”. The attachments can be up to the 35 pages in length, and counted separately from the 27-page limit previously mentioned.



Are non-US PVOs eligible to apply to CSHGP?

- No! Only US PVOs registered with USAID are eligible to apply and receive a cooperative agreement with the CSHGP. However, a non-US PVO could partner as a sub-grantee with an eligible US PVO on an application.



Does a PVO have to be operational in a country for which they are submitting an application?

- No! However, a PVO must be able to legally operate in a country for which they are submitting an application, showing documentation of their status. Moreover, being currently operational in a country certainly makes it easier for a PVO to plan and collaborate with local partners in the development of an application.

