



**DESERT HEALTHCARE**  
**DISTRICT & FOUNDATION**

**Empowering Resilient Youth and Families**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Resource**

**Eligibility & Attendance**

**Q:** If a representative from my organization did not attend the bidder's meeting, can we still apply?

**A:** No. Attendance at the bidder's meeting was mandatory to be eligible to apply.

**Q:** Will the District accept an application if we currently have, or intend to have, another grant request?

**A:** Yes, as long as the projects are different and not duplicative.

**Q:** Can two organizations apply together as partners?

**A:** Yes. Two organizations can apply as partners, but the total project budget must not exceed \$250,000. The lead organization applies and must meet all requirements, including fiscal. The lead organization must provide a budget, scope of work, and an executed MOU for any subcontracted partners.

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**Financial & Documentation Requirements**

**Q:** Is an organization allowed to substitute another financial document to replace the audited financial requirement?

**A:** No. Audited financials are required to apply for this RFP.

**Q:** If an organization is new and audited financials are not yet available, can we submit the audited financials for the national branch instead?

**A:** If the local chapter operates on its own fiscal calendar, audited financials from the local chapter are required. Audited financials from the national branch alone are not sufficient.

**Q:** If we do not have audited financials, can my organization apply if we have a fiscal sponsor?

**A:** Yes. You may apply if the fiscal sponsor has current audited financials and all required documents.

**Q:** For the year-to-date financial statement, should it reflect the fiscal year to date?

**A:** Applicants should provide the most current internal financial statements available. Both audited statements and current year-to-date financials will be reviewed.

**Q:** Are there caps on how funds can be spent, such as limits on overhead, or are there disallowable expenses?

**A:** Yes. There is a 15% cap on indirect (overhead) expenses.

**Q:** Is the \$250,000 funding cap per year or for the entire project?

**A:** The \$250,000 funding cap applies to the entire project and covers the full two-year period.

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## **Project Scope & Eligibility**

**Q:** Who is the target population for this RFP?

**A:** The target population is all Coachella Valley youth (ages 0–24) and families within the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation boundaries.

**Q:** What are the District's boundaries?

**A:** Boundaries can be viewed here: [District Map](#)

**Q:** What are the three strategies outlined in the RFP?

**A:** Please refer to the RFP document and information [here](#).

**Q:** For the strategies, are all the performance measures required?

**A:** No. Not all performance measures are required. The District will assign performance measures based on the information and data your organization can collect for your proposal.

**Q:** Of the three strategies outlined in the RFP, does the project need to include all three strategies?

**A:** No. Your project must include at least one strategy but does not need to include all three.

**Q:** Are these funds intended for proposed projects, existing projects, or both?

**A:** Funding can support both proposed and existing projects. Proposed projects requiring significant infrastructure or staffing to launch (e.g., 8–10 months) may be more challenging to fund within the RFP's timeline. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

**Q:** Can funding be requested for an existing, ongoing program that has been operating for more than 2 years and plans to continue beyond December 2027?

**A:** Yes. The project does not need to end when this funding period ends. Proposals should demonstrate sustainability and show how the program will continue or expand after funding.

**Q:** This is a 2-year grant. Should we apply for funding to cover both years of our program?

**A:** Yes. The grant covers the full 2-year project, so anticipated costs for both years should be included in the application budget template.

**Q:** For new projects, can we include planning activities, especially for program expansion aligned with RFP goals (e.g., outreach, collaboration)?

**A:** No. This is not a planning grant. Projects should be ready to launch so the full 2-year funding

period can be used to collect meaningful data. Projects requiring extensive start-up time (e.g., 12 months) would have limited impact.

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## **Budget & Expenses**

**Q:** Are staffing or team-building expenses allowable under this RFP?

**A:** Staffing costs for individuals directly carrying out the project are allowable. Team-building expenses are project-specific and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**Q:** Is the funding request “all or nothing,” or can we request an amount under the \$250,000 cap?

**A:** \$250,000 is the maximum funding available. Applicants may request less. During review, we may work with grantees to adjust budgets if some line items are not fully aligned with the RFP.

**Q:** Is this a reimbursement grant, or are funds provided in advance or as a lump sum?

**A:** Funds are provided in advance. A 6-month advance payment is issued with the signed contract. The District withholds 10% of the total funding until the final grant report is submitted and approved.

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## **Grant Timing & Availability**

**Q:** Is this grant available annually or biannually?

**A:** No. This is a one-time grant opportunity. Similar RFPs have been issued in the past, but focus areas may vary. We cannot guarantee this exact RFP will be offered again. Future opportunities depend on organizational priorities and our ongoing 5-year strategic planning process.

**Q:** Is there a report available from the data walk presentations?

**A:** No formal report is available. However, presentation materials or the original email can be shared. Please contact [info@dhcd.org](mailto:info@dhcd.org) to request them.