



## RFI Question & Answer Webinar Overview

### Funding or grants

**Question 1:** The RFI states it is seeking information about existing programs or new program concepts. If the SSHCO decides to utilize our idea or some of our programs that would require funding, how will we be paid?

- We are at the very beginning of this process. With this RFI, we are asking that the organization include a general estimation of the resources that may be required, things like staff, budget, etc. Collecting this first round of information through the RFI process will help us determine next steps, like putting out a request for proposals or considering potential paid partnerships.

**Question 2:** Are you considering grants?

- The RFI is the first step in a process to identify community organization partner opportunities, and to potentially fund some capacity building and partnerships in the future. We anticipate possibly going through a Request for Proposals process to seek out programs that support the SSHCO Care Model and to determine appropriate funding amounts.

### Potential Partnerships

**Question 3:** When do you expect that these partnerships would start functioning? For instance, you are asking about our current capacity to take on more clients or cases but things could change over the next several months.

- We understand that being flexible to change and opportunity is a necessary component in a process such as this one. But it will be helpful for us to understand now in these early stages what capacity currently exists and some general estimation of anticipated resource needs from community-based organizations. It is important that both the SSHCO and the partnering CBO communicate as needed to adjust as situations change.

**Question 4:** If our organization has an intervention program that's not on your list, but is needed in our community, could it be considered?

- The SSHCO recognizes that there are interventions needed outside of what is listed. And we appreciate that community organizations can help bring to light something new or that we haven't thought about or anticipated. If you have an intervention that is not listed, but you feel could really help improve health in the community, please complete the RFI and that intervention will be considered.

**Question 5:** Is there a limit to the number of CBOs you will accept per intervention program?

- Not at the moment. The purpose of this RFI is to gather as much information about existing programs or new program concepts as possible. Ultimately, the SSHCO understands that we may need multiple CBOs involved or engaged with us to address certain interventions.

**Question 6:** Can faith institution programs be considered?

- Absolutely. The SSHCO knows that faith institutions play an important role in our communities. Faith institutions are highly encouraged to complete the RFI.

**Question 7:** Will for-profit organizations be eligible for partnerships or is this opportunity exclusively for non-profit organizations?

- During this current phase, we are looking to gather as many ideas as possible from all applicants, including both non-profit and for-profit organizations. If you have an idea that you believe will help support community health, we want to hear it.

### [RFI Criteria/Guidelines](#)

**Question 8:** How would you define a successful RFI submission?

- We would like as much detailed information as you are able to share within a five-page limit. The SSHCO will review all responses that are returned, regardless of completion. Please consider filling the document out in its entirety to ensure that the SSHCO has adequate information about your organization and programs.

**Question 9:** Who will be reviewing these?

- A group of community-invested representatives from our collaborative will review the responses, summarizing what the SSHCO receives and recommending next steps for consideration by the SSHCO Board of Director.

**Question 10:** How soon might we hear something about next steps?

- The official target date for RFI completion is February 4th. Then we will take some time to go through them and make recommendations to the Board. We are hoping then to share some news about next steps.

**Question 11:** Is the RFI strictly limited to organizations from the South Side or is it open to others? Will South Side organizations take precedence in partnerships?

- Organizations who serve, treat or have the ability to work on the South Side with our patients are the priority.

**Question 12:** Can an organization submit more than one idea?

- Absolutely. We just ask you include in-depth information about every idea your organization submits and for your organization to complete the RFI by February 4.

**Question 13:** If I know someone with a program that can help this initiative, what do I tell them?

- Anyone can find more information about the RFI through our website at [SouthSideHealthyCommunity.com](http://SouthSideHealthyCommunity.com). If anyone has questions, please reach out to us through the contact form on our website, our email at [SouthSideHealthyCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:SouthSideHealthyCommunity@gmail.com) or leave us a message at (773) 770-5048.