

Place-Based Shared Learning Collaborative: RFP Questions & Answers

Q: Will there be additional teams added to the collaborative in future years? I have been reaching out to local partners, but the timeline is too short to apply. However, we would continue discussions to be prepared for future opportunities if that will be a possibility.

A: Our current funding is for one cohort of 10 teams across a 3-year period. We are hopeful that this work might expand further, but unfortunately we do not know about future funding for additional cohorts at this time.

Q: On further review of the proposal request I have one question. Would I be applying as an individual to be a part of a three-member team? Or would I be writing the proposal with team members?

A: You would be writing the proposal with the team members. You should identify in the proposal who the three team members are and what sectors they represent in order to ensure that all three organizations are on board and that the team has sufficient cross-sectoral representation.

Q: So local health departments cannot apply?

A: Local health departments can apply, as can higher educational institutions. We put NGOs in the RFP as to avoid having 'big business' to apply. Apologies, we should have clarified that better.

Q: Can you talk a little bit more about the annual RWB assessment? Will that be something we create? Or will that be standardized for us?

A: Power to Decide will develop this assessment to ensure that it is standardized. This assessment will be shared with the 10 chosen teams, and will include some best practices that can be implemented and will track a team's/community's progress over time.

Q: Will Power to Decide provide additional funding for travel costs to the DC collaborative meetings? Is this in addition to the \$10,000?

A: Yes, Power to Decide will cover travel costs (flights, hotel, etc.) for these convenings, and yes, this will be in addition to the \$10,000 per year per team.

Q: Are the letters of commitment in addition to the 5-page submission?

A: Yes, the letters of commitment from the 3 team member's organizations are in addition to the 5-page RFP application. The application component is a 5-page maximum, so if you can answer all of the questions in 3 pages, that is fine.

Q: Can we partner with a government agency? I.e. can a health department representative be a part of the core team of three?

A: Yes, they can be a part of the core team of three. On a separate note, while the funds will only support the core team of three to come to DC for convenings to gain support and learn about collective impact, teams will be expected to involve more stakeholders and partners throughout the project who are not a part of that core team.

Q: Are PDF submissions for the written application accepted?

A: Yes, they are.

Q: Can we include indirect costs in the \$10,000 budget?

A: No, indirect costs are not to be included as a part of the award. The \$10,000 should not be used to supplement existing projects, new programming, operating costs, or staff time.

Q: Can you speak to who the coaches will be?

A: JeNeen Anderson, Director of Field Support, will be the primary coach for these teams. Other coaches and the teams they will be assigned will be determined later in the process.

Q: Can you provide clarification on what the \$10,000 can be used for?

A: Amongst many uses, the \$10,000 can be used for supplies, event space, or food to convene stakeholders within each place or community to spend time developing strategies around reproductive well-being.

Q: Does a budget have to be included in the proposal?

A: No, Power to Decide is not asking for a budget.

Q: Can child protective agencies apply as well?

A: Yes, please do.

Q. Can you provide more information on what this project entails?

A. The convenings in D.C. with the Shared Learning Collaborative will offer trainings and support on capacity building and collective impact. In terms of specific projects, the core team will take the learnings from the convenings to work with additional stakeholders to prioritize or strategize efforts that support reproductive well-being. This will look different in every community/area.

Q: Where should the 3-member team come from?

A: The 3-member core team should come from different organizations that represent different sectors in your place/community (however you are defining that). All 3 organizations will need to sign onto the work to commit to the partnership.

Q. Do you have a time estimate of what the total time commitment would be for each team member each year?

A. It is hard to estimate exact time spent on this collaborative, but we do know that there will be 5 total in-person convenings in DC across the 3 years, and each will be 2 days (total of about 80 hours). Additionally, the teams will have meetings with their coach through the three years. Finally, teams will be expected to return to their communities to engage stakeholders and convene planning meetings (total time spent on this will be varied).

Q: Can you please send a copy of the recording of the webinar?

A: Sure! See link below. FYI- it will ask for your name and email address to access the recording.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/3636040275143063814>

Please contact Power to Decide at rfp@powertodecide.org if you have any remaining questions about this opportunity!