



## **REPRODUCTIVE WELL-BEING** **SHARED LEARNING COLLABORATIVE:** **APPLICATION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **Q: Would I be applying as an individual to be part of a four-member team? Or would I be writing the proposal with team members?**

A: You will be writing the proposal with your other team members. You should identify in the proposal who are the other four team members. For three of the team members, you should identify what sectors they represent to ensure the team has sufficient cross-sectoral representation as well as have a letter signed by their organization's executive leadership in order to ensure that all three organizations are on board. For the fourth youth member, teams do not need to indicate a professional sector nor do they need to submit a letter signed by any organizational leadership.

### **Q: Who should the Youth Ambassador be?**

A: The fourth core team member, also called the Youth Ambassador, should be a young person between the ages of 18-25. They do not need to be in school or be a part of any type of professional sector.

We anticipate that many teams will select a young person who they are already engaged with, either through a youth advisory board or council, young leaders program, or internship. They might also be someone who is a young community organizer or activist.

We highly encourage teams to invite a young person who is already actively engaged within their community.

### **Q: Can local health departments apply?**

A: Yes, local health departments can apply, as can higher educational institutions. Government agencies like health departments can be a part of the core team. On a separate note, while funds will only support the core team of four to travel to DC for convenings, teams will be expected to involve more stakeholders and partners throughout the project who are not part of the core team.

### **Q: Can you talk more about the annual RWB assessment?**

A: Power to Decide has developed a standardized online assessment that includes best practices for RWB that can be implemented in communities. Teams will complete this assessment annually in order to track progress over time.



**Q: Will Power to Decide provide additional funding for travel costs to the in-person meetings?**

A: Yes, Power to Decide will cover travel costs (flights, hotel, etc.) for these in-person convenings, and yes, this will be in addition to the \$20,000 award per team.

**Q: Can you provide clarification on what the \$20,000 can be used for?**

A: Amongst the many uses, the \$20,000 award 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. Indirect costs are not included as part of the award and the award should not be used to supplement existing projects, new programming, operating costs, or staff time.

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

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

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

A: It's hard to estimate exact time spent on this collaborative, but we do know that there will be 5 in-person convenings across the 3-year period (each lasting 2-3 days). Additionally, the teams will meet once a month virtually with their coach throughout 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 vary).