

Safety PIN Grant Program FAQ



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1. **Can my organization submit two applications?**
 - A. To fulfill our goal of distributing funds equitably across regions and organizations, we will accept only one application per organization per population reach. It is expected that applications from the same organization in the same area be combined into one. If two or more applications are received from the same organization reaching the same reach, they will be competing against each other with only one application having the possibility to be awarded. We encourage organizations submitting more than two applications to prioritize the strongest. However, if your organization has two locations in two different target areas, both locations may apply.
2. **Does this require a match?**
 - A. No. The funding opportunity does not require a match.
3. **Is there a specific way to write the application and budget?**
 - A. Yes. Please use the provided application and budget templates following the instructions on the Request for Applications (RFA) posted online at: [Health: Grant Opportunities \(in.gov\)](#)
4. **Why is the budget template only for Year 1 and Year 2?**
 - A. If a performance award is given, a new budget template for Year 3 and 4 will be requested.
5. **Is there a limit for funds that can be requested?**
 - A. Yes. There are tier levels this year for the number of awards and amount of the awards; however, this is subject to change based on the applications received.
6. **Am I able to continue to use funds past my contract date, especially if not given a performance award?**
 - A. No. The funds must be spent before the contract end date, or they will revert to IDOH.
7. **If my organization is a national organization and not based in Indiana, am I still eligible to apply?**
 - A. You may apply only if there is a local Indiana branch that can apply and keep funds in the state.
8. **Can I share Safety PIN funds and resources with current partners?**
 - A. Yes. This must be reflected in the application, budget, and quarterly reports if you will engage any subrecipients or contracts.
9. **Can there be collaboration of efforts between organizations within an area for this funding opportunity?**
 - A. Yes. This is highly encouraged to help decrease the selected birth outcome and the infant mortality rate.
10. **Do I have to pick a program to implement that is specified in the "RFA Examples?"**
 - A. No. All innovative ideas are welcome to apply for funding. Those two standards are simply there to provide more information.
11. **I applied for Title V funding and was not awarded. Can I still apply for Safety PIN?**
 - A. Yes. Title V and Safety PIN are two different grants.

12. **I applied to Title V and was awarded. Can I still apply?**
 - A. Yes, as long as your Safety PIN application does not request funding for services and staff already funded through Title V.
13. **I currently hold a Safety PIN Grant. Can I apply?**
 - A. Yes, but current contract work, goals, and end dates will be taken into consideration during the scoring process.
14. **Is funding guaranteed?**
 - A. Funding is not guaranteed to all applicants as we anticipate a high volume of applicants and funding is limited. If you are awarded, we will guarantee there is funding to cover all four potential years of the grant.
15. **Can mental health centers apply?**
 - A. Yes, mental health centers are eligible for Safety PIN funding.
16. **If another organization has current Safety Pin grant money in our area, are we able to also apply for this new grant?**
 - A. Yes. Current applicants can apply for funding in the same area as long as there are no duplicative services.
17. **In the past, we have included MOUs/letters of support. Should we include those with this year's Safety PIN proposal?**
 - A. No, MOUs and/or letters of support are not required for this application.
18. **How is this different from FIMR funds?**
 - A. This opportunity is open to all types of programs that focus on reducing infant mortality and not those specific to FIMR/CAT.
19. **Can a lead agency subcontract to local agencies so an entire region is served?**
 - A. Yes. Partnerships and subcontracting are encouraged to help serve areas. *See question 11.*
20. **We provide prenatal assistance to women with substance use disorder. Would parenting classes for these women be something that this funding could cover?**
 - A. Yes. This opportunity is open to parenting classes that impact the reduction in infant mortality.
21. **Does this grant also cover education for fathers?**
 - A. Yes. This opportunity is open to parenting classes that impact the reduction in infant mortality.
22. **Would safe sleep classes for teens or education classes for grandparents be able to apply?**
 - A. Yes. This opportunity is open to educational programs that impact the reduction in infant mortality.
23. **Are there any other criteria that will differentiate the tiers outside of the funding amounts?**
 - A. No. The tier system is based solely on requested funding amounts. Funding is limited. Please apply only for the needed funding amount.

