Q&A for 2024 RFPs

This document is posted to capture the questions received, and answers provided during the question-and-answer period of the 2024 NCA Request for Proposals.

General Questions

1. **Question:** I am seeing the following requirement on the de minimis election form: "The award recipient has received less than $35 million in direct federal funding for the fiscal year requested." Our CAC is under a large health system umbrella, and the COVID-19 Provider relief fund put us over that threshold. Does this preclude us from electing de minimis rate? Or, is the COVID-19 Provider relief an exception? We have never had a NICRA.

   a. **Answer:** The $35 million in direct federal funding is for the fiscal year in which you are requesting the de minimis rate. If your organization receives less than $35 million in direct federal funding for the fiscal year that coincides with the anticipated period of performance for this award, and meets all other eligibility criteria, you can elect to use the de minimis indirect cost rate.

2. **Question:** To be an accredited CAC, we have to pay our fees and dues to NCA. Are we allowed to pay them within this grant? And if so, which line item do we put it under? We pay a total of $3,600.

   a. **Answer:** No, NCA Annual Membership fees, NCA Accreditation and Re-Accreditation fees, and Chapter membership fees are unallowable costs.

3. **Question:** Continuation Checklist Question - "Has the applicant organization been involved in any other financial or programmatic audits in the last three years?"

   Our Organization hosts multiple programs and does not "just" oversee a Child Advocacy Center. For several of our other programs we regularly participate in Programmatic Quality Assurance "audits" to ensure efficacy and fidelity of models being used. Should I include documentation of those Programmatic Audits OR ONLY those conducted on our CAC Programming?

   a. **Answer:** Please answer these questions based on the organization as a whole. In the area beneath that question you can detail which of the audits were conducted for the CAC specifically and which were not.

4. **Question:** Is there an example of an organizational chart that we could reference?

   a. **Answer:** We do not have an example organizational chart as we anticipate they will vary based on the size and type of the applicant. However, an internet search should be able to provide a few good examples. While you look for templates, please remember that the organizational chart must show how the organization operates, including who manages the finances and the management of the project proposed for funding.

5. **Question:** The GMS has several questions regarding the CAC’s accounting software and accounting systems. One of which states: “The applicant organization’s accounting system provides control and accountability of federal
funds.” Do The words “accounting system” in the above statement refer to the CAC’s accounting software or its internal accounting systems in place?

a. **Answer:** This question helps NCA determine if the applicant organization meets the requirements for recipients of Federal funding as detailed in 2 CFR 200.302(b)(4).

“Effective control over, and accountability for, all funds, property, and other assets. The non-Federal entity must adequately safeguard all assets and assure that they are used solely for authorized purposes. See § 200.303”

The “accounting system” refers to both the accounting software used by the applicant organization as well as the written procedures required to establish internal controls.

6. **Question:** Under "Organizational Budget," do I put our planned 2024 budget or our previous year 2023 budget? Our 2024 budget is higher, since it includes costs related to opening our satellite location?

   a. **Answer:** The current or most recently approved budget should be submitted. You could also provide a draft of the upcoming anticipated budget.

   As a reminder - if the applicant is part of an umbrella organization, please provide the budget for the applicant organization only.

7. **Question:** Is there a mandatory requirement this year for applicants to attend the NCA Conference, and to reflect related expenses in the budget for each submitted proposal?

   a. **Answer:** No, attendance at the annual NCA Leadership Conference is not a mandatory requirement for grant recipients. However, it continues to be an allowable expense and is strongly encouraged. It is an excellent networking opportunity and can help grantees with future applications and their own grant projects.

8. **Question:** Notification of awards will take place when?

   a. **Answer:** It is anticipated that award announcements will take place no later than January 1, 2024.
CAC Continuation Questions

1. Question: As we are working on the program narrative, I’m getting confused because the grant in the portal is not exactly the same as the RFP. There is not a section in the portal for “Capabilities and Competencies” but the RFP has it listed as information needed between “Project Design and Implementation” (which is the list of goals, objectives and outputs in the logic model) and “Plan for Collecting the Data Required”. Where do I include this information? Help!

   a. Answer: The “Capabilities and Competencies” section within the program narrative is not a field in the portal for continuation awards. The information for this section was collected in the original application and will carry over. Therefore, no additional information in narrative form is needed or required.

2. Question: I am seeing the following requirement on the de minimis election form: "The award recipient has received less than $35 million in direct federal funding for the fiscal year requested." Our CAC is under a large health system umbrella, and the COVID-19 Provider relief fund put us over that threshold. Does this preclude us from electing de minimis rate? Or, is the COVID-19 Provider relief an exception? We have never had a NICRA.

   a. Answer: The $35 million in direct federal funding is for the fiscal year in which you are requesting the de minimis rate. If your organization receives less than $35 million in direct federal funding for the fiscal year that coincides with the anticipated period of performance for this award, and meets all other eligibility criteria, you can elect to use the de minimis indirect cost rate.

3. Question: We would be applying under funding loss (I think because the current funding makes up 57% of our therapy budget with no other funding identified to replace that if lost). Is my thinking on that correct and as a continuation what specific documentation am I looking to attach to show that need?

   a. Answer: Continuation applicants must be able to demonstrate continued financial need. The original application required supporting documentation providing evidence of the need for assistance due to funding loss may include annual budget and/or financial statements demonstrating critical financial loss or notification of funding reduction from other funding agencies.

4. Question: Our original grant identified 4 goals with objectives. The continuation grant this year says to only have 1 goal. Are we supposed to combine all of the original goals into one on the logic model?

   a. Answer: The overall goal of the Core Service award type is to ensure the capacity to deliver the identified core service is maintained/increased to meet the demonstrated financial/community need. In many instances, what was identified as a goal in the original application would be considered an objective/activity or even an output of the objective/activity. Referencing your current “goals” as you create your logic model provides an opportunity to ensure the objectives and activities identified are intended to achieve the overall goal to deliver the core service, what outputs will be used to monitor those activities, and the expected outcomes. The logic model is intended to help applicants and NCA understand how the program’s proposed components will achieve the desired outcomes.

5. Question: Is that logic model in the application or does it need attached?

   a. Answer: The completed logic model is a required attachment when submitting your grant application. You will also use the Goals and Objectives/Activities from your logic model to fill out the Goals and Objectives section within the application.

6. Question: Must applicant demonstrate BOTH - INCREASED CAPACITY AND FUNDING LOSS?
a. **Answer:** Applications under the **Provision of Core Direct CAC Services** award type must identify the type of need under which they are applying, either increased capacity or funding loss. Applications only need to demonstrate and provide supporting documentation for the need type under which they are applying.

7. **Question:** Question regarding Core Services RFP. I thought we had to include up to a 4 page narrative however I do not see that anywhere under the required documentation. Am I just including a narrative when I am responding to Description of Issues and Needs.

   a. **Answer:** There is no required narrative attachment in the application portal. The program narrative is compiled in the application portal by answers to each of the items below:
      
      i. Description of the Issue/Needs Statement  
      ii. Project Design and Implementation  
      iii. Capabilities and Competencies  
      iv. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This RFP’s Performance Measures

8. **Question:** I am not sure how to title this as a project when we are asking for funds to maintain the therapist’s position. Is it technically a project?

   a. **Answer:** The proposal abstract template does include a place for applicants to “insert project name”. In the case of a **Provision of Core Direct CAC Services** application, the project name could be as simple as the name of the award type.

9. **Question:** Are there page limits, word count limits, or character count limits for the Program Narrative questions?

   a. **Answer:** The Proposal Abstract should be written in 400 words or less, otherwise there are no additional limits on the narrative.

10. **Question:** How long is the grant funding for?

    a. **Answer:** The Period of Performance for the NSP RFP is January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

11. **Question:** Do we need to create a new account to apply, separate from our normal NCA engage account? Is this an organizational account or the account for the ED or grant writer, etc?

    **Answer:** The NCA Grantee Portal uses different log on information from the NCA Engage account. The NCA Grantee Portal can be accessed by visiting [https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1093?SA=AM](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1093?SA=AM).

    Please reach out to your assigned Program Associate if you are having trouble locating the application.

12. **Question:** We know that we will be receiving VOCA cuts. They have said that there is 26% reduction to their funds. We have the letter from the Florida OAG saying there are less dollars but that’s it. Will that suffice? They haven’t sent out their award letters yet.

    a. **Answer:** Under the **Provision of Core Direct CAC Services** award type, to apply under the **Funding Loss** need, applicants must be able to demonstrate the funding loss that threatens the ability to maintain and thus meet the current described core service need.
Documentation may include annual budget/financial statements demonstrating critical financial loss or notification of funding reduction from other funding agencies. It would strengthen your application to also include any additional financial information regarding the anticipated cut, using the 26% even if the letter didn’t define the exact dollar amount.

13. **Question:** What is the likelihood or plan (if there is one) for continuing the core services grant (as sort of described for the 2022 and 2023 recipients) after 2024?

   a. **Answer:** The 2024 Provision of Core Direct CAC Services awards are limited to a one-year award with no option for continuation. It is anticipated that the 2025 RFP period would reintroduce the Provision of Core Direct CAC Services award type with the option for continuation awards.
Chapter Continuation Questions

1. **Question:** Is there a complete list of the allowable Chapter objectives/activities? I see there are three attachments breaking the objectives/activities into categories (Training and Technical Assistance, Growth and Development, etc.), but I'm unable to locate a complete list of all 20-something objectives/activities on one document.

   a. **Answer:** You can find a complete list of Chapter Core Services Eligible Objectives & Activities here. The document has also been added to the “Helpful Resources” section of the Chapter Core Services RFP page, along with the Chapter Example Output resources.

2. **Question:** 3 questions regarding allowable expenses for the grant budget: 1. We have an employee who does outreach via our website. Can we put part of her salary to the grant? 2. For Workers' Compensation: Can we include the entire amount we pay per year, or just the portion that relates to the employees covered in the grant? 3. We would like to add a consultant to perform data analysis using current data from our CACs and data from our Chapter? Would this be allowable?

   a. **Answer:**
   1. It Depends. There are three basic principles when determining allowability of an expense; is the expense reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project. The allowability of a specific expense will depend on the individual grant application, its budget and its associated goals, objectives, and activities. If salary expenses related to outreach via website aligns with the goals, objectives/activities, and outputs outlined in your project logic model, they would be allowable.

   2. Fringe benefits, including Workers’ Compensation, are only for the personnel listed in the personnel section and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project.

   3. Please see the answer to question 1.

3. **Question:** Is it possible to get an exemption/exception to the $81.25/hour or $650/day contractor limit? If so, what do we need to provide with our application?

   a. **Answer:** No, NCA does not offer a prior approval option for rates exceeding the federal consultant threshold.

4. **Question:** Does the breakdown of organizational capacity and statewide projects have to match exactly what is listed in the funding matrix?

   a. **Answer:** Organizational capacity cannot exceed the allotted amount ($112,754), but it can be reduced to increase the statewide projects amount. *Once the funds have been moved from organizational capacity to statewide projects, they cannot be moved back at any point during the award period.
5. **Question:** In a previous answer, you indicated "As a reminder, NCA no longer provides funding for Chapter subawards to CACs. Expenses related to training and travel should be coordinated and incurred by the Chapter, rather than reimbursed to the CAC as providing direct cost reimbursements to CACs could be viewed as a subaward during an audit." Is mileage reimbursement (to approved trainings, membership meetings, etc.) counted as a "subaward" or is it eligible for reimbursement?

   a. **Answer:** Mileage reimbursement to approved trainings and meetings is an allowable expense, however, the chapter must reimburse the traveler for travel expenses, prior to requesting reimbursement from NCA.

6. **Question:** Being able to attend out-of-state trainings is essential for maintaining continuing education hours for MDTs; our state doesn’t have the capacity to fulfill all Standards by itself. If all travel costs have to be incurred by the Chapter instead of reimbursed, 1) is the Chapter responsible for all costs if attendee doesn’t go or doesn’t submit certificate of attendance? 2) how is travel coordinated (e.g., flights)? Need clarification as all programs' training funds are being eliminated due to VOCA cuts and this will impact reaccreditation for CACs.

   a. **Answer:**

      1. Yes, certificates of attendance are required for reimbursement. There may be instances where an exception could be made if a traveler was unable to attend a training due to an emergency, but this would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

      2. Registration and travel expenses to approved trainings must be coordinated by the chapter, and the most economical form of transportation must be used. We recommend chapters utilize their internal travel policies/guidelines to coordinate travel for CAC staff and MDT members.

7. **Question:** I checked the RFP & FAQ sheet with no luck. The application has a spot for "Anticipated Carryover Amount as of 12/31/2023." I totally could have missed it, but I don't remember hearing in the webinar about being able to carry over funds into the next year. Do you have any more information about this? How much are we able to carry over should we need to do that?

   a. **Answer:** One of the benefits of the continuation award process is that grantees who may have considered a no cost extension/forfeiture in the past now can be considered for the option of carryover unspent funding into Year 2. The option to carryover funds will depend on a few factors, like progression towards achieving your 2023 goals. Please expect more information from your assigned program associate about the potential to carryover funding later this fall. The continuation application asks this question to provide an “early warning” notice to the PAs providing them with an opportunity to reach out to those grantees. Providing an anticipated carryover amount does not indicate approval and your proposed 2024 budget would not include that amount, as you should follow the matrix provided for organizational capacity versus statewide projects dollar limitations. If the carryover amount is approved (in full or in part), you will be able to use it in fulfillment of your 2024 goals and objectives.

8. **Question:** Can you confirm that chapters may still use this funding to reimburse CACs for registration and/or travel (within federal guidelines) for trainings that support accreditation? What about eligible Leadership conference costs?

   a. **Answer:** After receiving the support of their CACs for the chosen statewide projects, Chapters apply to directly administer the funds necessary to carry out these initiatives to maximize resources and efficiency through the proposed coordinated state-wide projects, programs, and trainings. Chapters should work with training providers and/or the organizations holding conferences to coordinate the registration of the attendees within their state.
As a reminder, NCA no longer provides funding for Chapter subawards to CACs. Expenses related to training and travel should be coordinated and incurred by the Chapter, rather than reimbursed to the CAC as providing direct cost reimbursements to CACs could be viewed as a subaward during an audit.

9. **Question:** Do goals/core services that are funded need to remain the same as the last two cycles?
   
   **a. Answer:** You should continue or expand upon the goals and objectives from the previous two cycles in 2024. If there is a need to change your goals/objectives (i.e. you have successfully completed an objective that is not ongoing, or you have met all goals and objectives) new goals may be selected. Be mindful to select goals and objectives you will be able to produce outputs for within the grant cycle.

10. **Question:** In reference to the performance measures survey questions that are due July and January, if we are writing for training and technical assistance will we still be required to gather the demographic data on children served and outcomes of cases? Will this data need to be statewide from all CAC’s or only for the centers that accessed training dollars during that time frame?

   **a. Answer:** NCA is required to report Performance Measure data under each of our federal DOJ awards every six months. To assist in providing timely and accurate reports, subrecipients that receive a grant from NCA must provide the following data specific to the awarded grant dollars. January – June data will be due July 31; July – December data will be due January 10. Post-award webinars will be offered to subrecipients to provide an overview of the required Performance Measures and to provide a tutorial on the submission process.

11. **Question:** Are letters of support from member CACs required?

   **a. Answer:** No, continuation applications do not require a new letter of support for the grant program.

12. **Question:** If there is a hardship, are we still able to continue with monthly reporting/reimbursements?

   **a. Answer:** Chapter grants typically report on a quarterly basis. Additional flexible reporting schedule options will continue to be available to grantees who demonstrate financial need and express ongoing concern with cash flow. Your alternative reporting schedule will be established with the help of your assigned NCA Program Associate after award.

13. **Question:** For the outcomes, are we required to list 3 or is that the maximum for each activity/objective?

   **a. Answer:** Neither. We placed the numbers in a 1. 2. 3. format to reiterate that we do not want a narrative response for output but rather a numbered list format. The number of outputs listed is at the discretion of the applicant.
AI/AN Questions

1. **Question:** I see per diem is allowed now but on the travel section in the budget, you are only allowed 3 lines and you cannot add more lines. Let’s say we have airfare, lodging, lodging tax, per diem, per diem for first and last day travel, luggage, taxi/uber, mileage to get to the airport, parking fee for parking at the airport, etc. how are we supposed to list it if we are only allowed 3 lines??

   a. **Answer:** The next travel section can be used to list additional budget line items. You can list the same purpose of travel/justification as above and add “continued” to include all line items associated with the travel.

   **Example:**

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<th>Purpose of Travel</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Type of Expense</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>Conference name and purpose</td>
<td>City, State</td>
<td>Airfare, Lodging, Per Diem</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Conference name continued</td>
<td>City, State</td>
<td>Baggage, Mileage, Parking</td>
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2. **Question:** In the sample budget provided, it states that meals are unallowable on NCA grants. I am just clarifying that per diem for meals/incidentals using GSA rates is not allowed. In our grant we have a few conferences to go to. So, would mileage, lodging, and lodging tax only be allowed? (We are not flying and using personal vehicles.)

   a. **Answer:** New for the 2024 grant year, Per Diem is now an allowable expense on NCA grants along with mileage and lodging expenses. The sample budget form has been updated to reflect this change. Per Diem Rates for meals and incidentals, lodging, and mileage can be found at [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov).

   **Additional information relating to flying and the use of personal vehicles** - Generally, grant-funded travel must be conducted using the most expeditious mode and route practicable. The most advantageous transportation mode by order of precedence is common carrier and rental car. An agency may authorize the use of a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) only after the agency evaluates the advantage of using the other modes of transportation.

   If travel by a POV is selected when it is not the most expeditious mode and route practicable, reimbursement is limited to the actual POV mileage, along with other POV-related expenses such as parking, ferry fees, and tolls, not to exceed the constructive cost of travel by common carrier or rental car, whichever is less, including the constructive cost of travel to and from the common carrier terminals.

3. **Question:** I am reaching out for some guidance regarding the budget. On the rfp question page it states, ""Meals: While providing meals would be an unallowable expense on the grant, starting with 2024 awards NCA will now allow grantees to request meal per diem in their grant budgets. NCA will provide additional guidance to grantees on how to properly document and request per diem reimbursement."" Within our budget, we are budgeting to attend conferences that will be a couple of days long, how do we budget per diem for meals? This grant does start in 2024.
a. **Answer:** To budget per diem for meals, please visit [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov) to look up the location of the conference and select Fiscal Year 2024 to view per diem rates. On your budget proposal workbook include “Meals and incidentals” as the type of expense and include the appropriate GSA cost rate for the location of the conference, the number of people attending, and the number of days. If awarded, your assigned Program Associate will work directly with you during the budget review process and provide additional information on how to properly document and request per diem reimbursement.

4. **Question:** Are we allowed to pay for our yearly NCAtrak subscription fee within our budget?

   a. **Answer:** Yes, for AI/AN grants - case management to improve case and child outcomes software is allowable. However, grantees must ensure that federal funds under this award will be used to supplement but not supplant existing funds.

5. **Question:** For the AI/AN Subgrant, would our signed MOU with our partnering MDT agencies be sufficient to show support for the CAC, or is a letter of support from each agency required? Our local Native Association is one of our MDT partners.

   a. **Answer:** If your local Native Association is a MDT partner, then yes, the MOU would be sufficient.

6. **Question:** To be an accredited CAC, we have to pay our fees and dues to NCA. Are we allowed to pay them within this grant? And if so, which line item do we put it under? We pay a total of $3,600.

   a. **Answer:** No, NCA Annual Membership fees, NCA Accreditation and Re-Accreditation fees, and Chapter membership fees are unallowable costs.

7. **Question:** Would support from our CEO suffice for the “Native American Community” part? This is not something that would be appropriate to put through to our Board of Directors here?

   a. **Answer:** Yes, as this was a question posted by a tribal based CAC, a letter from the CEO of the CAC would be acceptable for demonstrating support from the Native American community.

8. **Question:** In order to apply for an AI/AN grant, Expansion of CAC response in the lower 48, would your CAC need to partnering with federally recognized tribes only, or would an expansion of services to state-recognized tribes be eligible for funding?

   a. **Answer:** No, the AI/AN grant eligibility criteria limits applications to only those partnering with federally recognized tribes.

9. **Question:** Hello, Tulalip Tribes of Washington plans to apply to the Expand Children's Advocacy Centers in AIAN RFP. Already a native-based CAC, we are curious if we still need to submit an MOU. If so, we work within our umbrella organization, so can our MOU be between other departments we work with, including some external partners?

   a. **Answer:** Tribal CACs are not required to provide MOUs, as its purpose is more for a non-tribal CAC to demonstrate a partnership with a tribe and that tribal children were being served by the CAC. However, we currently have grantees who are tribal CACs that have provided MOUs with, for example, their child protection team. The RFP does require that the applicant include dated letters of support or MOUs from all key partners so either would be acceptable.
10. **Question:** According to page 2 of the RFP, the application deadline is August 30, 2023; however, according to the program’s website - [https://learn.nationalchildrensalliance.org/2024-rfp-ian](https://learn.nationalchildrensalliance.org/2024-rfp-ian) - the application deadline is August 31, 2023. Could you please let me know which date is the correct deadline?

   a. **Answer:** The application deadline for the AI/AN RFP is **Thursday, August 31, 2023 @ 11:59 pm (EDT)** and the Live RFP Q&A session will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (ET). The downloadable RFP original stated Thursday, August 30, 2023 which was incorrect.

11. **Question:** If you currently have an AI/AN grant can you apply for this grant if the activities are different?

   a. **Answer:** No, current NCA AI/AN grantees cannot apply for an additional grant under this RFP. However, we strongly recommend that you reach out to your assigned Program Associate to discuss a change in scope on your current project to include the new activities.

14. **Question:** For the annual program budget attachment, if our center is ran on multiple grants, are we required to submit all of our grants annual program budgets?

   a. **Answer:** The organization’s annual budget should be the current year’s operating budget, including income and expenses. If the applicant is part of an umbrella organization, please provide the budget for the applicant organization only.

15. **Question:** We are hoping to fund part of our Forensic Interviewer position as well as our therapist position. Do the letters of support need to be as specific to supporting these positions or would a letter of support from our MDT for the center in general suffice?

   a. **Answer:** General letters of support for the organization that are not specific to the application being submitted will not satisfy the Letters of Support requirement. While the letters of support do not need to specifically mention the two funded positions you are proposing, it needs to include the expression of support for the program and a statement of willingness to participate and collaborate with it, a description of the partner’s current role and responsibilities in the planning process and expected responsibilities when the program is operational. As well as an estimate of the percentage of time that the partner will devote to the planning and operation of the project.

16. **Question:** For our MDT meetings, can we provide lunch and honorariums through this grant? Some of our MDT members travel close to 300 miles for these meetings. The honorariums would be like a reimbursement for gas and etc.? Would this request go under travel in the budget?

   a. **Answer:** We will answer this question in two parts, which includes additional clarifying details not provided in the live Q&A session:

   **Meals:** While providing meals would be an unallowable expense on the grant, starting with 2024 awards NCA will now allow grantees to request meal per diem in their grant budgets. NCA will provide additional guidance to grantees on how to properly document and request per diem reimbursement.

   However, please note that per diem is not allowable for same day travel. In order for per diem allowances to be authorized the travel must include an overnight stay. Generally, grant recipients must follow their own established travel policies and if they do not have an established policy, they must abide by the Federal travel policy.
Honorarium: Honorariums are also an unallowable cost on NCA grants. However, mileage reimbursement could be allowable if it is written into the organization’s travel policy to provide reimbursement to partners who travel to their organization for meetings.

Budget: Yes, travel for MDT partners, if allowable, should be budgeted in the Travel category.

17. **Question:** Within our MDT, we need to have a certified behavioral health rep. Currently, this rep has been going to trainings to be certified. Can we pay for their per diem/travel and registration fees?

   a. **Answer:** Provided that training of this provider is detailed in the grant proposal and helps the grant achieve its goals and objectives training expenses and any associated travel would be allowable charges on the grant. Please refer to the question above for additional information about per diem.

18. **Question:** In the budget form, how many months are in a period?

   a. **Answer:** For the AI/AN grants, the project period is 18 months (January 2024 – June 2025). The AI/AN Grant Budget Proposal spreadsheet provides this breakdown for you clearly on the worksheet tabs. Year 1 is considered to be January 2024 – December 2025 and Year 2 (6 months) is January 2025 – June 2025.

19. **Question:** Would support from our CEO office suffice for the “Native American Community” part? This is not something that would be appropriate to put through to our Board of Directors here?

   a. **Answer:** Please check back for the posted answer.

20. **Question:** We have negotiated rates for both FY23 and FY24. What fiscal year indirect cost rate do we use? FY23 or FY24?

   a. **Answer:** Since your negotiated rates may not align with the budget period of the grant you can try to determine your costs for each period based on the rate that is applicable at that time. If awarded, when reimbursement is requested the percentage applicable at the time of the expense should be used to determine the rate used to request reimbursement.

21. **Question:** Can you clarify how many letters of support are needed as well?

   a. **Answer:** The DTVF RFP requires letters of support from partner agencies within the MDT/CAC. This will be different for each applicant, so there is no required number included in the RFP. However, in addition to the required letters, if you discuss partnering or working with an agency in your application, you should also include letters to support that relationship.

22. **Question:** Will this be the last live Q & A

   a. **Answer:** Yes, only one live Q&A is being held however any additional questions you have can be submitted using our RFP questions form located at https://learn.nationalchildrensalliance.org/RFPQuestions or by contacting the NCA staff and/or partners listed on the presentation slides.