

Frequently Asked Questions

HRSA-26-104: Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood (TPEC) Program

Q: I am interested in applying for the grant mechanism, HRSA-26-104. How would I go about doing so?

A: The full [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) can be found under **Documents**. The NOFO provides extensive detail about eligibility, program requirements, what needs to be included in a complete application, and the criteria by which applications are judged. Details about submitting an application can be found starting on page 12 – [Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#). See below for some additional supportive resources here (which are also included in the NOFO on page 13):

- [HHS Tips for Preparing Grant Proposals](#)
- [HRSA's How to Prepare Your Application page](#)
- [TPEC TA Webinar](#)

Q: The funding range per award is listed as \$0 - \$950,000. Is this meant to be the amount per year (i.e., 950,000 per year) for each of 5 years or if 950,000 is the total for all 5 years?

A: The awards will be up to \$950,000 per year over five years.

Q: We understand that there is only 1 award per state (with the exception of tribal organizations). Can there be more than 1 applicant?

A: Yes, there can be more than one applicant per state. All complete applications, regardless of the state they're from, will be reviewed and scored using the merit review criteria included in the NOFO. You can find more details about the selection process starting on page 21 of the NOFO.

Q: The Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood (TPEC) application references "state" multiple times. Would you consider a proposal that transforms practice for Early Childhood in multiple states with multiple clinics and FQHC partners?

A: Yes, a joint application, assuming the entities are eligible to apply and if the application is complete, would be reviewed and scored. That being said, please keep in mind the following:

- All complete applications from eligible entities will be reviewed and scored using the merit review criteria included in the NOFO. Only one eligible non-Tribal entity per state or jurisdiction will receive an award under this funding opportunity to ensure best use of resources and geographic coverage. Any

Tribal government or Tribal organization, regardless of geographic location, is eligible to receive an award.

- With regard to Core Activity 3 (Improve statewide administrative policies and financing strategies), successful recipient organizations are expected to have a significant ability to influence state administrative policies and financing approaches (i.e. Medicaid) to sustain high-quality ECD services long-term. Be sure to review the merit review criteria by which the proposed approach to Core Activity 3 would be scored.
- You may choose to apply with one state as the lead recipient and the second state as a subrecipient. Be sure to review the Application Contents and Format section to ensure you are providing all the necessary information.

Q: The guidance for the TPEC Program (HRSA-26-104) emphasizes that this is a new award (p. 3) and gives explicit instructions for existing award recipients, describing how, if funded, the existing award will be relinquished, and a new award period will begin (p. 4). However, later in the document, there is a reference to what to include in the footer is this is a competing continuation or competing supplement (p. 15). Will you please confirm that this is a new award and not a competitive continuation?

A: Yes, confirming that HRSA-26-104 is a new award. The language on page 15 is standard boilerplate language that is only applicable IF the award is a competing continuation or competing supplement (which TPEC is not).

Q: Can you please verify whether an applicant's indirect cost rate agreement counts towards the 40-page limit?

A: You are not required to submit an indirect cost rate agreement. However, if you choose to include an indirect cost rate agreement in Attachments 8-15, it would be counted as part of the 40-page limit. Please note the language on pages 11-12 of the NOFO: *Consider your indirect costs when developing your budget.*

Q: Can you please confirm if there is a required format to use for the biographical sketches and if there is a page limit?

A: Yes - the entire application, including all attachments, must follow the Required Format described on pages 14-15 of the NOFO. There are no additional formatting requirements for the biographical sketches (i.e., there is not a specific table template you need to use). The biographical sketches attachment is included in the page limit for the entire application, which is 40 pages. Please see *Step 3: Build your Application* for all the details related to the page limit, attachments, etc.

Q: For the budget and project narrative, is there a required template that we should use?

A: Yes - the entire application, including the budget and project narratives, must follow the Required Format described on pages 14-15 of the NOFO. There are no specific tables or templates you need to use. Please see *Step 3: Build your Application* for all the details related to the page limit, attachments, etc.

Q: For letters of support, are letterheads with colored ink acceptable?

A: Yes, letterheads with colored ink are acceptable.