

Questions and Answers Submitted for TANF RFA for FFY20

- Question 1: Are TANF benefits available only for people with documented status?
Answer 1: TANF cash benefits are available for citizens and eligible non-citizens (Legal Permanent Residents). Individuals who are undocumented are not eligible for TANF cash benefits.
- Question 2: Are only organizations that participated in the webinar eligible to apply?
Answer 2: No. Because the webinar was a recommended portion of the application process made available to applicants in order to answer questions, attendance is not a requirement to apply.
- Question 3: Can grant recipients apply for retroactive funding for program expenses that occur prior to October 1st?
Answer 3: No, all funding that is awarded must be used for expenses incurred during the contracted period.
- Question 4: Is there a map available that you could share that shows the locations where TANF recipients live in Clark County?
Answer 4: TANF recipients live within all counties of Nevada. In certain areas of the state there are higher concentrations of individuals who qualify for TANF; however, we do not have a map that provides this information.
- Question 5: If approved for grant funds, will organizations be required to follow up with participants after they complete our program as part of an evaluation of impact?
Answer 5: The RFA does not specify what measurements must be used to determine the success of the program; however, each applicant will be required to include the measurements that will be used to report the program's success.
- Question 6: What documentation will funded organizations be required to gather from participants?
Answer 6: Participants will need to meet the requirements of the organization's funded program in order to qualify for services. The organization itself must meet one of the goals/purposes of TANF and applicable CFR 45 as outlined in the RFA in order to be considered as a recipient of grant funding.
- Question 7: Can organizations count the undocumented parents of child beneficiaries as eligible for grant-funded programming?
Answer 7: Participants will need to meet the requirements of the organization's funded program in order to qualify for services. The organization itself must meet one of the goals/purposes of TANF and applicable CFR 45 as outlined in the RFA in order to be considered as a recipient of grant funding.
- Question 8: What's the minimum percentage of TANF participants (vs. non-TANF participants) who must participate in our grant-funded programming?
Answer 8: There is no set requirement for the number of participants who receive TANF versus the number of participants who do not receive TANF who must participate in your organization's programming. Participants will need to meet the requirements of the organization's funded program in order to qualify for services. Based on your program's requirements, these individuals may or may not be recipients of TANF cash benefits. The organization itself must meet one of the goals/purposes of TANF as outlined in the RFA and applicable CFR 45 in order to be considered as a recipient of grant funding.

Question 9: What is meant by an Agency Sustainability Plan? Is that similar to a Strategic Plan? Will you please elaborate on what information should be included in the Sustainability Plan? Is the plan meant to describe the sustainability plan for the entire organization or only for the program that is the subject of the proposal?

Answer 9: An Agency's Sustainability Plan is a detailed explanation of how your organization or agency will maintain and continue its services if a) you are not selected as a recipient of federal grant monies, or b) you are selected as a recipient of federal grant monies during this selection process but do not receive funding in the future. This should include where your funding currently comes from or will come from, how expenses will be managed, and how the organization or agency will ensure the same level of service is provided to the targeted population regardless of receipt of funding through this grant. This applies only to the program that is the subject of the proposal that your organization or agency will be funding using the money from the aforementioned grant.

An Agency's Strategic Plan is a detailed explanation of your approach to accomplishing the proposed program's goals and objectives, which would need to tie in to one of the purposes of TANF, as outlined in the RFA.

Question 10: "Attach a copy of your organization's operating hours and planned closures." Will you please elaborate on what information should be included in this attachment? Our program is not a child care facility. Ready to Learn family engagement workshops are coordinated with key local partners. Our general office operating hours are 7am-5pm, Monday through Friday, but depending on partner requests and need, workshops are conducted after hours and on weekends.

Answer 10: This attachment should include your organization's operating hours and planned closures. If your organization is generally open from 7 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday, with some exceptions, please indicate that in your attachment. Some examples of regular closures to indicate include but are not limited to: State and Federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving, weekends, the first Wednesday of every month from 8-12 for staff meetings, etcetera. This will allow the reviewers of the applications to determine the availability of services.

Question 11: We are in the process of updating our organization's 5 year strategic plan. Is it acceptable to submit the old plan?

Answer 11: Yes, it is acceptable to submit the current plan with the RFA application. It is not necessary to submit the draft of the new plan. If your organization is selected as a recipient of funding, the new Strategic Plan can be submitted once it is completed.

Question 12: Can you further clarify the requirement for "verifying eligible members of the population" under this RFA? Would our agency be required to collect proof of income or other financial information from participants? Is it sufficient that the target population attends a Title I school?

Answer 12: Depending on which purpose of TANF the proposed program is focusing on, eligible members of the population might be different. Accordingly, the verification standards for the types of programs would differ and would apply to whether or not income verification is a requirement, as well. Please refer to CFR 45 for further clarification on applicable TANF rules and guidelines. Regardless of what service your agency is providing, your method for determining and selecting your target population and identifying who is eligible as a member of that target population should be identified within the proposal.