

Informational Call FAQ

Transforming State LTSS Access Functions into a No Wrong Door System: Statewide Implementation

Application Content

Question: Can you talk more about narrowing the focus of the proposal and not trying to focus on all areas?

Answer: The federal partners recognize that it is likely not possible for a state to fully realize the vision for a No Wrong Door System using the grant funds and the project period of 3 years that will be provided under this opportunity. For this reason, we encourage applicants to narrow the focus of the application to a particular function or component of the No Wrong Door System that they believe can have the greatest impact on their NWD System to LTSS system that can be achieved within 3 years. For example, one state may choose to use the funds to train person-centered counselors in their NWD System. Another state may choose to use funds to build the infrastructure of a management information system to collect information from their NWD System. The two critical things to consider when narrowing the focus is 1) has the state has fully explored leveraging other state/federal funds to ensure that funds are being targeted in the most essential areas of their NWD System; and 2) the activities will help move the state closer to achieving the full vision of the NWD System. Applicants should think strategically about what makes the most sense for their state and why. It is important to remember that grant funds under this opportunity may not be used for operational costs, but rather must be used in ways that will enhance, coordinate and sustain a No Wrong Door system.

Question: We were looking to continue to expand and deepen our current PCC training program and work towards a certification process. Will states be able to continue to develop their own state specific training as long as it encompasses the core learnings of the Part A state training program or do we need to look to switch over?

Answer:

Questions: In the Problem Statement section of the Project Narrative, it appears you are asking us to attach the NWD assessment that we submitted in April. Does this assessment count towards the page limit of the section? Do figures count towards the page limit?

Answer: No, as long as the assessment and figures are included as part of the attachments. They will only count towards the page limit if included within the narrative. Items included as an attachment will not count towards the page limit.

Question: For the Organizational Capacity Statement, can we use resumes in place of short vitae?

Answer: Yes, this would be appropriate.

Logistics

Question: To clarify, the plan we are working on now would not be due until December 30 if the state is awarded this grant--is that correct?

Answer: That is correct. Planning grant states that do not receive funding under the 2015 opportunity will submit a full draft of the 3-Year Plan in September and the final 3-Year Plan in December.

Question: Which states are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity?

Answer: Eligible applicants for this funding opportunity include any of the 25 states and territories that received funding under the 2014 funding opportunity “Transforming State LTSS Access Programs and Functions into A No Wrong Door System for all Populations and All Payers”.

Question: When would these grant dollars start?

Answer: Award notices to successful applicants are expected to be sent on or around September 1, 2015 with an anticipated project start date of September 30, 2015.

Helpful Resources

Question: Where are the No Wrong Door National Key Elements that are referenced in this funding opportunity announcement?

Answer: The No Wrong Door National Key Elements can be found under the “Related Documents” tab of the [funding opportunity webpage](#) and under “Key Resources” on the [No Wrong Door Planning Grants webpage](#).

Question: Are we going to have access to download these slides?

Answer: The full slide deck and a recording of the webinar have been posted to the [NWD Planning Grants webpage](#).

Letter of Intent

Question: Would you rather receive a Letter of Intent if a state is moving forward, even if it does not provide detail as to the state's planning and implementation? In the FOA it states that plan details should be included.

Answer: Please submit a letter of intent even if you are not able to provide details. The Letter of Intent is simply designed to inform ACL, CMS and VHA on your intent to apply and does not need include as much detail as possible at the time that the letter is due.