Call for Collaborations

Community Capacity-Building
Planning Awards

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PART I: About The Lincy Institute
The Lincy Institute at UNLV conducts and supports research that focuses on improving Nevada’s health, education, and social services. This research is used to build capacity for service providers and enhance efforts to draw state and federal money to the greater Las Vegas area.
The Lincy Institute highlights key issues that affect public policy and quality-of-life decisions on behalf of children, seniors, and families in Nevada.
About The Lincy Institute (cont.)

Four main goals:

(1) conduct and support research that seeks to improve health, education, and social services;

(2) use data and research to inform and improve public policy and practice;

(3) build and enhance the capacity of public and private community partners; and

(4) secure external financial resources.
Advisory Board

- Social Service Collaborative Advisory Board members are community leaders who advise and guide The Lincy Institute in its mission

- The advisory board provided the vision for the planning awards and in doing so they:
  - Analyzed/interpreted needs assessments and data reports
  - Identified/prioritized the most pressing social service issues
  - Assisted in developing the strategic plan in support of the *Call for Collaborations*
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PART II: Call for Collaborations Purpose and Proposal Components

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Purpose of the Planning Awards

- To support collaborative teams interested in building local capacity to address two core areas of concern: *mental health* or *education*
Objectives of the planning awards are as follows:

1) Conduct an analysis of a mental health or education issue

2) Consolidate or combine the efforts of multiple nonprofits, community organizations, public entities or private groups to design a response to a local mental health or education issue

3) Use the planning period to develop a strategy to leverage additional research and funding to implement a reform strategy
Mental Health:

- Collaborative teams can focus on children, adult or senior mental health issues.

- Proposals may address, but are not limited to, any of the following conditions:
  - Poverty and the impact that such has on mental health outcomes
  - Disproportionate minority representation
Purpose of the Planning Awards (cont.)

- Mental Health (cont.):
  - Military families and support of U.S. veterans
  - Family functioning and stability
  - Substance abuse and addictions
  - Co-occurring disorders
  - Vulnerable or underserved populations
  - Mental/behavioral health financing
  - Service delivery system reform
  - Workforce development
Purpose of the Planning Awards (cont.)

- *Mental Health (cont.):*
  - Mental health care for the “ uninsurable”
  - Mental health screenings
  - Residential treatment centers
  - Wraparound/intensive case management
  - Senior case management/Senior addiction/senior home care
  - Homelessness (as it relates to mental illness)
Purpose of the Planning Awards (cont.)

- **Education:**
  - Proposals should develop a unique and innovative plan for addressing the influence of poverty on high school graduation rates
  
  - Proposals may address, but are not limited to, any of the following conditions:
    
    - Influence of poverty on school success and high school graduation rates
Education:

- Disproportionate representation of minority children in high school dropout conditions
- Parent engagement approaches
- Teacher engagement, involvement, support models, or competency-building models
- Challenges facing historically underserved students, neighborhoods, and communities:
  - Racial and ethnic minorities
  - Immigrants
Purpose of the Planning Awards (cont.)

- **Education:**
  - English Language Learners
  - Individuals with disabilities
  - Foster care youth
  - Homeless youth
  - Youth experiencing food insecurity
  - Chronically impoverished youth
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PART III: Types of Support

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Types of Support Available

- Support to the successful teams will be provided in all five core areas:

  1) **Monetary support** - funding provided by The Lincy Institute can be used to hire a planning coordinator, meeting facilitator, convener, consultant, or any related professional designated to support the day-to-day work of the collaboration
**Question:** Does the monetary portion of the award need to be used solely on one full-time person or can it be used in other configurations (e.g., multiple part-time staff positions)?

**Answer:** The monetary portion of the award does not necessarily need to be allocated to just one full-time position. Applicants can propose a part-time hire but you must be able to demonstrate that there will be a designated person responsible for oversight and development of the planning project.
**Question:** Can the monetary portion of the award be used for operation and/or hosting expenses?

**Answer:** Yes
**Question:** If a team has existing resources and is able to demonstrate that necessary staff time will be covered using those resources, should such be reflected in the proposal?

**Answer:** Yes. However, as it relates to your budget you need only to reflect the amount and source of the fringe benefits package that you will provide for the designated hire. To demonstrate existing capacity with respect to other resources, you can provide such information in either the “Team Structure” or “Shared Project Management Plan” sections of your proposal.
**Question:** What will be the financial structure of the contract? Will the contract be a “fixed rate” or “reimbursable” award?

**Answer:** We intend to use a “reimbursable” structure. Initially, teams will be allocated one-fourth of the total grant amount. Thereafter, quarterly payments will be made after receipt of the team’s quarterly progress report.
Support to the successful teams will be provided in all five core areas:

2) **Grant writing support** - The planning awards must culminate into at least one application or request for state, federal, or foundation support of services, projects, research or other capacity-building resources. The Lincy Institute will provide assistance with funding identification and grant application development.
Support to the successful teams will be provided in all five core areas:

3) Technical assistance and support services - The Lincy Institute will support the efforts of the successful applications by helping them to locate information, data, and technical resources
Support to the successful teams will be provided in all five core areas:

4) **Data and information management assistance**- Successful applications will use information technology to strengthen community capacity to address their area of focus. The Lincy Institute will work with the chosen teams to understand their data needs and develop a data management and reporting plan.
Support to the successful teams will be provided in all five core areas:

5) **Research support and expert consultants** - Based on the area of focus, successful collaborations will be paired with faculty researchers and/or consultants hired by The Lincy Institute in order to provide subject-matter expertise during the planning phase of the project.
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PART IV: Eligibility and Scoring

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PART IV: Eligibility

- Important Reminders:

1) Lead entity must operate within southern Nevada

2) The collaboration must be comprised of at least three entities (the entities must represent three distinct and different organizations—sub-units within an organization will not qualify as three distinct and different entities)

3) Detail your plan for stakeholder engagement (i.e., what role will consumers, clients, or users of services have in the planning project?)
Proposals will be evaluated using 12 primary criteria as listed on the following slides. The point values associated with each criterion represent the relative importance placed on each category. Points will be assigned based on the extent to which the applicant is responsive to each category.
Scoring Criteria:

1) Purpose  
   - 10.0 pts
2) Rationale  
   - 5.0 pts
3) Approach  
   - 25.0 pts
4) Methodology  
   - 10.0 pts
5) Long-term Impact  
   - 5.0 pts
6) Team Structure  
   - 2.5 pts
Application Review

- Scoring Criteria (cont.):

  7) Expertise/Qualifications  
  8) Model of Collaboration  
  9) Logic Model  
  10) Data Sharing  
  11) Stakeholder Engagement  
  12) Budget

  5.0 pts  
  25.0 pts  
  2.5 pts  
  5.0 pts  
  2.5 pts  
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Important Dates

- Letter of Intent: September 10, 2013
- Proposal submission deadline: October 4, 2013 (11:59 pm)
- Finalists’ presentations: October 20, 2013 (week of)
- Proposal selection: October 25, 2013
- Project start date: November 1, 2013
Thank You for Joining Us Today

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