

## 2017 FRTEP RFA Q&A

**Q: Are Indirect Costs allowable?**

A: No

**Q: What is the recommended award amount to be requested?**

A: Between \$60,000 and \$90,000. The average is currently \$81,000 and you can request whatever amount that your justification for implementation requires. NIFA's final number of awards and award amounts will be based on the 2017 FRTEP budget and the number of awards the peer review panel recommends.

**Q: Do we seek a new signed MOU if there is currently an existing MOU with a tribal government?**

A: An existing signed MOU is acceptable. But it should reflect the current program proposal. Updating an MOU with new Tribal councils is always a good idea – especially if there are resources involved or commitments made.

**Q: Is there a limit to the amount of letters of support that is allowable?**

A: There is no limit. Submit what will help justify the program and demonstrate sufficient buy-in to the program.

**Q: If there is a carry over, does it impact the proposed budget?**

A: No, it does not affect the budget request for the new application. Funds from the previous 2013 award (2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016) may still be expended and if the carryover will go past 30 June 2017 – the institution should notify NIFA of a no-cost extension of time through June 2018.

**Q: Will REEport need to be updated for the 2013 award?**

A: Yes, if the 2013 award is completed, a final report is required in REEport. If there will be carry over past 30 June, a progress report will be required in REEport. 2017 funds may be awarded but withheld pending completion of the 2013 reporting requirements.

**Q: If you plan on serving more than one Federally Recognized Tribe would you need MOUs and letters from each one?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Is it best to send one proposal for two major programs or two proposals?**

A: This decision is up to the PD and the applicant institution – either way is acceptable to NIFA.

**Q: Should the optional logic model include evaluation measures, which may cover some of the 4-year measurement of success, repeating what is stated in #9 of the narrative?**

A: The logic model's design is up to you but it can be used as another way to visualize parts of the narrative. Different planning models are acceptable.

**Q: Will a tribal resolution from a tribe suffice for an MOU? For example, if the tribe has voted to support the project.**

A: Stakeholder input from Indian Country advises that an MOU is a much stronger agreement and that new tribal governments can amend or reject resolutions. An MOU has signatures by all parties. An MOU with a tribal department is allowable as long as there is evidence that the tribal government received a copy of the MOU. If an MOU is not signed by the time of application submission, include the draft MOU and steps you have taken to get it signed. NIFA may withhold funding until all signatures are completed.

**Q: What is the difference between #8 and #9 in the narrative?**

A: #8 is the 'Annual Assessment' and is for the PD to conduct to make any changes or tweaks to programming – this will encourage changes to the program if change or tweaks are warranted. The narrative can be a simple explanation as to how you will do this and when – nothing need be reported on to NIFA unless goals and objectives change.

#9 is the 'Program 4-year Measurement of Success' which will require a performance measurement plan (or program evaluation plan) in the narrative on how program success is to be measured. This will lead to a final 4-year report to be put into REEport or submitted directly to the NPL at NIFA. A framework will be sent to all awarded PDs with sample measures of success (page 13 and 14 of the RFA) but can include additional measures if they fit the program objectives better.