

**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**

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**RFA Questions and Answers**

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**RFA#** A-387

**RFA Title:** Comprehensive Suicide Prevention (CSP)

**Addendum #1**

**Date:** August 20, 2021

**1. Do you accept QPR gatekeeper training?**

This funding cannot be used to pay for QPR gatekeeper training. You are not precluded from using QPR if it is funded through another stream, as it can complement the trainings (ASIST, Start) being supported by this grant.

**2. Can you talk more about CALM training?**

CALM stands for Counseling on Access to Lethal Means. This clinical training is approximately 3.5 hours in length and is appropriate for individuals who work with at-risk individuals. CALM trains service providers/gatekeepers to ask questions about whether the person has a suicide plan and/or method, and work with them and/or their families to develop a plan to limit their access to that method. A CALM workshop can teach about 30 individuals during one session.

The State of North Carolina is hosting 2 CALM Train-the-Trainers (in 2021 September and October), to ensure better access to CALM trainers statewide. Applicants need to consider trainer fees and travel in their budgets.

**3. On page 9 of the RFA it states, ‘hire 1 part time person’. Can you give more details? How many hours is part-time? Could we divvy up that position among current employees?**

Part-time is defined by your organization, but probably a minimum of 15 hours per week. If you already have someone on staff, it could be part of their Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).

**4. How many projects do you anticipate funding?**

Seven applicants will receive funding.

**5. CALM, START and or ASIST: will you be making those trainings available, or do we need to find open trainings?**

We will assist in various ways. Start is available online; you would go to the LivingWorks company and purchase licenses for your use. We are hosting two CALM T4T to create more CALM trainers across the state. We hope that this training will result in increased accessibility for communities. We will manage a list of CALM trainers so we can connect interested organizations with these trainers.

ASIST has the time requirement of two days, needs at least two trainers to conduct the training, and has specific space considerations. The Comprehensive Suicide Prevention team is available to help shepherd you through that process.

**6. If the funding is requested for one county, and that county served as the 'flagship' Gun Safety Team, would the funding support duplication and expansion of other Gun Safety Teams in other surrounding counties?**

Funding can be used to create and support the flagship GST. The flagship GST can provide technical assistance and support to other counties to create their own GST teams but cannot provide funds directly to those counties to support that work. Gun Safety Teams expanding into other counties to set up in new networks would ease the “lift” of one GST trying to serve surrounding counties.

**7. Can we use funds to send prospective ASIST trainers to a week-long ASIST T4T?**

After this question was asked, the CSP team discussed it. Applicants cannot use funds to send a person for an ASIST T4T. The considerations are that ASIST T4Ts are not commonly held locally, and it would probably necessitate sending someone out of state and that would incur additional costs like air fare, etc. (and may not be feasible during the pandemic).

The NC CSP Team is intending to organize and fund an ASIST T4T for grant recipients in the summer of 2022. Grant recipients will be able to send two people since ASIST trainings require two trainers to conduct.

**8. Are these funds separate from the community health block grant, do we need to be concerned about overlap?**

Funding is separate; do not be concerned about overlap. We encourage collaboration between the applicant and a Healthy Communities funded health department.

**9. Can we use funds for more salary or only the part time position?**

If you are covering a part time position, the funds need to go to that person. You typically can cover the salary for a supervisor up to 10%. Funds should primarily cover the staff person who is implementing the strategies. We can be flexible and consider covering other positions' time IF they are working on the CSP strategies. Be sure all necessary expenses are covered first before covering additional staff time.

**10. Was this webinar recorded?**

Yes, the recording of the Bidder's Conference slides and recording are posted online at: <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/A387.htm>

**11. Our organization's service area is state-wide, and we do not serve specific discrete counties. What should we do about a letter of support from local health departments?**

If your organization has interfaced with a Healthy Communities Block Grant funded local health department anywhere in the state within the last 5 years, please seek a letter of support from them.