

## Communities That Care RFA Question and Answer

1. **Question:** Can CTC be implemented within a certain group of focus (ie. American Indian youth) or does it need to focus on a broader community?

**Answer:** The CTC framework can be applied to various groups of varying sizes. The biggest concern would be the available resources of a specified, smaller group. It does take a number of folks to build the infrastructure to support the installation and then implementation of the five phases. So making sure there is enough people to do the work would be important.

2. **Question:** If a community has been doing some strategic planning and has done a community survey this past spring/summer can we use that survey for CTC or does it have to be the CTC Student Survey?

**Answer:** The CTC survey is the survey that would need to be used so you would need to survey the students again. This survey collects specific indicators around risk factors that aren't included in YRBS or Pride surveys.

3. **Question:** With it being a 2 year grant, do funds get to be used to carry out/implement prevention efforts (ie. Speaker/presenter on our focus area)?

**Answer:** The focus of this funding is to establish the CTC framework to build capacity in a community to carry out prevention efforts in the future. Funding is limited to CTC implementation, and is not eligible for activities like speakers or presenters.

4. **Question:** Do communities who receive this grant work at a similar pace?

**Answer:** There is a particular structure that is used in CTC to work through the framework. Communities work through the framework at their own pace, though the expectation is that communities will complete the 5 phases by the end of the two years.

5. **Question:** If my county is not listed in the 13 high-risk counties in the South Dakota Vulnerability Assessment including: Brown, Charles Mix, Corson, Buffalo, Dewey, Hughes, Lyman, Minnehaha, Pennington, Roberts, Oglala Lakota, Todd and Yankton, should I still consider applying?

**Answer:** All interested communities are encouraged to apply as we are not aware of who is all interested or who will apply.

6. **Question:** We would be developing a team, or board, to effectively implement CTC in our community, correct with 1 FTE added and covered by grant funding?

**Answer:** Yes

7. **Question:** Would that new employee be the point person on implementation for our county? Does it matter where that employee is housed?

**Answer:** Yes they would be the point person In general that employee should be integrated into the community and have an understanding of the community. As far as where their office is that does not matter as long as it is near the county/community.

8. **Question:** The application looks pretty short in comparison to other funding opportunities, am I missing something or is it really that compact?

**Answer:** This is a short application. We did this on purpose so that organizations that are not as familiar with the grant processes would not be deterred.

9. **Question:** How many board members should we find?

**Answer:** This will differ based on community but the CTC framework will help guide this.

Any questions about this funding opportunity can be submitted to [DOH.info@state.sd.us](mailto:DOH.info@state.sd.us) with the subject line "Communities That Care Question."