

Communities That Care RFA Question and Answer

1. **Question:** Can CTC be implemented within a certain group of focus (i.e. 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 individuals to build the infrastructure to support the installation and then implementation of the five phases. So, making sure there are 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 student 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 (i.e.. 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:** We would be developing a team, or board, to effectively implement CTC in our community; who would be the primary lead, what is their FTE and are they covered by the funding?

Answer: Yes, selected communities will work to develop a team or board to help implement the CTC process; however, there is usually one coordinator or facilitator that is funded at .5 to 1 FTE. This FTE is covered by the funding for the two years of the funding period.

6. **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, it is recommended that the individual/employee who is selected as the coordinator or facilitator is well integrated into the community and have an understanding of the community. As far as where their office is, it does not matter as long as it is near the county/community.

7. **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.

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

Answer: This will differ based on community, but the CTC framework will help guide this. Previous coalitions focused on including individuals from the 12 sectors of community. Ideally the individuals who comprise the community board should be broadly and diversely represented on the coalition through different backgrounds, and professions (education, law enforcement, service, non-profit, youth programming, etc.). Previous coalitions have found success with a community board of 15-20 people.

9. **Question:** I am not familiar with the CTC framework. Is there anyone who will help our community through the CTC framework and assist us in executing the survey, understanding the data, selecting interventions, and implementing them?

Answer: Yes. There are two CTC coaches, one East River and one West River, who will be working closely to assist selected communities in understanding each step of the CTC framework and process. They will be able to help lead meetings if needed and can help with finding additional resources. The State also partners with the Centers for Communities That Care for additional support as necessary.

10. **Question:** What should I expect after the 2-year funding period? Is there opportunity for extension?

Answer: There is an expectation for sustainability that is built upon by the community after the 2-year funding is complete. The goal is to create sustainable and lasting change through building the framework for prevention, and work to implement continued, tested and effective interventions, strategies, and programs. The coaches will work closely with each community throughout the 2 years and provide technical assistance, workshops, education, and programming to help build that capacity. You will also work together to identify future funding opportunities that would support continued efforts.

Any questions about this funding opportunity can be submitted to Corryn.Gabbert@state.sd.us with the subject line "Communities That Care Question."