



# 2023 Community Implementation Funding Q & A

A total of 20 questions have been received related to the Get Healthy SMC Request for Proposals. Responses have been categorized as [Eligibility](#), [Project Specific](#), [Evaluation](#), and [General](#). Please note that there was one question submitted that had multiple questions and the Q&A, in its entirety is presented in the General section. However, the response to the questions was also included under Eligibility and Project.

## Eligibility Q&A

	Questions	Answers
1.	With regard to the ineligibility for a “Program that already exists” — for organizations seeking a renewal of a project currently funded by the County of San Mateo, will these be considered if an “expansion of responsibilities” or significant growth of the program is proposed?	A proposer may submit a proposal for a program or a staff position that already exists if the proposal demonstrates significant expansion of responsibilities. Organizations that are currently funded by the County of San Mateo are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. There is currently no plan to renew contracts that were awarded GHSMC funds under the 2021 RFP process.
2.	Will an existing project or program currently being run by our organization qualify for this RFP or does it have to be new?	A Proposer may submit a proposal for an existing project. However, the proposal must exhibit a substantial expansion of the Project with the proposed GHSMC funding. See RFP proposer eligibility information on page 13.
3.	If we are receiving the GHSMC grant this year are we able to apply for funding this cycle as well?	All current GHSMC grant awardees are eligible to apply for this new round of funding. The 2021 GHSMC awarded contracts are scheduled to expire prior to the beginning of the 2023 GHSMC funding.
4.	I am an individual that has started a healthcare agency (formation in progress), do I qualify?	If the healthcare agency meets the criteria for SAM registration and has a SAM identification number, the agency should be eligible for proposal consideration.
5.	We are an LLC with a current contract with San Mateo County Health Dept and San Mateo County Office of education. Are we eligible to apply for this grant? We would serve schools and school districts in San Mateo County.	An LLC is eligible to apply for GHSMC.
6.	Can a foundation of a San Mateo County Department submit an application?	A foundation that has a separate Tax ID from San Mateo County and has a SAM ID is eligible to apply.
7.	We are in the process of applying for a SAM ID, and need to know if applying for the "Financial Assistance" will be sufficient for the purposes of this grant program, or do we need to apply for "All Awards", a more robust application that doesn't really pertain to the org. More importantly, if the SAM is in progress, will that be acceptable, or do we need to have the number in order to be reviewed and considered for funding?	Proposers may choose which type of SAM ID to apply for. The Financial Assistance option is sufficient for this grant application. Proposers are encouraged to apply for the SAM ID as soon as possible to ensure an ID number is included in the application. The ID number is needed to be considered for funding. However, given that the SAM ID requirement is new to the GHSMC funding requirement, if a proposer can show the SAM approval is in progress, the proposal will be reviewed and considered for funding. The SAM ID must be obtained prior to the contracting process.

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8.	We are in the process of going through the SAM registration process and it is taking longer than anticipated. Will we still be able to apply for this grant if our registration is in process or do we need to have a SAM number before applying?	The SAM ID number is needed to be considered for funding. However, given that the SAM ID requirement is new to the GHSMC funding requirement, if a proposer can show the SAM approval is in progress, the proposal will be reviewed and considered for funding. The SAM ID must be obtained prior to the contracting process.

## Project Specific Q&A

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1.	I am a little confused by your comment about multiple projects and your mention of activities. Is it correct to state our proposal should be for one project with up to 5 activities and then if we have other projects those would be submitted separately?	A proposer can choose to submit a proposal for one project or multiple projects. If a proposer chooses to submit for multiple projects, they must submit a separate application for each project. For example, if a proposer plans to submit for two projects, they must upload two different applications.
2.	Are these priority areas separate from the Healthy Housing, Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Schools, Healthy Economy priority areas, or have they replaced them?	The four priority areas mentioned have not been replaced. These priorities were identified through the GHSMC strategic planning process. The plan developed and the priorities identified were for the period 2015-2020. The plan has not been updated since 2020, due to the COVID pandemic. Therefore, the priorities for this Request for Proposals (RFP) align with the priority areas but also considers learnings, strategies, and priorities identified during the last two years.
3.	Will there be one grantee for each of these areas?	The intent is that there will be one grantee for each Project area. However, depending on applications received, there could be more than one grantee funded for a Project area.
4.	Does the program we propose need to be limited to the cities whose Neighborhood Action Plan we align with or can we serve all of San Mateo County?	Yes, proposals for Project C: Community Collaboration for Children's Success must be aligned with one of the cities Daly City, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks/Redwood City, or South San Francisco. Proposals do not have to be limited to one of the cities but must include one of the cities and identified strategies from an existing Neighborhood Action Plan.
5.	For Community Collaboration for Children's Success, do we need to identify only one city and strategy to target or can our project include services in more than one city and/or more than one strategy per city?	Proposals can be submitted that have more than one strategy or service based on the Neighborhood Action Plan. The intent is for the Project to focus on one city, but a proposal that includes more than one city will not be excluded from review.
6.	Are organizations able to submit responses for multiple project areas?	Yes, proposers may submit a proposal for more than one Project. A separate proposal is required for each Project.

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7.	Do educational enrichment classes focused on underrepresented youth qualify on their own?	Yes, enrichment classes focused on underrepresented youth qualify for Restorative Justice Practice projects. This could be a good venue to support restorative practices. However, proposers are encouraged to highlight how their proposed project can lead to policy or systems change. Including details on policy or systems change activities will strengthen one's proposal.

## Evaluation Q&A

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1.	Thank you for sharing the evaluation criteria. Can you say more about Project Impact? For example, when you say "Extent to which project advances health equity in a particularly impacted population i.e. low-income residents, people of color, seniors, underserved children and youth, and/or people with disabilities"... will you also be evaluating the number of people reached by the project? Is the preference for proposals that have more of a countywide reach?	The Project Impact will take into account potential to advance health equity on a particular population, potential reach, etc. However, there is not a preference for a countywide reach. The hope is that proposers submit a plan that makes most sense for the Project area. For example, Civic Engagement activities may be focused on a very particular population (e.g., youth in North Fair Oaks) with information to support why this approach is being proposed. A proposer may submit an application for Resident Engagement Collaborative that includes a plan to have representatives from across the county.

## General Q&A

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1.	Good afternoon - I was wondering if this webinar will be recorded and shared later?	Yes, the webinar will be recorded and shared later this week. An email was sent to all webinar registrants on 1/10/23. The <a href="https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding">webinar recording</a> and <a href="https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding">presentation</a> are now available at <a href="https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding">https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding</a> .
2.	I'm writing to see if there is a recording available from the GHSMC RFP webinar from yesterday, January 9, 2023, and if so, where I might be able to find it. Additionally, would it be possible for you to share the names of organizations or individuals who attended? We are interested in potentially partnering with another organization for our application, so this information would be very helpful if it's possible.	The <a href="https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding">webinar recording</a> and <a href="https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding">presentation</a> are now available at <a href="https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding">https://www.gethealthysmc.org/community-implementation-funding</a> .  We are not allowed to provide the names of organizations or individuals who attended the webinar.

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3.	On the webinar you mentioned there would be a specific maximum word count for each section of the funding proposal. If this is the case, can you please let us know where to find this information? Thank you.	Each section has a different word count imbedded in the template. The word count ranges from 15 for simple answers to 5,000 for each section of the Project Justification. Unfortunately, the template does not allow you to specifically see where the word count limits are in the application. The word count has been modeled after previous proposals received; therefore, we believe there is enough space for proposers to succinctly respond to the application sections. If a proposer reaches the maximum limit, we recommend modifying the response.
4.	I'm writing on behalf of a 501c3 non-profit organization based in East Palo Alto that works to provide communities of color with the Mindsets, Skills, and Access they need to succeed in the innovation economy.	
4a.	Do educational enrichment classes focused on underrepresented youth qualify on their own?	Yes, enrichment classes focused on underrepresented youth qualify for Restorative Justice Practice projects. This could be a good venue to support restorative practices. However, proposers are encouraged to highlight how their proposed project can lead to policy or systems change. Including details on policy or systems change activities will strengthen one's proposal.
4b.	Is there any data beyond academic achievement and behavioral improvement that is helpful to San Mateo County?	As it pertains to the Restorative Justice Priority area, there are social emotional indicators included on the California Healthy Kids Survey, such as connectedness and substance use are important data points that may be considered.
4c.	Are organizations able to submit responses for multiple project areas?	Yes, proposers may submit a proposal for more than one Project. A separate proposal is required for each Project.
4d.	Will an existing project or program currently being run by our organization qualify for this RFP or does it have to be new?	A Proposer may submit a proposal for an existing project. However, the proposal must exhibit a substantial expansion of the Project with the proposed GHSMC funding. See RFP proposer eligibility information on page 13.