



**Workforce Education and Training
Networks to Support Public Mental Health System Workforce
With Lived Experience
RFA #14-5440 Questions and Answers**

Question 1: On page six and seven of the Request for Application (RFA), can you clarify the fund limits for both indirect costs and financial assistance. Does the RFA mean 15 percent separately or 15 percent combined?

Answer: For this RFA, there are two major budget categories which include direct program costs and indirect program costs. As described in page 19 of the RFA, financial assistance falls under the direct program costs budget category. Financial assistance cannot exceed 15 percent of this direct program costs budget category. Indirect Costs are the second budget category which cannot exceed 15 percent of the total proposal budget.

Question 2: Can proposals include existing programs which will be strengthened or expanded in services to engage and support individuals with lived experience or must the proposed programs be newly created within the existing system?

Answer: An existing or newly created program may be eligible as long as the minimum qualifications stated on page four of the RFA are satisfied. The minimum qualifications outline that applications are requested from any public (including County), private, and/or non-profit organizations including faith-based and community based organizations that are: (i) able to identify and work in partnership with one or more Public Mental Health System (PMHS) employers including counties, community-based organizations, others, and (ii) able to complete the activities as described in the purpose and description of services.