

## Perinatal Safe Zone RFP: Questions & Answers

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- **How did you incorporate the voices of women of color in the development of this Request for Proposals?**  
A report by the [Maternal Health Equity Collaborative](#) helped inform our work. Once available, you may review this report by visiting the [Research + Insights page](#) in the St. David's Foundation website.
- **Is the Foundation seeking applications from all parties in a collaboration, or a single application from the lead agency?**  
Either of those. The rationale is to provide an alternative to having only one single applicant (the lead applicant), hold most of the power in the collaboration. In the spirit of equalizing power among partners, if you work in a collaboration where you equally share power with your collaborators, then each of the organizations may apply independently. All organizations will be considered as a cluster for funding. In one of the application questions, you will be asked to state the shared goal of the collaboration and how your organization contributes toward that shared goal.
- **What are the maximum request amounts for implementation and planning grants?**  
Planning grants may have a budget of up to \$25,000. Implementation grants may have a budget of up to \$150,000.
- **If we are a first-time applicant, how do we create an account to get started?**  
There is a "+ How to Apply" menu in the main [RFP information page](#), as well as a link from within the full RFP description document, that takes you to a "[Click here to apply](#)" button. Click there to reach the submission portal. In the *Please Sign In* landing page, there is a "New Applicant?" button. Click there and you will be prompted to start a new profile and a new application. If you have any technical problems with account creating, email Vane Rocha at [vrocha@stdaidsfoundation.org](mailto:vrocha@stdaidsfoundation.org).
- **Do you accept collaborations that involve a public/private collaboration?**  
Yes, however the main applicant in that case would need to be a nonprofit. In the application, please indicate the role of the private entity.
- **As an independent practitioner, I would like to collaborate with other practitioners. Would it be better to use a fiscal sponsor, or to reach out to an established nonprofit to work in collaboration?**  
It depends on whether you, as an independent practitioner, already have access to the population you want to serve. If yes, then a fiscal sponsor would make sense. If not, then working with an already established nonprofit that has access to the population you want to serve may be better (through a collaboration or asking if they would serve as a fiscal sponsor). Partnering with an established organization will help you access the population you want to serve.
- **Can we apply for a planning and implementation grant in one proposal? Or do you prefer that we apply in stages?**  
If you need time for planning, please consider applying for a planning grant. Once the workplan is completed, we will consider that as a separate implementation proposal for funding in 2022.

- **Does applying as a collaboration limit the amount each organization in the collaboration can receive? (Compared to if the individual organization was applying without the collaboration).**

If you are part of a collaboration, then the budget of your contribution should reflect the scope of work of your contribution. The upper limit for funding any individual project is \$150,000.

- **If an organization has multiple programs, what is the best way to apply?**

If you already have a workplan for your initiative, consider applying for an implementation grant. If there are elements of the work that are not quite gelled, and you need time or perhaps need to work with a consultant to be able to figure out the elements of that project, then consider applying for a planning grant.

- **Will funded organizations be required to work on all priority areas, individually or in collaboration?**

Your proposal does not need to address all priority areas.

- **Is there a preferred/priority population?**

The focus population for this funding opportunity is low-income women and women of color due to the worse maternal mortality and morbidity outcomes. Because St. David's Foundation is zooming out to include the larger pre-pregnancy period, age is not restricted.

- **Is the Perinatal Safe Spot certification required or just alignment with those principles?**

The Perinatal Safe Spot certification will not be required. Applicants will have the opportunity to become certified through the learning collaborative associated with this process.

- **Can you do both a planning grant first and then an implementation grant? What is the timeframe for both planning and implementation?**

If you need time for planning, please consider applying for a Planning grant. Once the workplan is completed, (the deliverable from a planning grant) can become an application for an implementation grant. We will consider deliverables from planning grants as a separate implementation proposal for funding in 2022.

- **What is the start date for projects?**

At this time, we anticipate funding will begin on September 1, 2021.

- **Will there be a separate RFP for the convener of the learning collaborative?**

No. More details will be provided once a convener of the learning collaborative is contracted.

- **Could you send a list of everyone who registered for the call - which would facilitate collaboration?**

That list will be provided to all those who "Opted In" at registration for the info session meeting.

- **Do you have scoring metrics for proposals?**

The rubric may be accessed [here](#).

- **Where can we catch the replay of the May 11 Information Session?**

The recording of the Info session meeting can be accessed [here](#).