

## IMPLICIT Grant Questions & Answers

**Question:** Please provide a link to the grant announcement published in either the MN State Register or the SWIFT system. I did not see a posting on either state contract resource yet.

**Answer:** The State Register is optional and we have elected not to post the IMPLICIT Grant to it. Additionally, the Minnesota Department of Health does not utilize the SWIFT contract/grant option in SWIFT.

**Question:** Do you anticipate a delay in the response deadline given the COVID-19 response requirements ongoing statewide?

**Answer:** At this time, we do not have an extension for the deadline of this Request for Proposals. If we get closer to the deadline and feel it is appropriate to extend the deadline, we will reach out to those who submitted a notice of intent to inform them of the extension and post the changed deadline on the RFP website.

**Question:** What is the funding source for these grant funds- Federal Title V, HRSA, CDC, MN state funds, private foundation or other source of funding? This is helpful for knowing additional reporting and implementation requirements.

**Answer:** This grant is funded by MN state birth defects prevention funds. There are no additional reporting and implementation requirements that are not specified in the RFP.

**Question:** Given patient privacy laws, does this project require documentation of participation in patient records and IRB review or is this considered a public health and quality improvement project under HIPAA?

**Answer:** According to the National IMPLICIT Network staff, most implementation sites have needed to complete IRB review initially; however, not all sites have been required to renew approval as it has been considered minimal risk and a quality improvement project. The IMPLICIT Network can provide examples to the grantee. Overall, since it is considered quality improvement, IRB has not limited anything.

**Question:** What kind of data will be in REDCap that MDH would like the recruited clinics to track?

**Answer:** The REDCap data will be based off what is required for IMPLICIT Network members to submit to the National IMPLICIT Network. This includes maternal demographic data and information from screening questions adopted by the clinic sites as they implement IMPLICIT – for instance, smoking status, depression scores, and contraception status.

**Question:** In Table 2 of the RFP, it says that the due date for non-health centers only: Subcontract with clinics is February 15, 2025. Wouldn't the subcontract need to be in place long before that?

**Answer:** The deadline for this deliverable was set for February 15, 2025 to allow flexibility to the applicants in developing timelines for rolling out this project. Some subcontracts would need to start well before then; however, the grantee may establish the fifth subcontract (if the grantee ends up having separate subcontracts for five clinics not in the same health system) as late as February 15, 2025.

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**Question:** The RFP says that MDH will coordinate logistics for the annual IMPLICIT Network training for clinic sites. What does that coordination include (e.g., meeting space, outreach, travel coordination, others)?

**Answer:** Coordination for the annual IMPLICIT Network training includes reaching out to IMPLICIT Network staff to set the date for the training, securing the meeting space, catering the training, and assisting with set-up. The grantee will be responsible for coordinating with clinic sites.

**Question:** How much of MDH staff (FTE) will be dedicated to this project for technical assistance?

**Answer:** Several MDH staff will be able to provide a combined 0.4 FTE to technical assistance for this project. Technical assistance will also be provided by the National IMPLICIT Network as needed.

**Question:** The Application Checklist lists the MDH Indirect Cost Questionnaire. How does one access this questionnaire?

**Answer:** I will add this to the website. It was an oversight that it wasn't included in the RFP.