



## Questions & Answers – APS Collaborative Research for Cooperative Resilience (CR<sup>2</sup>)

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- 1) **Confirming that only a 7-page Concept Paper (Section E) is required by July 7, not the full technical/cost proposal (Section F)?**
  - a. Correct, July 7, 2020 is the deadline for the concept paper, accompanied by an initial budget estimate.
- 2) **Could the CDO propose a start date later than August 2020? IE starting a new activity under FY21 – October 2020 running through Oct. 2021.**
  - a. Proposals must reflect activity dates starting in the current fiscal year, FY20. Activities can continue through FY21.
- 3) **While the expected amount is 50K for 1 year, is it reasonable to expect that additional funding will be available in subsequent years for extensions or multi-year research? Should the concept paper describe ideas for subsequent years and/or additional funding?**
  - a. OCDC RG is seeking proposals for research that have near-term outcomes. Depending on the promise of those outcomes, OCDC may at its discretion consider additional funding.
- 4) **If multiple CDOs or other partners are collaborating on a proposal, can they each expect up to \$50K each (i.e. 2 organizations = 100K)? Related, if CDOs (or other partners) are collaborating does the RG expect to issue individual awards or a parent award to one organization who should then issue sub-awards.**
  - a. There is no set amount for each grant to be awarded. Concepts will be judged and valued based on their merit. The figure provided in the RFP is a guideline.
  - b. Each CDO applying must determine, depending on the nature of the research and the collaboration, the most practicable and cost-effective approach.
    - i. OCDC is open to considering well-conceived concepts that contemplate a single award to a lead organization, which would then sub-award work to partners.
    - ii. OCDC is open to considering well-conceived concepts for programmatic collaboration in which CDOs would receive individual awards for a jointly-developed collaborative activity in which the participating CDOs each

have a discrete area of responsibility with outcomes that contribute to the outcomes of the collaborating partners and the project as a whole

- iii. OCDC is open to considering well-conceived concepts from individual CDOs that include elements of collaboration, but do not include direct collaboration on the research itself.

**5) Are applicants allowed to submit concept notes for over \$50K? Is there an award maximum?**

- a. OCDC provided \$50,000 as a guideline and it is the estimated average award size that OCDC anticipates under this APS. Each concept note will be reviewed on its own merits. Proposed budget estimates can be more than \$50,000.