Assessing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in PA’s Criminal Justice System

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About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the 2022 Assessing R/ED in Pennsylvania’s Criminal Justice System funding announcement and application process, which opened on 05/27/2022 Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through 07/12/2022.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov with ‘Assessing R/ED in PA’s Criminal Justice System’ in the subject line.
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1. Application Process

a) Is there a page limit for the proposal? Either per section or overall?

Answer: No. Applications must be completed in PCCD’s Egrants System. Each section has a 3,000 character limit, including spaces.

b) Does the example of previous work need to be original work conducted by the applying entity or could it be work that was done by one of the key project personnel outside of the entity?

Answer: The example of previous work should be work conducted by the applying entity or work done by key project personnel while contracted under/employed by the applicant if they are intended to work as key personnel for 2022 Assessing R/ED in PA’s Criminal Justice System project.

2. Data Analysis

a) On page 4 the RFP states that PCCD will provide state-wide data for the front-end baseline analysis (arrest through sentencing) but it also indicates that entities need to identify available datasets. Then again on page 6 it states that PCCD will only provide data on case/disposition/sentence records from the AOPC. Is there also going to be a necessary data collection piece from jurisdictions to obtain the arrest data? Is there any statutory requirement for jurisdictions to cooperate with data collection through the selected contractor or with PCCD?

Answer: PCCD has existing partnerships with jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth and will work closely with the chosen contractor entity to engage selected jurisdictions in a comprehensive data collection and analysis.

c) On page 5 at the end of section 2 and under Objective 1 the RFP states this is a cooperative agreement- what kind of resources does PCCD/IUP anticipate being able to bring to bear on this work? Research capabilities? Dedicated staff?

Answer: PCCD will obtain front-end quantitative data from AOPC and support the selected contractor entity in analyzing that data.

d) On page 5, you mention the selected applicant will work with contracted research/data analysts within IUP. Will the work of IUP have a budgetary impact on the selected entity? What is the expectation of contribution from IUP and other staff involved in the project?

Answer: The work of IUP is to have no budgetary impact on the selected entity. PCCD/IUP will work closely with the chosen entity during all phases of the project to analyze data, engage counties for further analysis, and provide other supports deemed necessary to complete this project.
e) For the qualitative analysis, has the PCCD already identified potential counties or is the selection process determined by the grantee?

**Answer:** PCCD has not identified potential counties to conduct its qualitative analysis. We anticipate the quantitative analysis will help inform the selection process of counties to participate in the qualitative research phase.

### 3. Other Questions

a) The project dates list a start date of 10/1/22 with an end date of 9/30/23 with “funding beyond the one-year project period should not be anticipated.” Would this qualify as precluding no-cost extensions due to any unforeseen delays?

**Answer:** No cost extension requests could be considered, however, it is expected that work will be completed by 09/30/23.