REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

Community-Driven Behavioral Health Initiative (CDBHI) Grant Program

ADDENDUM NO. 1

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Funding Agency:
California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Third Party Administrator / Technical Assistance Provider:
California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS)

Overview

This Addendum No. 1 amends the CDBHI Request for Applications (RFA) issued September 15, 2026 (Version 1.0) and Appendix 1 (Application Form and Checklist). The amendments are summarized below. The full revised language is in the RFA and Appendix 1, Version 2.0, posted on the CDBHI webpage. Conforming updates have been made to Appendix 4 (Budget and Narrative Template) and the Qualtrics application. Applicants should read the cited sections in full. If an amended Version 2.0 section conflicts with Version 1.0, Version 2.0 controls.

All other RFA terms, requirements, and dates remain unchanged. **The application deadline remains November 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.**

Questions about this Addendum should be submitted to CDBHI@cibhs.org. Applicants are encouraged to check the CDBHI webpage regularly for FAQs and addenda.

Summary of Amendments	
Amendment	**Where to Find It**
1. Community-Based Organization (CBO) definition. Adds CDPH's definition of a Community-Based Organization from the BHSA Population-Based Prevention Program Final Plan and clarifies that the definition does not expand the eligible entity types.	• **RFA:** Section B.6.1, Eligible Applicants
2. Pending California registration filings. An otherwise eligible applicant with a required California Secretary of State or Attorney General Registry of Charitable Trusts filing awaiting agency processing may submit a copy of the filing and evidence of submission instead of final status documentation. The filing must have been submitted no later than the date the applicant submits its CDBHI application and within the applicable agency filing deadline, including any valid extension. This option does **not** apply to IRS 501(c)(3) recognition, which must be in place by the application deadline, or to organizations that are suspended, revoked, delinquent, or otherwise legally ineligible. All required filings must be accepted or approved, and registration and legal status verified, before an award is finalized or any agreement authorizing work is executed.	• **RFA:** Section B.6.2, Legal Status and Registration Requirements, including the new "Pending California Registration Filings" provision; Section B.6.5, Good Standing Requirements • **Appendix 1:** Section A.1, Secretary of State and Attorney General status fields; Application Checklist • **Qualtrics:** Section A.1
3. Fiscal sponsor identifiers. Adds required fields for the fiscal sponsor's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), Federal Tax ID (EIN), and entity type.	• **Appendix 1:** Section A.6, Fiscal Sponsor or Formal Collaborative / Lead-Applicant Arrangement • **Qualtrics:** Section A.6 (enter entity type in the text box provided)
4. Question 5.4 word limit. Corrects the Qualtrics word limit for Question 5.4, Staffing and Qualifications, from 600 to 500 words, consistent with Appendix 1. Question 5.5 remains at 600 words.	• **Qualtrics:** Question 5.4 • **Appendix 1:** Question 5.4, no change

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5. Fiscal sponsor CBO eligibility. A nonprofit fiscal sponsor must hold its own 501(c)(3) recognition and meet all legal-status and good-standing requirements. The fiscal sponsor may demonstrate community-based characteristics through a sponsored project where the application and sponsorship documentation establish that the project operates as part of the sponsor's charitable programs and under its legal responsibility and oversight. An internal sponsored project does not need separate 501(c)(3) recognition. A separate entity receiving a lower-tier subaward must still independently meet the RFA eligibility requirements. Applicants must clearly distinguish the sponsor's qualifications from the sponsored project's experience.	• **RFA:** Section B.6.3, Fiscal Sponsors; cross-reference in Section B.6.1 • **Appendix 1:** Section A.1 instructions; Section A.6 instructions; Section 5 instructions for Questions 5.1–5.3; Application Checklist, IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter • **Qualtrics:** Sections A.1, A.6, and 5
6. Indirect cost base. Applicants without a current federally negotiated rate may charge indirect costs of up to 15 percent of the total award amount, inclusive of indirect costs. For example, indirect costs may not exceed $150,000 on a total award of $1,000,000. The federal modified total direct cost (MTDC) base and its exclusions do not apply to this calculation. Indirect costs above 15 percent of the total award amount will not be approved for an applicant that does not have a current federally negotiated rate agreement.	• **RFA:** Section E.5, Administrative and Indirect Costs • **Appendix 1:** Section 8.1, Funding Request (Indirect Cost Basis) • **Appendix 4:** Budget and Narrative Template instructions • **Qualtrics:** Section 8.1

Applications Submitted Before This Addendum

Applicants that submitted an application before this Addendum was issued and that are affected by Amendment 2, 3, 5, or 6 may contact CDBHI@cibhs.org no later than November 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for instructions on providing the additional information or a limited clarification. This process does not permit any other change to a submitted application.