

OIB RFP Questions

Q1: Where can I find the most recent Kansas census for this report? On page 17.

A1: Census information was not referenced in the RFP. However, you can find census data at this website: <https://www.census.gov/>

Q2: From page 12, please further define “use of comparable benefits” in the context of this RFP.

A2: As stated on page 10 of the RFP, comparable benefits are defined as services provided or paid for, in whole or in part, by other entities. Comparable benefit options should be used prior to expending OIB funds as long as the comparable benefit is readily available to meet the consumer’s needs.

Q3: Regarding the Assistive Technology requirement, what qualifies as Assistive Technology? Will KRS require an application process for all technology that is distributed, even for low cost items such as boldly lined paper, raised marking dots, etc.?

A3: Assistive technology device means any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of an individual with a disability. Assistive technology service means any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. A specific assistive technology application is not required. However, it is required to document that each consumer is eligible for OIB services and to track the distribution of devices and expenditures for both devices and services. Low cost items mentioned in the question (lined paper and raised marking dots) are considered to be supplies.

Q4: From page 7, under “Allowable Uses of Funds” the RFP states that the applicant must successfully communicate a comprehensive approach to providing the full scope of OIB services. Would making referrals to other providers (for transportation, as an example) be sufficient to meet this requirement? Or are applicants required to include sub-contacting funds into their budget request to provide all of the services?

A4: Yes, making referrals to other service providers is encouraged under the comparable benefits expectations of the RFP. See Question 2. Whether through direct services, referrals to service providers or sub-contracts for specific services such as Orientation and Mobility training, the proposal must clearly define how the full scope of OIB services will be delivered.

Q5: Would KRS please provide the number of OIB consumers served by county in 2016?

A5: OIB CONSUMERS BY COUNTY - FFY 2016 (OCT 2015 - SEPT 2016)

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL # CONSUMERS</u>
ALLEN	3
ATCHISON	2
BARTON	1
BOURBON	1
BROWN	1
BUTLER	7
CHASE	1
CHEROKEE	1
CLOUD	1
COFFEY	1
COWLEY	3
CRAWFORD	2
DICKINSON	12
DONIPHAN	1
DOUGLAS	10
ELLIS	6
FINNEY	5
FORD	23
FRANKLIN	26
GEARY	1
GRANT	2
GRAY	1
GREENWOOD	2
HARPER	1
HARVEY	13
HODGEMAN	4
JACKSON	2
JOHNSON	65
KEARNEY	2
KINGMAN	1
LABETTE	1
LANE	1
LEAVENWORTH	3
LYON	6

MARION	3
MARSHALL	3
MCPHERSON	1
MIAMI	2
MORRIS	2
NEMAHA	1
NESS	4
NORTON	2
OSAGE	3
OSBORNE	1
PAWNEE	1
POTTAWATOMIE	2
PRATT	3
RENO	29
RILEY	8
SALINE	3
SCOTT	1
SEDGWICK	100
SHAWNEE	33
STEVENS	2
SUMNER	1
WASHINGTON	2
WILSON	1
WYANDOTTE	117

Q6: The budget sheet only includes space for “Personnel and Fringe Benefits.” There doesn’t appear to be other budget sheets within the workbook for any other allowable expenses (mileage, supplies, etc.). It looks like those sheets may have been left off?

A6: Yes, it appears the version posted with the original RFP was missing the other worksheets. This has since been fixed. Please be sure to use the corrected version now posted online for your proposal.

Q7: We are in the process of completing the FOCUS grant application. If we decide to add 2 more counties is there a chance that we could get an increase in the grant allotment. We were thinking approx. \$5K more. That would make a total of 7 counties. Those counties would include Marion and Kingman counties.

A7: Each proposal will be evaluated on its merits, impact and cost effectiveness.

Q8: The OIB program, authorized under Title VII Chapter 2 of the Rehabilitation Act, provides funding to community not-for-profit or faith-based organizations for outreach and individualized independent living services for persons.... 55 or older who are blind and visually impaired. Can we stipulate that it is for persons 55 or older who are in financial need?

A8: No, this is not permitted.

Q9: Under allowable uses of funds, #2: the provision of eye glasses. We do not provide prescription glasses, only Max TV glasses and magnifiers. Are we allowed to change to... the provision of eye glasses (not including prescription glasses) and other visual aids?

A9: The allowable uses of funds on page 7 of the RFP lists the services authorized under federal OIB regulations. Proposals should address the provision of the full scope of services and use of comparable benefits.

Q10: Attachment B - D. Counties Served/Number Served – How does expanding the service area (number of counties/population served) impact the amount of grant dollars awarded?

A10: See Question 7.

Q11: Attachment B - H. Grant Project Cost/Budget Requests – Is this only for service provider positions or is it to include management and administrative personnel?

A11: All reimbursable expenses must meet the grant requirements and be compliant with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, commonly referred to as the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Super Circular http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl

Q12: Project Budget – After grant is awarded and during grant periods, may requests for line item reallocation be considered? For instance, may funds be moved from windshield time to direct consumers services if we find windshield time will not be entirely used?

A12: Please refer to: <http://dcfnet.dcf.ks.gov/Ops/GC/Documents/GRANT.MANUAL-GRANTEE-Version1.1.pdf>
Requests for reimbursement must be limited to those expenditures made consistent with the provisions of the NOGA. Grantee Agencies may expend funds up to 10% over each line item, as long as the Total Grant Budget is not exceeded. Any expenditure over 10% of each line item must be pre-approved via a Revision Request Form (OGC-1008) before they are requested for reimbursement. For more information, see Section VII–Revisions and Amendments

Q13: Project Design – Could you please clarify or define what “cultural competence” means?

A13: Cultural competence requires that organizations have a defined set of values and principles, and demonstrate behaviors, attitudes, policies, and structures that enable them to work effectively cross-culturally.

Q14: Award Amount and Length – How and when are we notified of grant awards for years 2 and 3? Beyond meeting all the reporting requirements on pp 14-15 of the RFP, what is required to continue the funding in years 2 and 3?

A14: Program staff will work with awarded grantees within a few months prior to the expiration of the first term to discuss renewal options for the second and third year. That will be determined at the time of renewal discussions.