



Responses to 2024 Research RFP Questions

1. Is coverage of salary permitted in the budget?

- Yes, salaries of research team members should be included in the budget. This includes fair wages for graduate students who may be contributing to your project, as capacity building for researchers in the gun-violence prevention field is a core principle of this RFP.

2. What is the difference between direct and indirect budget categories? Are management costs direct or indirect costs?

- Direct costs are expenses incurred related to the production of goods and services. For these research projects, direct costs can include researcher salaries, participant stipends, travel, open access journal fee, analytics software, etc. Indirect costs are related to general operations or business needs, of which these projects are not the sole beneficiary. These costs can include office rent, internet, or office supplies. Management costs would typically be indirect costs.

The Fund for a Safer Future caps indirect costs at 10% of the project budget.

3. My organization has a federally approved negotiated indirect cost rate agreement – are we able to apply this rate to this project, or are we still limited to the 10% in indirect costs?

- The Fund for a Safer Future has a 10% indirect cost policy that is non-negotiable. As a donor collaborative with limited resources, the Fund prefers to dedicate as much of its resources as possible to direct research costs.

4. Are organizations able to submit more than one application if the projects are distinct from one another?

- Yes, organizations and PIs may submit more than one application for distinct projects. It is unlikely that multiple projects from the same organization would be chosen as grantees. PIs may only have one active grant with the Fund for a Safer Future at a time, in our effort to diversify the pool of researchers working in the field.

5. Is there a specific format that the budget should be in?

- No, there is no specific format for the budget, so long as it lists the major budget categories, dollar amounts for those categories, and a total. In the full proposal stage, a template will be provided that applicants have the option of using for their full budget.

6. Should project milestones be included in the timeline, or is the project start and end date sufficient at this stage?

- At this stage, the project start and end dates are sufficient for the Fund to understand the scope and timing of your project. For the proposal stage, applicants will be expected to provide a project timeline that details activities and milestones over the course of the project. If invited to the proposal stage, you may change your project start and end dates, so long as they meet the requirements of the Fund (starting work by January 2025 and concluding within 3 years).



7. Does having another funding source disqualify my project from consideration?

- Projects with other funding will not be disqualified, but the Fund prefers supporting important, relevant projects that may not otherwise be implemented without support from the Fund.

**8. Will a proposal to support dissemination of research, rather than research directly, be considered?
Will a proposal for research into crime and violence (not specific to gun violence) be considered?**

- No, unfortunately these would be out of scope for this RFP. Dissemination of research and reduction of violence are vitally important to the Fund, but the intent of this RFP is to fund research into what works to prevent firearm related death, injury, harm, trauma, and promote healing.

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