

Los Angeles County Abortion Safe Haven Program RFP and Application FAQ:

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Current grantees:

Q: For those who are currently funded in the 2023-2025 funding cycle, can funds for the new cycle (2025-2027) be used as an extension of the work we are currently doing?

A: Current Los Angeles County Abortion Safe Haven program grantees who are interested in applying for additional funding should prioritize and demonstrate the ways in which their project application for 2025-2027 is a continuation and expansion of the work currently funded through 2025 (Cohort 1).

Q: This application requires that we expand upon past work. Could you give some examples of projects that would qualify for Cohort 3?

A: Cohort 3 projects should show refinement and adjustment to prioritize the elements of your Cohort 1 project that have had the intended impact during the funding period.

We encourage taking a “lessons learned” approach and adjusting scope, goals, and activities to match the current landscape and successes of your Cohort 1 project. For instance: a key neighborhood or community prioritized in your Cohort 1 project no longer faces the same barriers. In response, the emphasis of your Cohort 3 proposal may no longer be as geographically specific. Applicants should explain the evolution of project goals and emphasize the need based on your experience in Cohort 1.

Eligibility:

Q: My organization received funds in Cohort 1. We’ve requested a No Cost Extension and still want to apply for Cohort 3. Are we eligible? If so, what happens next?

A: Yes. You are eligible to apply if you have funds remaining. The way we process that extension will vary based on whether or not your application for the 3rd RFP cycle is selected for additional funding. Details for each scenario are included below:

If you plan to apply for Cohort 3, your organization’s official No Cost Extension will be processed after all Cohort 3 funding decisions have been made.

If awarded funds for Cohort 3:

- *Your organization will be issued a "Letter of Intent" indicating that we intend to fund you for Cohort 3. The final award amount and contract extension amendment are contingent*

upon receipt of final reports from Cohort 1 on 4/30/25. (The remaining funds will be added to your Cohort 3 award.)

- *Upon final report review, we will process contract amendments for your Cohort 1 contract to reflect additional funding through Cohort 3 and (if relevant) updated program objectives.*

If not selected for Cohort 3:

- *Your organization will be notified of the funding decision and issued a letter allowing additional time to spend down your grant funds – a formal contract amendment will follow.*

Your organization will still need to submit financial and program reports for Cohort 1 by 4/30/25, as per your current contract.

- *There will be a flat 6 month No Cost Extension (NCE). If there are still funds remaining at the end of the 6 month NCE you may request an additional extension within 30 days of the end-of-extended contract. These will be processed and approved on an individual basis.*

Q: My organization applied for a LASH grant in the past but was not funded. Is my organization still eligible?

A: No. Cohort 3 is only open to those organizations that received funding during Cohort 1.

Budget:

Q: If we have partners joining us, do you need copies of their budgets too or is it just the applicant's info that you need?

A: Applications that include partnerships do not need to submit individual budgets for each partner. The primary applicant organization should include line items for funding to be allocated to the partner(s) in their project budgets and descriptions of the partnership(s) in their application narrative. Agreements for funded projects will be between Essential Access and the lead applicant.

Q: How similar are the financial reporting requirements/ process compared to Title X funding?

A: There will be interim financial reports based on the project's final approved budget. These reports will be used to track project spending as a whole and based on the line items identified in the final approved project budget.

Q: Would consultant fees be an eligible expense?

A: Yes, consultant fees are eligible expenses per program guidelines.

Q: We have multiple fringe levels – how should we reflect this in our budgets?

A: Please create multiple “fringe benefits” lines with a description of which staff members it applies to. You may use the narrative sections of the budget template to explain the reason for the multiple fringe rates.

Q: We want to submit a proposal for a 2- year project. How should we do this with the budget template?

A: Please submit 1 budget proposal reflecting the entire project period – in this case, 2 years (24 months). If your project is selected for funding, budget modifications may be requested at any point within the contract period

Partnerships:

Q: Can an organization be part of multiple proposals? If we are partnering with other organization(s) on a project, is OK to name that work in multiple proposals, as long as we are keeping costs separate and not double charging? We would clearly articulate our organization’s specific role in that project.

A: Yes, organizations may be part of multiple proposals and describe their work as it pertains to multiple proposals. Applicants should clearly delineate the work, costs, and goals as they pertain to each proposed project.