

## **Questions and Answers for PROPEL Health RFA-PROPEL-2024-FP-Advocacy-01**

*Applying revised RAPID model and FP advocacy toolkit*

Applications Due:	17 January 2025, 5:00pm EAT
Submit Applications to:	<a href="mailto:grants.PROPEL@rti.org">grants.PROPEL@rti.org</a>

### **Q1: What are the target regions/Counties for this project?**

A1: Currently, no target regions or counties have been identified. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will participate in relevant decision making processes on geography during co-creation.

### **Q2: What are the maximum number of grantees that can be awarded to this project?**

A2: There is no ceiling or maximum number of grantees, and the final number of awards will depend on the quality of applications received. However, at this time, we anticipate only making one award to a single successful applicant.

### **Q3: What level of detail is expected in the cost justification for operational and administrative costs, especially with the 10% cap on indirect costs?**

A3: For submission of the Technical Application due January 17, 2025, no cost justification is required, with the exception of cost drivers that may be included in the resourcing and management plan. Put another way, if the applicant anticipates needing to include costs greater than the 10% cap in order to implement the proposed activity, then this should be reflected in the required resourcing and management plan. When in doubt, provide a couple of sentences to justify additional operational or administrative costs, and the review committee will ask for more detail if it is warranted.

For more information, please see section 2.2 of the RFA, titled "2.2 Application Process & Submission Requirements" - "No Cost Application is due with the Phase 1 Grant Application; however, for proper activity design, planning, and budgeting, it is expected that Applicants will have begun the budget process internal to their organizations. To ensure transparency of anticipated costs and the total Award amount, an estimated budget total is required upon submission of Phase 1 – the provided budget figure is understood to be an estimate and will not be considered in the merit review of Phase 1. Shortlisted Applicants may revise the budget figure if invited to Phase 2 to submit the Cost Application; the figure submitted in the Phase 1 Grant Application is for RTI's planning purposes only." Further, later in the same section 2.2, the RFA states, "Submission of Phase 2 Cost Application: A Cost Application is only required from shortlisted Applicants invited to Phase 2. Only shortlisted Applicants will receive a request to submit a Cost Application, which consists of a detailed line-item budget and a budget narrative; templates will be provided."

**Q4: If an institution had an EUI number and is in a transition phase from CBO to NGO and is in the process of renewing its EUI number can it apply for the maximum grant of \_\_\_ or it's restricted to a lower amount?**

A4: The required/applicable UEI number will be the one issued to the organization that is receiving the grant funding. A UEI number is required when the grant award is \$25,000 or more at the time of the award. If the grant fund is less than \$25,000, UEI number is not required.

**Q5: Under Approach 4 as defined in the RFP on strengthening capacity of local CSOs and Champions, can our organization design this specific intervention to be specific to strengthening capacity of special needs/vulnerable groups? Our organization has been doing advocacy for SRHR for PWDs, can we have that as the focus for these groups on capacity building.**

A5: A successful technical application will adhere to all of the merit review criteria outlined in section III of the RFA, titled "III. Application Review Criteria." Applicants are encouraged to include specific or unique information that highlights their organization's strengths and competitive advantage. Equitable FP access, and how to improve data-driven advocacy to reach the needs of underserved groups, is a priority focus of this activity. However, the activity's target audience is not limited only to vulnerable groups or those with special needs, so the proposed intervention should address how it will reach a wider audience and ensure access to FP for all Kenyans.

**Q6: What specific metrics or indicators will be prioritized in evaluating the successful application of the RAPID model for multisectoral advocacy, particularly in decentralized settings?**

A6: Evaluation criteria is provided in section III of the RFA, titled "III. Application Review Criteria." Note that the criteria do not use specific indicators or metrics, but rather a point system for addressing each identified criterion.