Questions and Answers from the ICATCH Webinar on Grant Writing
November 16, 2023

Eligible Expenses
1. Are indirect costs allowed in our budget? Indirect costs are NOT allowed in the budget. If you are working with an institute that needs a letter from the ICATCH team stating that indirect costs are not allowed in the budget, please email icatch@aap.org.

Eligible Populations and Projects
2. Do you consider projects from another country that are similar to ones funded/submitted in the past? Absolutely- we evaluate each program independently- as long as a project supports and comes from needs in the community, it is acceptable to develop a project similar to one that has been completed/is currently funded.

3. What eligible countries are considered for the ICATCH grant? Grants are awarded to those working in child health care in low-income and low-middle-income countries (according to current World Bank designation).

4. Can funding be used on existing epilepsy-related projects and co-morbidities management in refugee camps or other general projects? Funding can be used to support and develop existing projects - so the project does not need to be a brand-new service.

Project Directors, Codirectors, and Collaborators
5. Can a third party (such as a medical resident) who is not a director or co-director be located outside of the country where the project is being completed? Each proposal must include a project director (who must live in or near the community) and a co-director (who can live anywhere but must be actively involved with the project for three years). Regarding a third-party involvement with a project, that individual does not need to be based in the community.

6. Can a co-director be the individual to submit the grant if they are not residing in the project country? Yes, the codirector can apply and does not need to reside in the project country. The director must live in or near the community where the program takes place; the Co-Director can live in any country as long as they are very involved in the design and implementation of the proposal over the three years.

7. For those working in hospitals, can the same hospital be a collaborative team? And is it okay for it to be a verbal agreement? Collaborative teams can be in the same hospital. An agreement is encouraged between the collaborators and their employers, but ICATCH does not require written agreements between the two parties.

How to Apply
8. On the preliminary application, is the word count limited? Yes, you must use the Survey Monkey Apply application available via grants.aap.org. You can work on it offline; you must submit it online. The word count is limited to each section of the preliminary application, most often between 100 and 400 words. A Word version of the application is available here.

9. May I have the presentation as a guide while writing the proposal? The webinar recording is available here.

10. Please clarify at what point the application advisor will get involved. Once a preliminary application has been reviewed and scored by the ICATCH team, several applicants will be invited to submit a full application (by January 2023). At that time, an option to work with a volunteer ICATCH team member and contact information for the advisor will be shared. The contact between the applicant and advisor will mostly occur in February 2023, before the March 11th deadline for full applications.

Have a different question?
Review our Call for Proposals or use the Contact Us form at aap.org/icatch to ask a staff member. Also, check out the ICATCH website for frequently asked questions.