Does immigration detention qualify as "incarceration"?

- Yes, immigration detention is considered incarceration.

Is there an expected project time period? Assuming funding decisions are in early January, is it reasonable to assume a mid-January start date (e.g., January 15, 2021)? And, with deliverables due before March 2022, is it appropriate to have a grant period that goes through March 15, 2022 (i.e., 14 months)?

- Yes, your timeline assumptions are reasonable.

Are there any expectations about how youth are paid? Can they be paid directly through the researcher's University or should there be a subcontract with a community partner who will pay the youth?

- There is no expectation about how youth are paid or by whom. Please specify the plan in your proposal.

Can this application be submitted by the organization with [professor] as a research partner supporting dissemination and scholarly writing or does it need to be submitted through the university?

- The proposal may be submitted by the organization; it does not have to be submitted through university.

The University Indirect Rate Agreement is 52.5%, does this call support Indirect costs in the budget?

- This is a cost-reimbursable contract. Indirects must be applied in accordance with your institution’s approved NICRA.

Can you clarify what is meant by a contract to assist with creating budget

- This is a cost-reimburseable contract similar to what you would provide under a grant.

Will the $50,000 be managed directly through the interagency working group, or is it managed by the institution that the researcher is affiliated with (if so, are there limitations on the indirect costs from the institution)?

- It is managed by the institution with whom researcher is affiliated. Indirects must be applied in accordance with your institution’s approved NICRA.

Are there exclusions to the types of institutions that can apply?
• There are no exclusions.

Is the contracted allowable amount ($50K) for direct costs only and could the IDC be added after the direct costs are accounted for or must IDC be included within the $50k.

• IDC must be included within the $50K.

Should we included letters of support if we have them?

• While not required, you are welcome to include letters of support.

What indirect cost rate is allowed?

• This is a cost-reimbursable contract; indirects must be applied in accordance with your institution’s approved NICRA.

The RFP states that it can either be a research project in which youth have already created questions, or we can write in the application how we plan to work with youth to develop research questions and choose the methods. Is either way fine?

• Yes, either way is fine.

Is this call directed towards NGOs? I have the option of applying through my community partner organization rather than through my university, if that is the case.

• Yes, the call is open to NGOs and CBOs as well as Universities.

With there potentially being a covid vaccine distributed in the upcoming months, should applicants include a plan for covid implementation (distanced) and a plan if we are able to return to some form of contact?

• Yes, you can describe the range of activities that could be incorporated depending on covid-19 precautions and physical distancing requirements. This doesn’t necessarily have to be two distinct plans.

For the experience working with youth, experience conducting YPAR, and experience with dissemination sections, do you prefer that applicants write those sections collectively as a group about our collective expertise, or should we describe our experiences author by author?

• Please identify individual expertise for each of the key proposal staff.

Does the conference attendance need to be during the funding timeframe or can it be in Spring 2022?

• No, the conference attendance does not need to take place during the funding timeframe. The conference proposal must be submitted before the end of the project period, but the conference can occur after the project period ends.
In our CVs/resumes should applicants also list the papers and presentations that were listed in the past 5 years conferences and publications documents?

- The presentations and publications from the past five years only need to appear in one place in the proposal.

Do you all want DOIs for the reference list?

- No, you do not need to include DOIs in the reference list.

Should the past 5 years conference presentations be formatted in the same way as the past 5 years publications list?

- We do not have prescriptive formatting requirements for presentations and publications, as long as they fit within the overall formatting requirements for the proposal.

For the narrative description section, do you want applicants to go number by number or can it be written encompassing all the numbered points, without specifying the numbers?

- No, you do not need to number each point – as long as all of the requested information is contained within the narrative.

Is this funding meant for US citizen or for India also?

- The U.S. federal funder intends this to be for U.S. applicants only.

Who is the applicant type referring to and do we define each one by just say academic, graduate student, etc.?

- The applicant type refers to the primary authors submitting the proposal and how they define themselves professionally.

Explain target publication venue and professional conference.

- Those who receive funding through this Request for Research Proposals are required to submit a manuscript summarizing the research to a professional journal for publication as a journal article. Applicants must name the professional journal to which they plan to submit their research. In addition, awardees must submit a proposal for a presentation summarizing the research project to a professional conference. The purpose of these requirements is to disseminate the research to relevant researchers or practitioners.

Explain publication record.
• For each adult author of the proposal, please provide a list of any publications in a peer-reviewed journal for which they are an author, including the date, name of the publication, and in what journal it was published. In addition, for each adult author, please provide a list of presentations they’ve given at professional conferences, including the name of the presentation, the conference at which it was presented and the date. The conference presentations and publication should be in the last five years, and we request that you list no more than ten of each.

Explain further submitting the research as a presentation to a professional conference and presenting at a virtual Interagency Working Group convening. What is meant by a professional conference and presenting at a virtual interagency working group?

• By professional conference we mean a meeting of researcher or practitioner professionals whose work specializes in a given area or subject (e.g., youth participatory action research, or children of incarcerated parents). The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs, which is overseeing this project, is comprised of a group of federal staff from various departments and agencies that support youth programs. That group meets virtually once a month, and those awarded funding through this call for proposal will be invited to present the results at a meeting.

Are there any budget restrictions that applicants should be aware of?

• Budget is capped at $50k. This is a cost-reimburseable contract similar to what you would provide under a grant. Indirects must be applied in accordance with your institution’s approved NICRA.

Will project co-authors be considered as co-investigators of the research project?

• This depends on your institution, how you write the application, and the roles you assign to different individuals.