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FAQs RFA-OD-27-009

- 1. My institution was a partner organization on a previous NCI or REACH Hub. Are we eligible to apply?**

The NIH Grants Policy Statement defines recipient as “an entity that receives a Federal award directly from a Federal agency to carry out an activity under a Federal program. The term recipient does not include subrecipients, consortiums or individuals that are participants or beneficiaries of the award.”

- 2. Can previous REACH Hub leads participate as partners on proposals led by new institutions?**

Current REACH hub lead institutions are eligible to serve as partners on new applications. The current REACH award ends in August 2027.

- 3. Under eligibility, can you clarify “the primary applicant organization must be a university or other research institution that participates in the NIH STTR program”**

Participation means that a university or other research institution has been a formal partner to a small business on an STTR award previously.

- 4. Are we eligible to apply if we are not listed as an IDeA state?**

Preference will be given to applications from a primary applicant organization that is a university or other research institution in an IDeA-eligible state. However, a lead institution not located in an IDeA state are eligible to apply.

- 5. If we are located in a non-IDEA eligible state, if we teamed with a proximal IDEA-eligible state institution as a partner, would that be viewed more favorably?**

As stated above, preference will be given to primary applicant organizations in an IDeA-eligible state. However, applications that partner with IDeA state institutions are also highly encouraged.

- 6. Can you describe budget requirements? Is the budget cap of \$1M/year for total budget or the Direct Costs?**

The requested budget should be reasonable in relation to the proposed research, not to exceed \$1,000,000 total costs per year.

7. Is the \$250,00 cost matching required?

The cost matching of \$250,000 is encouraged. However, the amount will not impact the evaluation of the application. Institutions should document their actual contributions to the project and describe the organization(s) commitment to providing the funds for the duration of the award.

8. If the focus of the \$250,000 per year cost matching are supposed to be focused on technology development projects, would funding support that is focused on supporting the sustainability of the hub (e.g., personnel salaries) also count toward the \$250k?

Sustainability of the Hub is an acceptable use case for the matching funds.

9. Can a REACH hub establish shared laboratory facilities, equipment access, and research personnel that small biotechnology start up can utilize to conduct proof of concept studies rather than requiring each company to establish its own laboratory?

Hubs are able to use the funding to provide research services to selected investigators.

10. What are application format requirements for SB0?

Follow the instructions in the Research (R) Instructions in the [How to Apply - Application Guide](#) except where instructed in this notice of funding opportunity to do otherwise (in this NOFO, in a [policy notice](#), or other notice from [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#)).

For page limit information, please follow the guidance for SB0 found [here](#).

If you have any further questions, please feel to reach out to nihreach@nih.gov.