OVERVIEW OF THE INITIAL NOFA

Last year a bipartisan congressional effort (SIPPRA) resulted in a new $100 million fund available to states and local governments to leverage federal funding to pay for proven outcomes. On February 14, 2019, The U.S. Department of Treasury released the first Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for SIPPRA Demonstration Projects with $66.3 million available in funding. Proposals are due on May 22, 2019.

Funding Availability

- This NOFA is for Outcomes Payments for SIPPRA Demonstration Projects. A separate NOFA for SIPPRA Feasibility Studies will be released later in 2019.
- $66.3 million is available for funding of Outcomes Payments for SIPPRA Demonstration Projects.
- Up to 15% of the awarded amount can be allocated toward evaluation costs.

Key Project Requirements

- Project must impact at least one of 21 qualifying social outcomes in categories including education, health & wellness, housing, justice, parenting & families, and workforce development.
- Project must generate social benefit and Federal, State, or Local government savings. Award amount cannot exceed the value of the outcome to the Federal government.
  - Value is defined as the sum of (1) savings to the federal government and (2) increased federal revenues as a result of the project, over the project period.
- Outcome Payments will be made only if predetermined outcomes are achieved within the project timeframe (no more than 7 years).
- All outcome metrics and federal cost savings must be validated by an independent evaluator.
- Outcomes must be evaluated by RCT or quasi-experimental evaluations designs.
- Only ONE single payment will be made for each outcome. No progress or intermittent payments may be made.

The full detail of the funding, programmatic and compliance requirements are in the 65-page NOFA.
SIPPRA Priorities

- 50% ($33.1 million) of available funding will be allocated to projects that directly benefit children (defined as individuals under age 18).
- Additional consideration may be given to projects that foster innovation in social policy, and projects in economically distressed rural and urban areas, including qualified opportunity zones.

Application Details

- Applicants must be State or Local governments, or federally recognized tribes.
- Applications are to be submitted via the Federal Grants Portal.
- Applications will be scored with 100 points:
  
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Timeline

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<td>Awards will be announced (5-15 proposals will be selected)</td>
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Please contact Oscar Benitez if you are interested in learning more about SIPPRA or how Third Sector can help your community take advantage of this funding opportunity.