

## Generational Health Scholarship RFP: Questions and Responses

2/27/2023

- 1. We wanted to determine if the budget is \$2million per institute? Can we submit for that amount?**

Feel free to budget for \$2M, however awardees may be asked to adjust based on number of institutions granted.

- 2. The fiscal year that you indicated starts in March, what are the expectations for the timeline of distribution of scholarships to students? We will be more than halfway through our spring semester, would we put together a cohort now or for the fall? Could we do both?**

Feel free to do both – keep in mind, the overarching goal is to provide continuous support for chosen cohorts over 4 years.

- 3. We believe the money is used for scholarships only? Is that correct? Could it be used to provide professional develop or other wrap around services?**

We listed experiential learning and other items in in Appendix A.

- 4. Does the institution have the ability to direct money to tuition and other costs that you have listed in Appendix A?**

Yes.

- 5. Is it okay to budget for anything outside of Appendix A. For example, if we wanted to bring in guest speakers, arrange a networking and/or mentoring event. Things like that, can they be budgeted for?**

Feel free to budget for those types of examples you listed.

- 6. In budgeting, is the \$10k per student inclusive of any programming such that we need to, for example, give a scholarship for \$8000 and \$2000 towards programming per student so as not to exceed \$10k per student? Or, can we give a \$10,000 scholarship AND budget separately for programming?**

Yes, you can “give a \$10,000 scholarship AND budget separately for programming.” Feel free to provide separate budgets keeping in mind we are looking to maximize how many students can be supported with up to \$10k per award, with the majority of funding allocated towards the student awards themselves.

- 7. Is it up to \$2million per year and potentially renewable each year for 4 years for a total of up to \$8million possible or is it up to \$2million spread out over 4 years.**

The budget would be \$2M per contract period, March 2023 to March 2024 split across two fiscal years, with up to \$600,000 allocated for Year 1 of the contract period: March 2023 to June 30, 2023, and up to \$1.4M allocated for Year 2 of the contract period: July 1, 2023 to March 2024. It is potentially renewable. It could be up to \$8M, at up to \$2M per year, for four years depending on the availability of funding and program outcomes. At this time, we are asking interested institutions to only complete a budget for up to \$2M for the time period of March 2023-March 2024, split into the two time periods mentioned above.

**8. Is overhead (F&A costs) allowed, required, or not allowed?**

Feel free to provide a separate budget, keeping in mind we are looking to maximize how many students can be supported with majority of funding allocated toward student awards.

**9. Do you know whether there will be any upcoming RFPs available for students at two-year colleges, or will the focus remain on bachelor's degree programs?**

The Generational Health Scholarship RFP is designed to support students through a four-year degree program. If you are not a four-year degree-granting institution for STEM, public health, health sciences, and/or behavioral health, one way to submit a competitive proposal could be to demonstrate how you can support students as they complete a four-year degree—this could be achieved through a [formalized] partnership between a two-year institution and a four-year institution, granted that both institutions are interested and willing to support the same individuals over a four-year period and this is included in your submission.

**10. When reviewing Boston Public Health Commission's RFP for the generational health scholarship earlier this week, I noted that it appears to only be available for students enrolled in four-year postsecondary degree programs. Am I correct in assuming that we would not be eligible to support students from two-year associate's degree programs to apply for scholarship funding?**

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**11. Are community colleges eligible to apply/be a contracted partner for the BPHC generational health scholarship RFP?**

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**12. Could you clarify if the student's can be an applicant at the time of eligibility or if they have to already be enrolled?**

Students must be accepted to a Boston-based accredited college or university as a full-time student in STEM, health science, public health, or behavioral health.

**13. What are BPHC's specific parameters for the proposed budget (ex. can staff time be included in the costs?)**

Staff time can be included in your budget however please keep in mind we are looking to maximize how many students can be supported with up to \$10k per award, with the majority of funding allocated towards the student awards themselves.

- 14. Are these funds flow-through from another agency or are the City of Boston generated funds?**  
This RFP's funding—"Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis"—are regular City appropriation funds.