

Regional Healthcare Innovation Partnership Application Questions

Submission of Questions Closed January 17, 2023 ([see page 4 of RFA](#))

1. **How much is the funding amount per region?** Presently, the total amount in the H.E.R.O fund for this program is \$1.5 million. The final determinations of the amount per region will be based on the number of applications received. This contract type cannot exceed \$249,999 per 12-month period.
2. **Is a partnership required?** Yes. The application requires the higher education institution to identify the additional partnership applicants, including, but not limited to, healthcare providers and/or regional nonprofit organizations.
3. **Is the funding upfront or reimbursable?** The payment terms must be cost reimbursement. Grantees will be required to submit a quarterly invoice, activity report, expenditure report and appropriate supporting documentation for reimbursement.
4. **Is there a specific timeline (period of performance) for proposed projects (start and end date)?** The period of performance can begin as soon as notified of the award. The end date, dependent upon the application, must conclude by 2026 per the H.E.R.O Fund legislation.
5. **Are MOUs from the proposed partners required within the application or should this wait until it is determined if application is approved?** MOUs are not required as a component of the application, but the application should clearly demonstrate collaboration between academic programs and one or more healthcare providers and/or regional not-for-profits in order to obtain the goals established in the application.
6. **Is the funding available for non-credit healthcare training as well?** Per the application, successful applications will reference the current supply and demand data to support each established goal. Therefore, if the need exists in the region for a non-credit healthcare program, then this can be included in the application.
7. **Will there be partial awards or is it 100% or zero in regard to funding decisions?** This is dependent upon the number of applications received. This round of awarded applicants may result in partial awards dependent upon the total applications received.
8. **Is nursing and allied health equipment permissible?** Simulation Equipment may be an allowable expense if it is a necessary item related to instruction specific to supporting the healthcare program identified in the application. If so, that would not be capital outlay.
9. **Does the funding permit a coordinator type position?** Yes, please include in the application Include any guidance for salaries/fringe, additional compensation, etc.

10. **Are there any match requirements?** An institutional match is not a required component, but the application should demonstrate the creation of a sustainable regional partnership, whether financial or resource based.
11. **Will there be a call for application on an annual basis in the future?** This will be dependent upon the number of applications received this year and if additional funds are allocated by the Louisiana legislature in the H.E.R.O Fund. We hope that another call for applications will be made available, but that will be dependent upon funding from the Louisiana legislature and applications received/awarded in this round.