

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – ACCLIVUS, INC – ILLINOIS SFY2026

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q. Are participant incentives in the form of a gift card an allowable cost?

- a. Yes
 - i. Youth stipends for participation in the program are not allowed. The grant funds may not be used to pay youth to simply participate in or show up for programming. **However, grant funding may be used to pay incentives. Should your budget include incentives, a policy must be in place that governs the terms and conditions associated with the provision of the incentives. This will need to be included with the proposal. At minimum, the policy must demonstrate:**
 - a. The cost of the incentive program has been written into and approved in the grant budget.
 - b. The incentives are reasonable and necessary.
 - c. The incentives must equate to an achievement, for achievement of certain goals, milestones and training, or skill development activities connected to individual case plan goals.

Q. Is there a limit on how much an organization can apply for in this NOFO?

- a. No, awarded amounts are determined internally after submissions are received. The total amount of funding being awarded for this program will be \$2.125 million.

Q. Are cooked and uncooked food allowable costs for the purpose of nutritional health and wellness training?

- a. Yes, all food purchases must be associated with events or related to Training and education for the community and participants.

Q. Is street outreach a required part of this service model?

- a. No

Q. If we are outside of the 8 identified service areas should we apply? We are located in South Shore.

- a. All organizations that serve the highest risk communities in Chicago are encouraged to apply.

Q. Is this pass through funding from ICJA? If so, is this state funding or federal funding? We would be considered a subgrantee if granted the opportunity?

- a. Yes, if an organization is selected for funding regarding this NOFO they will be considered a subrecipient.
- b. This NOFO will be State Funded.

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Q. Is there a contact phone number for some assistance?

- b. No. You will have to send out an email to NOFO@acclivusinc.org for any assistance regarding application matters. The deadline for questions is September 24, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Q. How do we access the uniform application and budget template?

- a. Documents can be accessed through the NOFO opportunity document. You may have to double click each link for the attached documents to populate once the document has been downloaded.

Q. What if we do not have the requested audit documentation due to closures/reopening's?

- a. Fill out all other fields of the application and provide an explanation of why documents cannot be produced for this application process.

Q. Where can we download the budget template, risk assessment, and budget tips documents?

- a. All links to the requested documents can be found on the NOFO form. There are icons on the document that serve as links to all downloadable files.

Q. Should we highlight work we've done in South Shore even if our primary location does not provide services to that community?

- a. Yes, all communities served should be included in your application.

