



Pennsylvania
**Commission on Crime
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Act 79 of 2018 Qualitative Research Initiative

Funding Announcement Q&A Tracker

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About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the [Act 79 of 2018 Qualitative Research Initiative](#) funding announcement and application process, which opened on June 3, 2024. Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through July 3, 2024.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov with “Act 79 Qualitative Research Initiative” in the subject line.

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1. Applicant Expectations

- a) *Are researchers expected to conduct qualitative research in each PA county or a sample of counties?*

Answer: The qualitative research will be conducted of a subset of Pennsylvania counties.

- b) *Is there a ballpark estimate regarding the number of counties that the applicant should plan to base the qualitative data collection and analyses on?*

Answer: PCCD would anticipate having at least one county from each county class participate in the qualitative research. Attention will also be paid to geographic diversity (e.g., not clustering selected counties within a single region).

- c) *For budgeting, should applicants assume collaboration between them, PCCD, and IUP will be conducted via remote vs in-person modes?*

Answer: It is expected that all meetings between PCCD, IUP, and the recommended applicant will be virtual, but applicants may want to budget for in-person travel to accommodate the qualitative research component with counties.

2. Egrants Requirements

- a) *Are there specific formatting requirements (page limits, font, spacing, etc.) for applications.*

Answer: All applications are submitted electronically in PCCD's Egrants system. When answering questions in Egrants, you will notice a golden gavel next to each text box. If you hover your mouse over this gavel, it will provide information on character limits for that specific text box.

3. Funding Announcement Clarification

- a) *Will you clarify research questions three: "How do the weapons relinquishment provisions of Act 79 impact PFAs entered by agreement between the parties? Where agreement is reached for entry of a final PFA between the parties (as opposed to after a hearing by the court) how often is weapons relinquishment a factor in the negotiation?"*

Answer: Please see [Act 79](#) (or this summary by [PCADV](#)) for further clarification about when weapon relinquishment is required, which is what this question is referencing.

4. Indirect Costs

- a) *Is there a mandatory indirect rate?*

Answer: For entities with a federally approved indirect cost rate, PCCD allows applicants to apply an indirect cost rate approved by their federal cognizant agency to their proposed PCCD subgrant project. PCCD allows applicants that do not have a current negotiated (or provisional)

federal indirect cost rate to apply a de minimis indirect cost rate of 10% of modified total direct cost (MTDC) of the project to the proposed budget. Costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs, but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. If chosen, this methodology once elected must be used consistently for all PCCD applications and subgrant awards until such time as the entity obtains a federally approved indirect cost rate.

5. Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses

- a) *The solicitation states we cannot use funds for gift cards or stipends (page 9). Since this is a qualitative study, are we able to provide stipends to individuals who provide interviews or participate in focus groups? Typically this is something we incorporate into the budget. Any guidance is appreciated.*

Answer: Gift cards and client stipends are both ineligible costs for federal State Crisis Intervention Program funds as established by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance. As such, both are listed in the Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses section of the Act 79 of 2018 Qualitative Research Initiative funding announcement.

6. Previous Quantitative Research

- a) *In reviewing the referenced report [Analysis of Weapon Relinquishments in Protection-from-Abuse Orders in Pennsylvania, 2019-2022](#), there are a few numbers we cannot read on the maps. Are you able to clarify the following numbers?*

Map 2a: Montgomery County

Map 3a: Lebanon County, Luzerne County, Schuylkill County

Map3b: Crawford County

Answer: The requested numbers are as follows:

Map 2a: Montgomery County – 453

Map 3a: Lebanon County – 619, Luzerne County – 1869, Schuylkill County – 253

Map 3b: Crawford County – 63%

- b) *Is it possible to get access to IUP's figure data in narrative or table form?*

Answer: The awarded applicant will work with IUP regarding data access.

- c) *What was the rationale for funding the quantitative and qualitative work separately and not as a single award? Will IUP be applying for the qualitative work as an incumbent?*

Answer: PCCD contracts with IUP faculty to perform research on behalf of the agency. This qualitative research is outside the scope of that contract. PCCD is unaware of who may apply for this funding opportunity.