

Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative (EARI) Grant Program FAQ



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Q: Are there any restrictions on the type of 503c organization in applying for the Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative? I serve in a director role for two 503c organizations and I am looking to see which best fits the grant requirements?

A. Applicant's must be a 501(c)3 organization and provide a memorandum of understanding (MOU) from a Sheriff's Office or the MA Department of Corrections validating an applicant's collaborative relationship and attesting to such future collaboration as it relates to the program outlined in the application.

Q. I am also looking to see how many hours weekly are desired for rehabilitation training and counseling for re-entry.

A. There is no set standard as to how many hours weekly are required to specific services. For more information on specific criteria please refer to 2.3.1 Grants Management in the [Availability for Grant Funds\(AGF\)](#).

Q. Could a non-profit with a fiscal sponsor bid for this grant?

A. Yes, a non-profit organization with a fiscal sponsor may apply for funding. To be considered an eligible applicant, the non-profit must be the primary applicant and include any costs allocated to the fiscal sponsor under the Contractors/Consultants category of the proposed budget.

Q. What is the maximum allowable request for funding per agency?

A. Applicants are not restricted to a maximum request for the SFY2025 Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative.

Q. In the eligibility section we noticed that we need to submit an MOU with "the DOC and/or the Sheriff's Facility". Does that include the HOC's as well. Our current partnership is with Suffolk County House of Corrections, but we provide reentry and education services for individuals released from county, state, and federal prisons and jails. Does our partnership with the HOC make us eligible to apply for grant funds?

A. The Suffolk County House of Corrections is considered a Sheriff's facility. The partnership would be allowable as long as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is submitted outlining the partnership between your organization and the Sheriff's department.

Q. We do not have a fringe rate agreement. We calculate fringe based on our personnel budget. Would it be sufficient to provide a letter from our CFO that documents what is covered by the fringe rate?

A. Yes, a document from the CFO outlining the fringe rate percentages and what is covered is sufficient for the fringe rate agreement documentation.

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Q. On p. 5 of the Technical Assistance Provider AGR, could the second bullet regarding MOUs be restated for clarity?

A. The TA provider must identify what community organizations or institutions they plan to work with and submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for each identified partner. The MOU(s) must be signed and dated by an authorized official, no more than 30 days prior to date of application submission. In addition, a brief description of the scope of work, reentry-based emerging justice initiatives and the project activities must be submitted in your application. This will be located under the "Program Strategy and Action Research" portion of the application.

Q. Do the Pre-release activities and the post-release activities need to have the same level of effort/funding?

A. There is no requirements regarding allocation of funds for pre-release or post-release activities. Please note that it is required that individuals receive at least 12-months of post-release services.

Q. The current RFA indicates the duration of work (if a proposal is funded) will be for 12 months. Is a renewal grant expected, in order to potentially carry on the work after the initial 12 months?

A. The SFY2025 Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative (EARI) is a competitive grant funded by the state legislature. Currently, this is not a continuation grant and funds are not guaranteed for future fiscal years.

Q. What, if any, areas of pre-release and/or post-release reentry support does the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office feel have been sufficiently funded and implemented in Massachusetts?

A. Unfortunately, OGR cannot advise on specific activities for an applicant's proposal. The applicant is the subject matter expert for their program, community and partnerships they plan to serve. Applicants should work with their DOC/HOC partners to determine the needs for their specific community and program.

Q. Grant application indicates, "If applicants do not have a federally approved rate, they can use the de minimis rate. For more information on the de minimis rate, please refer to the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)'s Uniform Guidance](#)." I am still unclear what to actually upload with the application

A. Applicants may charge indirect costs through the use of an indirect cost rate that has been federally approved. Please include a copy of a current, signed federally approved indirect cost rate agreement. Refer to the agreement for the list the applicable costs also known as a base that can be applied to Indirect.

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Applicants that do not have a federally approved indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 15% of modified total direct costs. For applicants using the de minimis rate, modified total direct costs can be used as a base for the indirect.

Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) means all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$50,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$50,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs.