

Syringe Service Programs (SSP) Request for Proposal (RFP)
Questions and Responses

1. Are applicants that are current SSPs only considered if they expand “geographically” beyond their current county of service?
 - a. Geographic expansion would look at a town level rather than by county. The intention to expand geographically is to ensure towns that are either currently without access to SSP services, or are underserved by SSP services, receive SSP services.
2. Would applicants that are current SSPs be considered if they broaden their scope and delivery of services but remain in current county of services?
 - a. The application narrative would need to clearly describe how broadening the scope and delivery of services would expand geographic distribution within the county. As noted above, geographic expansion will look at town level, rather than county level.
3. Would funding for mobile SSP services be considered in this grant?
 - a. Yes.
4. What are the allowable expenses under this grant?
 - a. Allowable expenses include staffing, materials/supplies, equipment, and any other costs associated with planning and implementing SSP services.
5. Do we have to have a CAB if we are already an established organization or established SSP service program?
 - a. Yes, the Community Action Board should reflect the expanded geographic region.
6. Can the funds be used for incentivizing syringe return?
 - a. As part of the overall approach for expanding geographic distribution, incentivizing syringe return can be an allowable expense.
7. Do we have to have a CAB if we are offering only mobile services in an area with no fixed sites?
 - a. Yes, a CAB would be needed even for mobile services only. With mobile services, a CAB can be more regionally developed rather than for each specific town served through mobile services.
8. Can the funds be used for incentivizing needs assessment surveys?
 - a. As part of the overall approach for expanding geographic distribution, incentivizing needs assessment survey engagement can be an allowable expense.
9. Can the funds be used for incentivizing follow up medical care appointments?
 - a. As part of the overall approach for expanding geographic distribution, incentivizing follow up medical care appointments can be an allowable expense.
10. Can the funds be used to provide telephones and phone cards to clients so they can stay in touch with medical providers?
 - a. As part of the overall approach for expanding geographic distribution, phone cards can be an allowable expense; phones themselves are not an allowable expense.