

2026 Global Call for Proposals

Frequently Asked Questions: Brief Proposal Phase

This document contains answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions call for proposals (CFP) *Learning from Abroad to Reimagine Health Knowledge Systems for Equity and Wellbeing*. Email additional questions to Global2026@rwjf.org. We will regularly update this document as additional questions come in. Please be reminded that we are unable to address questions related to specific proposal ideas.

This guidance focuses mainly on brief proposal applications. At a later time, we will provide applicants invited to submit full proposals additional guidance related to the full proposal narrative, development of the budget, and more.

To learn more about this RWJF funding opportunity, please view:

- [CFP funding opportunity](#)
- The Applicant [webinar recording](#) and [slide deck](#)
- The information and instructions provided in [RWJF's online application portal](#) (also found in the [sample proposal](#) provided under the 'Key Materials' section of the funding opportunity page)
- [Budget Preparation Guidelines](#) and RWJF's [Indirect Rate policy](#)

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CFP Content

1. Will there be an applicant webinar for this CFP?

An applicant webinar was held on March 6, 2026. You may view the recording [here](#) and slide deck [here](#).

2. Can you define some of the key terms used in the CFP?

Health knowledge system: The health knowledge system comprises individuals, institutions, and processes involved in producing, disseminating, and utilizing scientific knowledge and data to improve health and wellbeing.

Action-oriented: Action-oriented approaches indicate clear next steps, tactics, and future actions that others can implement.

Systems change: Systems change involves altering established processes, norms, or policies. This could mean changes in institutional regulations, cultural shifts, or market dynamics—essentially, any modification to "how things are done." Proposals should demonstrate a deep understanding of racism and other forms of oppression, aiming to catalyze systemic change.

3. What types of systemic change is RWJF interested in addressing through this process? Will the funding be limited to organizations addressing racial inequity or will organizations addressing other issues, such as gender inequity, be considered?

We will consider any topics or issues that leverage global learning to address compounding crises and protect and strengthen the health knowledge system. Organizations working on any health equity-related issue are welcome to apply. Projects should aim for a system change that fits the description on page 2 of the CFP.

4. What level of community engagement is expected? What if our project is based on secondary data?

We are looking for meaningful community engagement, meaning that any work that is about any community must involve that community in the project at some level. Secondary data projects do not qualify as community engagement unless community sensemaking or similar direct interaction with the community occurs.

5. Can the grant be used to fund the implementation of an idea internationally that could later be implemented in the U.S.?

The proposed activities should directly impact those in the U.S. within the time period of the grant.

6. What do you consider as evidence of impact for an international program/intervention to be applicable within the U.S.?

Evidence of impact consists of any knowledge and data - quantitative or anecdotal - that suggest that the international program/intervention had a positive outcome in the origin country with regard to health equity and wellbeing. Its health equity implications for the U.S. should be explored within the scope of this CFP's award.

7. What outcomes does the foundation expect during the grant period (e.g., new models, increased understanding, changing knowledge systems)? Must our proposal focus on dissemination and implementation?

We are interested in a range of outcomes. The proposed outcomes must be achievable within the project timeline and budget, and compatible with the scale of the proposed activities. While

systemic change is not expected within 36 months, proposals should demonstrate potential for long-term impact. Project timelines vary. Some will pursue implementation strategies within 36 months, while others may conclude at dissemination and not incorporate implementation. Implementation by the end of the period is not expected, but projects should indicate what future implementation could look like.

8. Do all projects have to last for 36 months, or could we propose a shorter 18 or 24-month timeline?

Applicants are welcome to propose shorter timelines and should ensure that project activities and budgets are aligned accordingly.

9. Does U.S. impact mean national scope as opposed to state or regional scope?

Projects may have a state, regional, or even local focus, provided the knowledge gained can be shared beyond the local area.

Eligibility

10. Is there a list of funded organizations for us to reference if we're not sure that our organization has received funding from RWJF in the past five years?

You may search the [RWJF Awarded Grants](#) for a quick check, but please check internally, with your home institution, about any RWJF funding received on or since 1/1/2021. If it is discovered during screening or due diligence that your organization has received funding on or since 1/1/2021, your proposal will be disqualified.

11. How do I know if my organization (nonprofit, for-profit, government entity, university, etc.) is eligible to apply as the lead applicant? Are the criteria strict or will you review on a case-by-case basis?

The eligibility criteria are strict. Any legal entity, whether or not it is focused on health, is eligible to apply for this grant. This includes university, government, nonprofit, for-profit, and Tribal entities, as well as fiscal sponsors, as long as the applicant organization has not received funding directly from RWJF since January 1, 2021.

If a university or organization has received funding since January 1, 2021, no center, department, unit, campus, program, etc. within that organization/university is eligible to apply for this opportunity as the lead applicant. We kindly ask that you check with your home institution about any RWJF funding received since 1/1/21. The only exceptions are transfer grants, matching gift awards and RWJF human capital programs, defined as:

Transfer grant: Transfer grants shift responsibility for conducting grant activities from one grantee organization to another.

Matching gifts: Matching gifts is a type of corporate giving program where organizations match their employees' monetary donations to eligible organizations.

RWJF human capital program: RWJF Human Capital programs aim to develop leadership, promote diversity, and produce researchers who will solve problems. Examples include Harold Amos, Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, Health Policy Fellows, and New Connections.

Organizations that received a transfer grant, matching gift or funds as part of an RWJF human capital program are eligible to apply as lead applicant so long as they meet the other eligibility requirements.

If an organization/university doesn't meet this specific requirement to lead the grant, it can still contribute to the project work (i.e., as a subcontractor) on a proposal, as long as the lead grantee is an organization that meets this criterion. This is an effort to strengthen equity into the process and ensure that those who have not recently had access to RWJF funding are able to do so.

Please refer to the table below for eligibility quick reference.

Am I eligible if...?	Answer
My grant started before 1/1/21 but was still active after that date?	Yes
My organization received a sub-grant/-contract from an institution funded directly from RWJF? (<i>You were not the grantee</i>)	Yes
My organization received funds from RWJF through a transfer grant? (<i>You were not the original grantee</i>)	Yes
My organization received funds from RWJF through an RWJF employee-sponsored matching gifts donation?	Yes
My organization received funds from RWJF on behalf of an RWJF human capital program recipient?	Yes
I am a specific center/unit/department within a university/large organization that has received funding directly from RWJF since 1/1/21, BUT my specific/center/unit/department has not received funding directly?	No
My organization received an award directly from RWJF? (<i>You were the grantee</i>)	No
My organization received RWJF funding through a fiscal sponsor on or after 1/1/21?	No
My organization served as a fiscal sponsor since 1/1/21?	See Q12

12. We served as a fiscal sponsor for an organization that recently received an RWJF grant, but did not participate in any of the work – are we eligible to apply as lead applicant?

A fiscal sponsor may be eligible for an award so long as the organization was not awarded any RWJF grant funding since 1/1/21 to directly carry out project activities and deliverables. If an organization was awarded RWJF funding since 1/1/21 to fiscally sponsor another project only, then the organization will be eligible so long as it also meets all other eligibility criteria.

13. What is the rationale behind the limitation on recently funded organizations serving as the lead applicant?

This eligibility criterion allows changemakers who are currently outside of our network and/or who have not recently received funding, the opportunity to access RWJF resources. This approach is our effort to intentionally embed equity into the process and expand our reach to voices that have historically been underrepresented in philanthropy.

14. What counts as a previous award that affects eligibility?

Conference sponsorships, planning grants, or any other type of support that an organization, university, or its affiliates (e.g., center, department, unit, campus, program, etc) received from RWJF directly (not through a sub grant), as outlined in the CFP, is considered a previous award, and the prospective applicant would be ineligible for funding. Furthermore, if the organization had an award start date on or after January 1, 2021, it would be considered ineligible for funding.

15. Can individual consultants/applicants with no home institutions apply?

With this funding opportunity, we are making grants to organizations, not individuals. Prospective applicants without an institutional affiliation will need to apply through a fiscal sponsor or partner with an eligible organization.

16. Are those operating with an LLC eligible to apply?

Yes. Depending on the legal status of the applicant, RWJF will suggest specific award structures that comply with IRS guidelines.

17. My university or organization has multiple departments that may submit a proposal, is that allowed? Can one university or organization submit multiple proposals? Can we submit more than one proposal per focus area?

An individual organization may submit as many proposals as they would like as long as they meet the eligibility criteria; however, we encourage organizations to use discretion and submit their best idea, as we will not fund multiple proposals from a single entity.

18. Can a coalition of organizations apply as the lead applicant?

A coalition or partnership can collaborate on a proposal, but only one organization can serve as the lead applicant organization and receive the RWJF funds.

19. If a partner organization and/or named project director for this proposal has been funded within the last 5 years, but the lead applicant organization has not, are we still eligible to apply?

Yes, that criterion only applies to the lead applicant organization.

20. If we currently have a grant proposal under review for another RWJF CFP or RFP, are we still eligible to apply as lead applicant to this CFP?

Applicants with other pending proposals are eligible to apply for this opportunity.

21. Can a single project address both knowledge generation and preservation, as well as knowledge activation? Or must applicants pick one or the other as the focus of the proposal?

We are open to projects that address both, however, you do have to choose one or the other when submitting your proposal. Choose the topic area that is most closely aligned with your proposal. Please only submit a specific proposal to one topic area; we will not accept the same proposal submitted to both focus areas.

22. Can grassroots organizations apply? We are currently in the process of becoming a non-profit but may not obtain the status before the application deadline.

You may apply, but you may need to use a fiscal sponsor if your status has not been finalized.

Proposal

23. What types of projects are you looking to support?

We want to fund projects that address the intersection of global learning, the health knowledge system, and compounding crises affecting health equity. The focus is on producing, sharing, and preserving knowledge and protecting ways of knowing that are under threat and have been historically underprioritized.

24. Is my specific idea or program a good fit for this CFP?

RWJF is unable to provide input on specific proposal ideas. Prospective applicants should carefully review the CFP and related materials to assess the suitability of their ideas. When considering submitting an application, review the selection criteria noted on page 6 of the CFP. If you can answer “yes” to the questions posed, we encourage you to submit your proposal.

25. As a state agency, we are prohibited from conducting activities related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and we need to be careful of the language we use. Will you be flexible with language choice?

Applicants needing to avoid DEI-related language due to legal restrictions may adjust language in their proposals. The Foundation is flexible with language choices to accommodate institutional requirements.

26. What if we have already worked with multiple countries and have successfully developed and implemented a common approach in these countries, and want to bring it to the U.S.?

We are seeking global learning that is responsive to the current context. To that end, preference is for new partnerships responsive to the current context; however, exceptions may apply and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

27. What types of projects are NOT a good fit for funding through this CFP?

Some examples of projects that are not a good fit with the program objectives include:

- Biomedical, clinical, and bench science projects, as well as medicinal remedies
- Projects focusing on a specific disease
- Direct healthcare delivery or services, such as hospital or clinic charity care
- Direct services that work to meet basic needs, such as food or goods distribution
- Clinical interventions, including app-based interventions and diagnostic apps
- Clinical trials
- Theoretical research, or purely lab-based activities that are not linked to systems impact or practical applications
- Sustaining or expanding existing programs, such as extracurricular activities, recreational activities, community educational programs, medical pathways programs, and others
- Transportation services for healthcare clinics, hospitals, or other programs
- Capital projects, such as the renovation or purchasing of a facility or building

Funds from this award may not be used for general organizational operations. RWJF policy also does not allow grant funds to be used to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices, to construct or renovate facilities, for lobbying, or as a substitute for funds currently being used to support similar activities.

28. What is considered direct service? Are community education programs considered direct service? Are services provided by community health workers/patient navigators considered direct services?

Direct services refer to activities involving the distribution of goods (food, shelter, medical care, education) or charitable funds, such as providing free breakfast at schools or community giveaways to meet immediate needs in the community. Such initiatives are generally not eligible for funding under this CFP.

29. Can proposals address only a subset of health knowledge systems (e.g, long-term care, behavioral health, mental health, etc.)? What about topics such as food systems, climate resiliency, incarceration and reentry, etc.? Do you consider that as part of the larger web of health equity and wellbeing?

Whether a project is a good fit for this CFP depends less on the topic and more on how the proposed ideas leverage global learning to address compounding crises and protect and strengthen the health knowledge system. Projects are not limited to the healthcare system. The foundation supports work outside healthcare, focusing on social determinants such as dignity, belonging, and inclusion. Proposals linking food systems, climate resiliency, etc. to health knowledge and compounding crises may be considered if relevant.

30. Are there health topics that would not be funded, such as abortion and contraception?

Eligibility depends on whether the topic fits within the health knowledge system and supports systems-level change. Each application is assessed individually.

31. Can we apply for funds to scale an existing project or initiative—whether it is to continue supporting current U.S. participants, expand with international partners, or broaden the project’s goals to further enhance the program’s overall capabilities and effectiveness? Or do these need to be new or pilot projects?

Projects may build upon ongoing initiatives and do not need to be entirely new. We are open to both approaches, and the specifics will depend on individual project details.

32. Can you provide examples that were successfully used in another country that have the potential to be adapted in the U.S?

Visit the [Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions](#) webpage on the RWJF website, for specific examples as well as general information about RWJF’s work and support outside the U.S. We also suggest visiting the [LinkedIn](#) of Karabi Acharya, Senior Director, Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions for other examples.

33. Will every applicant who submits brief proposal be invited to submit a full proposal?

No, only a subset of eligible applicants who have submitted the brief proposal will be invited to submit a full proposal. RWJF’s decision will be communicated to all brief phase applicants at the end of May 2026. The review of brief proposal will be based on the criteria described in the call for proposals, and will end on April 13, 2026 at 3:00 pm ET.

34. How many proposals will be funded? Who will review my proposal? When will I hear whether we’re invited to submit a full proposal?

Up to 15 projects, each with a maximum budget of \$500,000, will be funded following screening and review phases involving global team members, RWJF staff outside of the global team, and external reviewers; artificial intelligence will not be used in any phases as a review mechanism. Notifications for advancement to the full proposal phase will occur in late May 2026.

35. What are the criteria by which my proposal will be evaluated?

As noted in the Selection Criteria section of the CFP, proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Is the project action-oriented and does it leverage learning from outside of the U.S. in the reimagination of the health knowledge system?
- Does the project intend to produce, share, and/or preserve knowledge and evidence that advances health and wellbeing in times of crisis and beyond? Or does it protect ways of knowing and doing that are currently under attack (question used for proposals submitted under Focus Area 1: Knowledge Generation and Preservation)?

- Does this project leverage learning from outside the U.S. in the identification and use of creative and narrative strategies to mobilize communities, reclaim erased histories, and strengthen collective identities that have been successfully used outside of the U.S. (question used for proposals submitted under Focus Area 2: Knowledge Activation)?
- Does this proposal include an established and/or proposed partnership with a non-U.S. organization(s)? Does the budget reflect this?
- To what extent does this project include the co-production of activities and goals with affected communities? This includes equitable division of decision-making power, responsibilities, resources, etc.
- Does this proposal reflect a practical understanding of racism and intersecting forms of oppression such as patriarchy, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia, racial capitalism, Islamophobia, antisemitism, and neocolonialism, among others in their local context?
- Is this project focused on systems-level change in the reimagination of the health knowledge system?

36. Will I receive feedback on my submitted brief proposal or full proposal?

No. RWJF policy prevents us from providing individual critiques of proposals submitted.

37. How can I create a competitive proposal?

Competitive proposals are specific and cohesive, clearly identifying the target community, timeline, activities, and anticipated outputs. They demonstrate alignment among the problem statement, activities, outcomes, and budget. Partnerships with international organizations must be mutually beneficial, with equitable resource sharing and decision-making. Proposals should focus on systemic change rather than individual behavior or output alone and should consider implications for U.S. communities.

The below tips for success were provided in the webinar:

Do's	Don'ts
Be specific	Speak generally to the core activities, community engagement approach, outcomes, etc.
Be cohesive (problem statement > activities > outcomes > impact)	Reuse the CFP language without supporting information
Propose a genuine partnership with an international organization, mutually beneficial	Unevenly distribute resources, responsibility, and decision-making power
Ground your proposed project in the current sociopolitical context and RWJF's priorities per the CFP	Suggest issues/matters that are unrelated to the situation/health knowledge system described in the CFP
Make sure your project work is about systems-level change	Focus on individual behavior or knowledge change, or stop at outputs
Include detailed implications for U.S. practitioners/community	Be exclusively focused on impacts abroad

38. I'm still not sure my proposal is a good fit. Can I speak with a program officer before deciding whether or not to submit my proposal?

In fairness to all applicants, we cannot provide personal consultations with RWJF staff. We cannot review or provide guidance on ideas submitted via e-mail or communicated by phone.

International Partner Organization

39. I am a prospective applicant from the U.S. Is a non-U.S. partner organization required for the proposal? What if I don't have a partnership finalized for my brief proposal?

Yes, a non-U.S. partner must be included in the proposal. At the brief proposal stage, it is sufficient to share your plans for an international partnership. Applicants invited to the full proposal phase must have confirmed an international partnership by the time of their submission (a letter of support from the partner organization(s) will be required).

40. If we know of a model in another country we'd like to replicate, can we build in visits to that place and develop that learning partnership over the course of the grant period?

An international partnership does not have to be finalized for the brief proposal phase, but must be in place and confirmed with a letter of support from the non-U.S. partner for the full proposal phase. Previous collaboration is not required; newly established relationships are accepted. Project funds may be used for travel to support collaboration.

41. Are there country-specific lead applicant restrictions?

Due to technical restrictions, organizations from the countries listed below are unable to serve as lead applicant on a proposal:

- Russia
- China
- North Korea
- Iran
- Ukraine
- Belarus
- Afghanistan
- Burkina Faso
- Burma
- Central African Republic
- Haiti
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Mali
- Niger
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Syria
- Yemen
- Burundi
- Chad

While restricted from serving as lead applicant, organizations from the above-mentioned countries are still eligible to serve as the non-U.S. partner. Because RWJF will not be directly funding these organizations, there is no RWJF due diligence required for partner organizations from these countries; the organizations will only be subject to the due diligence of the lead applicant organization.

42. With regard to the global partner, are there any limitations on type (e.g. foreign university, a health system, a charity) or location (Cuba, Gulf region, etc)?

Generally, partnerships with universities, nonprofits, and similar entities are acceptable, but geographic location may affect eligibility and impact the overall feasibility of the project. Currently, partner organizations must not be from North Korea, Syria, Iran, Cuba, and the Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, as they're identified as comprehensively sanctioned countries/regions by the U.S. State Department. Please note: the information listed is subject to change given evolving global events. We will post any updates to this question response if any changes do occur.

Finally, on a technical note, the MyRWJF system has firewalls in place for people accessing the site from the above-mentioned countries. If you have an individual collaborating on your application and they are using the MyRWJF system to do so, we recommend they use a VPN and select any available United States location to access the application system.

43. What considerations or restrictions are there for being a non-U.S. lead applicant? What about contracting with a lead U.S. organization? Is there due diligence we need to understand in advance?

Due diligence requirements vary based on whether the lead or subawardee organization is U.S.-based or international. International lead applicants must meet Charities Aid Foundation America's (CAFA) standards and CAFA has final discretion with making awards to internationally-based applicants. Non-U.S. partner organizations are subject to the lead applicant organization's own due diligence.

44. If the partner is a U.S. citizen doing business/social justice work in that country, would that be an eligible partner?

No. Your partner has to be an organization. Your global learning partner cannot be an individual.

45. How can a grant that should only focus on the U.S. health impact be mutually beneficial with international groups?

Collaborative projects enable mutual learning and shared recognition. International partners benefit through knowledge exchange, exposure to new audiences and networks, publication and authorship opportunities, and equitable resource allocation. Cross-border issues addressed collectively enhance outcomes for all involved and is a core belief of the Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions team.

46. Does the global U.S. partnership have to be between two organizations? If an applicant has programs or offices in other countries, can the partnership be within the organization, but activating the other country presences outside of the U.S.?

The intent is to foster collaboration between distinct U.S. and international entities rather than internal partnerships within one organization. If your organization has offices in multiple countries, you must partner outside of your organization to meet the eligibility criteria.

47. Can one organization (U.S. or non-U.S. partner) be named in multiple proposals?

Yes, an organization may be a part of more than one proposal. Please keep in mind that the lead applicant can only receive one award for this funding opportunity.

48. Are Native Nations considered foreign countries because they're sovereign nations inside the borders of the U.S.?

Native nations within U.S. borders are classified as U.S.-based for eligibility purposes.

49. Would Puerto Rico be considered as part of the U.S. or as a potential global partner? What about the Freely Associated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau?

Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories (Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands) are part of the United States and are classified as such.

The Freely Associated States of the U.S. would be considered non-U.S. partners.

50. Can proposals include multiple global partners, from multiple countries?

Projects involving multiple global partners from different countries are welcome. Most partnership types are eligible unless otherwise specified in the CFP. Please keep in mind that only one organization will receive the award.

51. I need help identifying a non-U.S. partner. Will RWJF help to facilitate a match?

No. Applicants are responsible for identifying and connecting with suitable international

partners.

52. Are we expected to learn from international partners who have demonstrated greater success in our area of focus, with our primary role being to adapt and scale their effective strategies in the U.S., rather than engaging in a fully collaborative solution?

International partnerships may take various forms. Sometimes, a non-U.S. partner brings a useful approach to be adapted domestically; other times, joint engagement addresses common challenges. Mutual benefit and collaborative learning are key and must be reflected in the proposed activities and division of labor.

53. Should grantees in the U.S. share grant funds with the international organization? Are there guidelines, expectations, or limits of the financial grant split between the U.S. applicant and international partners?

Your partners should be factored into your proposal and budget and be paid as contractors. No specific guidance exists regarding the financial split between U.S. and international partners; it should reflect project activities and the division of labor between organizations.

54. What is the timeline for international awards?

International awards are processed through Charities Aid Foundation America's (CAFA). After RWJF makes its initial funding recommendation, CAFA conducts its due diligence and disburses the funds. On average, international awards take a minimum of four weeks to be processed, on top of RWJF timeline and processes. RWJF does not have control over CAFA's workflow. We anticipate that international awards would be awarded in Q1 2027 at the earliest. CAFA has final discretion with making awards to internationally-based applicants.

Funding & Budget

55. Should I include compensation for the community partners participating in the project (e.g., focus group participants, interviewees, etc.), in the U.S. or in the country of my international partner organization?

Yes, your budget should include adequate compensation (e.g., stipends, honoraria, etc.) for all contributors that enable the success of your project.

56. What if my organization has to hire some of the roles on the project team?

That is okay. At the brief proposal stage, you should budget for total personnel costs even if you don't know the names of all project team members. Applicants invited to the full proposal phase will have to indicate expected FTE for each project staff member in their budget narrative.

57. How are grants to for-profits and government entities structured?

Depending on an applicant's legal status, the structure of the award will vary. The reporting requirements would vary as well. The exact structure of an award is case-based, so we wouldn't be able to make a determination for a particular business/entity ahead of time.

58. How do I estimate my budget?

In the brief proposal phase, you'll be asked to complete a simple budget worksheet that includes proposed project costs for: personnel, other direct costs, consultants/contractors, and indirect costs. Details on these cost categories, and a link to our indirect rate policy, can be found in the Budget Preparation Guidelines. Those invited to submit a full proposal will be required to complete a more detailed budget worksheet as well as a budget narrative. Full

proposal applicants will receive additional information on those requirements during the full proposal phase.

59. How does RWJF calculate indirect costs? What if my organization uses a different percentage?

The total requested funds should include indirect costs. The indirect rate set by RWJF for for-profit organizations is 0%; 15% U.S. colleges/universities and hospital or health systems (including those that are nonprofits) ; and 30% for non-profits. Projects or programs that are fiscally sponsored should cover the fiscal sponsor fee from the indirect cost portion of the grant. If the indirect cost rate of the sponsored project or program exceeds the sponsorship fee, the grant may include additional indirect costs up to the maximum indirect cost rate. Indirect rates only go to the organization that is applying for the grant. If there is a contract between organizations, then there may be indirect rate in their contract, and this must align with RWJF policies (see percentages above).

This policy does not require grantees to substantiate their indirect cost rate. Grantees may simply charge the flat rate that applies to their organization type (i.e., 15% or 30%) even if their actual rate is lower. We recognize that the calculated indirect cost rates for some grantees may exceed the maximum allowed by the Foundation. However, the Foundation is a charitable entity and is not committed to matching the indirect cost rates the U.S. government or other entities accept. See more on the indirect cost policy [here](#).

Other

60. Can you please share more about what the cohort experience will look like for grantees?

During the grant period, grantees will participate in structured engagement facilitated by a learning and communications partner. Activities will include update calls and collaborative meetings, which will be shaped by grantee input. The cohort will collectively design its learning program in partnership with facilitators.

61. What are the grant reporting requirements?

Awardees must submit annual financial reports within 60 days after each 12-month reporting period.

62. Is this the first time the foundation has funded projects like this? If you funded similar projects and partnerships in the past, could you describe them?

RWJF has funded similar projects through previous global team initiatives. The Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions team has operated for ten years, focusing on global learning and cross-border exchanges. For examples, please refer to our [Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions](#) webpage and [LinkedIn](#).

63. Does RWJ have a breakdown on how the 15 awards would encompass specific vulnerable communities? For example, 20% awarded to support people with disabilities, 20% to youth projects, um, anything like that?

There are no predetermined or set criteria for allocation of grants by population group, geography, applicant type, etc.

64. If the current deadline is a challenge for our organization, do you expect to release another CFP on this topic in the future?

There are currently no plans to release another CFP on this topic.

65. How competitive do you foresee the CFP to be? Do you have a forecasted denial rate in the first round??

The CFP is expected to be highly competitive, as evidenced by more than 1,400 people registering for the applicant webinar.

66. I am an international applicant and am having trouble accessing the RWJF application system (MyRWJF) abroad. What can I do?

The RWJF application system is generally protected by a firewall. The firewalls for most countries have been temporarily lowered during this call for proposals. Unfortunately, we cannot make this firewall exception for the following countries: Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, Ukraine and Belarus, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burma, Central African Republic, Haiti, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Niger, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Burundi, Chad.

If collaborating on an application from within those countries, we recommend applicants consider the use of a VPN and select any available United States location to access the application system. If you are trying to access from a country not on that list and are still having trouble, please reach out to Global2026@rwjf.org and note the country from which you are currently located. The right to use a VPN varies by country. Anyone considering the use of a VPN is responsible for ensuring they abide by all laws and regulations that apply to them.

67. How frequently will this FAQ be updated?

This document will be updated weekly. New questions will be noted with the date they were added.

68. Where can I learn more about other funding opportunities from RWJF?

Active and upcoming funding opportunities can be found on the RWJF [Funding Opportunities web page](#). You can also sign up to receive RWJF news and funding email alerts.

69. Who should I contact for any questions?

For technical questions related to completing or submitting your application in the RWJF MyRWJF system, please contact Global2026@rwjf.org; your inquiry will be addressed within two business days, and it will be added to the next scheduled FAQ update. Please note that RWJF is unable to provide individual feedback in response to specific questions about proposal content.