

**STATEWIDE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
INTERMEDIATE SOLICITATION #S-44000-00007649
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Question		Answer
1	If our office relocated to SW Washington, could we still apply?	<i>No. As per RFP Section 3.1 Minimum Requirements, 3.1.1 Must be located in Oregon.</i>
2	Does DFR have a minimum number of consumers that potential sponsorship awardees should intend to reach?	<i>No, there is no minimum. As part of the submission document, you should provide how many people you have previously and are currently serving which is part of the evaluation process. The intended purpose of the Program is an emphasis for serving the underserved communities, not quantity of those served.</i>
3	As an organization that serves a smaller population pool, but is one of the preference groups, can you share what previous awardees have been doing, or is that completely irrelevant and DFR is going to look at them based on what comes in and what your priority areas are?	<i>The current program year will not be part of the evaluation process. Proposals submitted will be evaluated based on the information provided in the submission such as what the proposed activities are, do those activities include DFR participation, what communities and demographics will be served, and what the RFP requirements are. The RFP document, Section 3.6.2, provides the evaluation criteria of how each proposal will be evaluated.</i>
4	We serve the Columbia Gorge. Our main office is in Oregon, but we also serve people in WA. Would we need to use the funds only on OR residents or could we also use funds for our WA service area?	<i>Yes, funds for the Program must be used for events held in Oregon and serving Oregonians. DFR understands that some events may include some Washington consumers, but the events themselves are required to be held at Oregon locations and serving Oregonians.</i>
5	Per your 8/10 email, your verbiage states, "Organizations will be evaluated on their ability to help	<i>For the purposes of this program, being a rural community does not qualify as being underserved. However, you do indicate that</i>

<p>underserved communities, including African Americans; Latino, Latina, and Latinx people; Native Americans; Asians and Pacific Islanders; other people of color; women; LGBTQ+ people; survivors of domestic violence; immigrants and refugees; youth who are underserved; previously incarcerated people; people with disabilities; and seniors. Preference will be given to nonprofits, public schools, public charter schools, and tribal entities currently conducting financial empowerment work in Oregon.” Nowhere does it include rural communities as an underserved category. Other grants that we have received consider our area eligible as a rural status. I’m just trying to clarify if that is sufficient, or do we need to also qualify on one of the above categories?</p> <p>We provide financial education for Baker, Grant, Union and Wallowa counties as well as individual 1:1 counseling.</p>	<p><i>you do provide financial education to the various counties, so you do qualify for the Program. The preference is for the financial education programs you provide to be geared toward or available to the underserved demographics listed in the solicitation and the email.</i></p>