STATEWIDE FAMILY CHILD CARE PILOT PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Will CDFA accept only one application per each Early Childhood Region?

CDFA aims to fund at least one application per each Early Childhood Region to ensure resources are distributed to diverse geographies across the state. We will accept multiple applications per each Early Childhood Region. However, please note we have limited funds available per region (\$120,000 total) so it will be important for the applicant to demonstrate need for these resources and/or a unique approach or population being served.

We encourage potential applicants to collaborate with others within their region to advance the goals of the Statewide Family Child Care Pilot Program. Due to the nature of a pilot program and specific program goals and objectives necessary to be delivered within a short timeframe, CDFA may identify opportunities for collaboration across applicants or fund a portion of the requested grant amount.

2. What happens if CDFA does not receive an application from one of the Early Childhood Regions?

We aim to build capacity within all regions to support family child care providers. CDFA may extend the deadline for Early Childhood Regions which are not represented in the applicant pool.

3. Does an applicant need to demonstrate the capacity to deliver all aspects of the eligible activities outlined in the Application and Program Guide (refer to program guidelines starting on page 5)?

CDFA is prioritizing funding to those organizations that demonstrate the ability to implement comprehensive programs that will outreach and deliver service to family child care providers. If a lead applicant does not have the internal capacity to deliver on all eligible activities, we strongly encourage engagement with Community Partners, Community Anchors or other consultants/organizations that can serve as sub grantees to fill gaps.

We recognize that each organization or region is in varying stages of capacity to serve family child care providers and encourage applicants to apply for resources to support the work they can accomplish within the program timeframe, while also look towards building capacity or partnerships to meet the needs of family child care providers for which they might not be positioned to do so today.

If CDFA can be helpful in identifying statewide or regional partners to help fill resource gaps or opportunities, please contact Carolyn Saunders at csaunders@nhcdfa.org.

4. Will we need to develop our own business health assessment?

CDFA is currently working with consultants to develop a business health assessment that can be used by partners across the state. These consultants have demonstrated specialized experience and utilize best practices for supporting family child care providers. There will be an opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to be trained to use this tool.