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Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab

**Cross System
Informational Webinar**

August 30, 2018





Mission of the
Colorado
Evaluation
and Action
Lab

Improving the lives of Colorado residents by partnering with state and local governments to strengthen coordinated and efficient person-centered services.

The Colorado Lab Approach

- **Responsive** to state agency partner needs
- **Connector** between state agencies and academic experts in Colorado and beyond
- Prioritizing work that wouldn't happen **but for** the Colorado Lab
- Guided by **build once, use often** philosophy

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The Colorado Lab Priorities

- **Set by the Colorado Governor**
 - Affordable Housing
 - Reducing Recidivism
 - Prevention and Intervention for Systems Involved Youth
 - Good Government and Efficiency
 - Marijuana Funded Programs
- **Informed by an Advisory Group**
 - Pathways to Cross System Partnerships

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Cross System, Actionable Social or Health Policy Research

Cross System Research

- Involves two or more state agencies
- OR
- Involves at least one state agency and one or more local government partners

Proposals that benefit multiple systems will be prioritized over proposals that only use data from multiple systems

Two Submission Avenues

The Colorado Lab is Funding up to \$1 Million
for Research Proposed in the 2019 Calendar Year

Call for Ideas

- **State agency staff members** submit their great ideas for cross system research
- Research team is NOT identified

Requests for Proposals

- **Any eligible organization** can submit a proposal.
- Research team is identified

The Lab will serve as a thought partner for design and connector to researchers

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Call for Ideas

Great Idea Defined

- State agency staff member's ideas for cross system research
- Directly inform policy or practice
- Well formulated or seed ideas are welcome

Call for Idea Submission Process: By October 15th

Step 1 – State Agency Staff Member Submits:

Description of the Idea and Why it Matters

Why Colorado Lab Resources are Needed

What, if any, Groundwork is Accomplished

Anything Else the Lab Should Know

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Call for Ideas: Review and Funding Process

Step 2 – Informational Call with the Colorado Lab

Step 3 – Prioritization of ideas and Invitation to Continue

Step 4 – Determination of Partnerships, Approvals and Feasibility

Step 5 – Each of the below

- Develop Scope of Work
- Identify Research Team
- Fund and Execute the Project

Recommendations of Funding by Dec. 31st, 2018

Project Beginning by March 1st, 2019

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Request for Proposals

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Eligibility for RFP

- Organizations that have the ability to conduct actionable research and engage in mutualistic partnerships with government agencies

Types of Studies

- Secondary analysis of Colorado state or local agency data
- Causal studies of programs or policies implemented by or in partnership with Colorado government agencies
- Quantitative studies that inform theory of change for programs or policies implemented by or in partnership with Colorado government agencies

Any of the above study types may be supplemented by a qualitative component

Project Types

Start Date of March 1, 2019

Quick Turnaround Projects

9 Months or Less

Dec 2019 Completion

Maximum Award \$50,000

No cost-sharing or matching
required

Longer Term Projects

22 Months or Less

Dec 2020 Completion

Maximum Award \$100,000 per
year, \$200,000 total

25% Cost-Share or Match
required

Letter of Interest – Cover Page

Entered Directly into Online Survey

Project Title

Submission Type: Quick Turnaround or Longer Term

Length of Project

End Users of the Information

Government Agency Partners

Abstract

Principal Investigator – Research Team

Contracting Contact

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Letter of Interest - Narrative

Project Title

Purpose of Study

Significance

- How is study positioned?
- How will the findings advance policy?

Methods

- Sample and data sources
- Primary research questions
- High-level analysis plan

Project Timeline Including Tasks and Deliverables

Feasibility

- Describe both feasibility and barriers

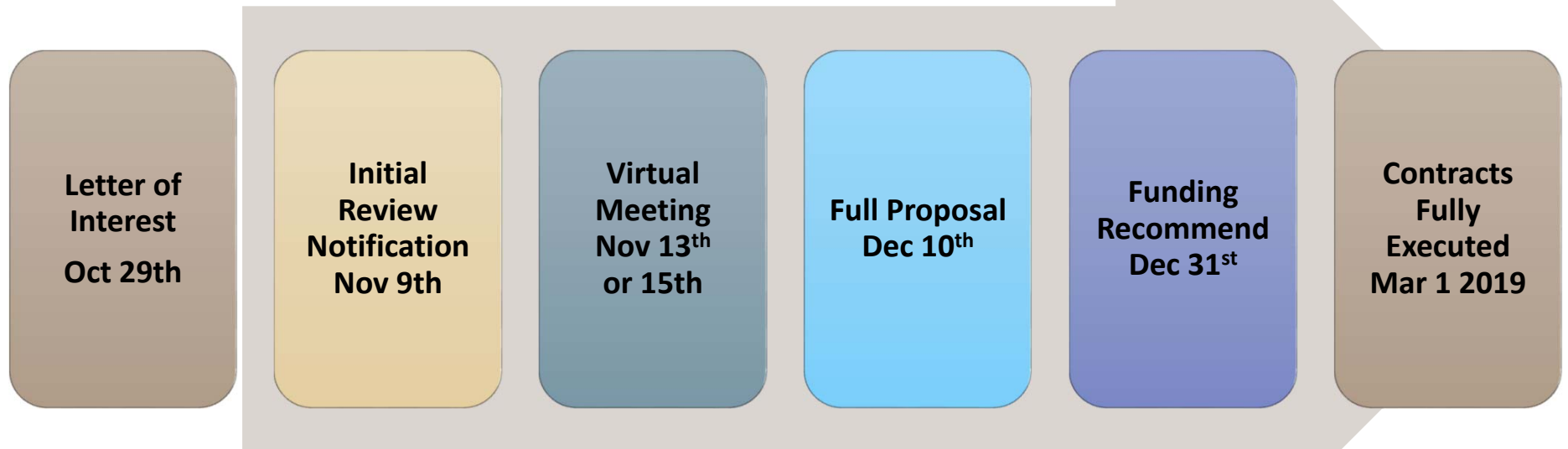
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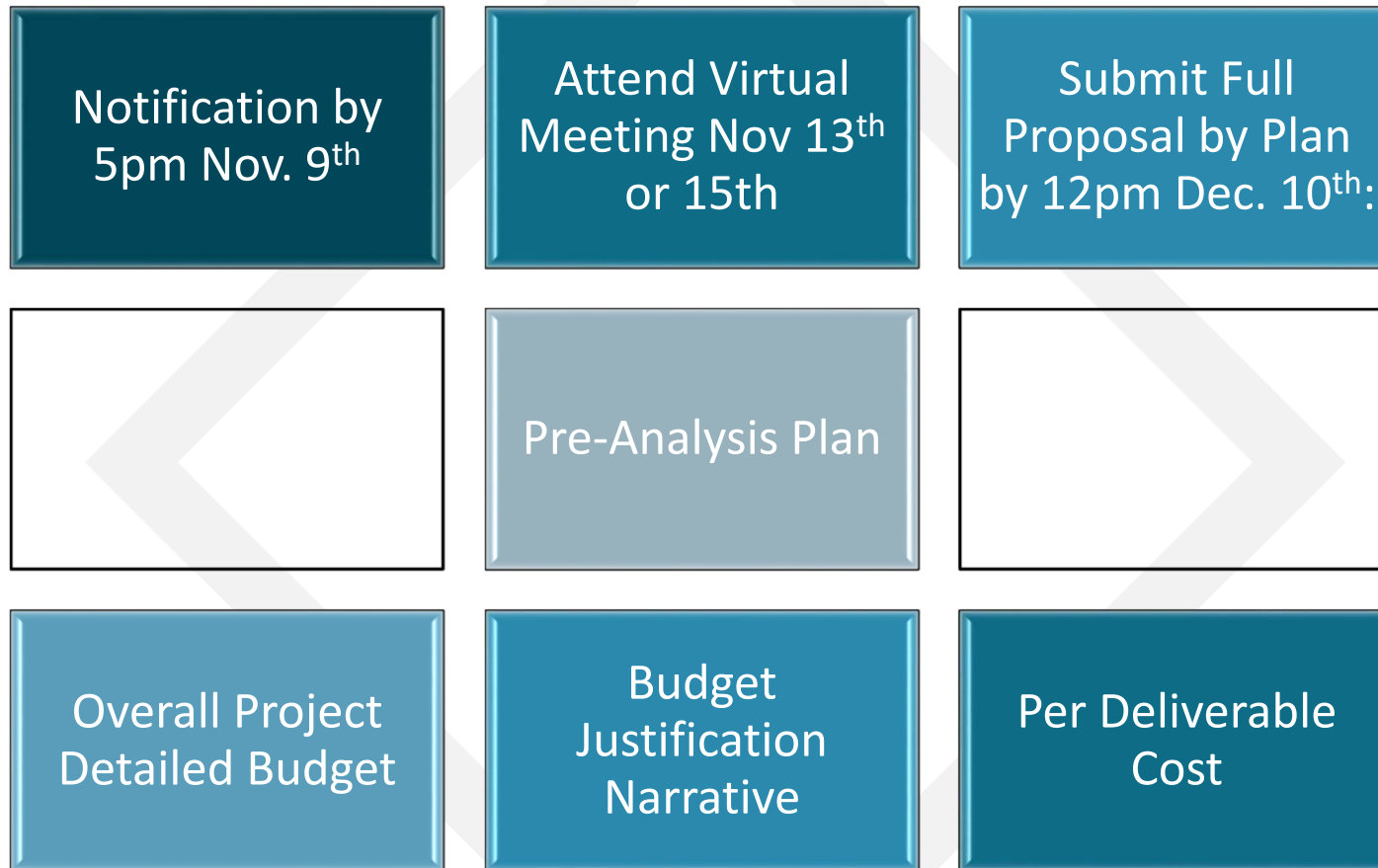
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Process and Timeline



All submissions are due by noon of the date noted

Full Proposal



Budget, Planning, and Indirect Costs

- **Indirect Costs:**
Zero Percent, Not Negotiable
- **Carryover across project years unlikely to be approved**
- **No cost extensions are unlikely to be approved**

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Questions?

