



Bridging the Gap Between Opioid Use Disorder Philosophies RFP

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is the budget for this project?

As stated in the RFP, we are interested in how a consultant would approach this project and what strategies they would use. It is up to the consultant to present a plan to achieve the outcomes we are seeking through this project with the associated costs.

When submitting an outline for your budget, please include the following cost components:

- A. Consulting, planning, mediation/facilitation
- B. Other direct costs (e.g.):
 - Project expenses
 - Marketing, communications, outreach
 - Travel
 - Surveys and/or focus groups
- C. Summit and related components (approx. 200 participants, 3/4-day event)

Please note that we understand that the budgets submitted will be estimates and we will have the opportunity to finalize a budget with the chosen consultant before signing an agreement.

2) Will preference be given to a consultant that can coordinate event logistics?

No, preference will not be given to a consultant that has event planning/coordination capability, however we would like to understand your approach in these two areas. In addition, if the selected consultant does not have existing relationships with event and communications vendors, RIZE can make suggestions to potential partners.

3) How important is it to reach consensus among these groups?

We do not expect to reach consensus and hope this work will identify common ground, help build better working relationships, and provide a better system of care for those suffering with opioid use disorder.

4) What happens after the September Summit? Can the work continue beyond that time frame?

September is Recovery Month which makes it ideal for this type of gathering and conversation, but we are open to other options. We do anticipate that there will be some work post summit and would like this work to be completed by the end of the year.

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5) Can the selected consultant have access to the referenced research paper by Dr. John Kelly?

We are expecting Dr. Kelly's paper in mid-March and will share it with the selected consultant.

6) Will you entertain a proposal for a consultant based outside of New England?

Yes, we will accept proposals from consultants based outside of Massachusetts and New England.

7) What type of firm can submit a proposal for this RFP?

We will review RFPs from both nonprofit and for-profit organizations.