

Rehabilitative Investment Grants for Healing and Transformation (RIGHT) Grant 4.0

Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When are the RIGHT 4.0 Grant applications due?

Applications for the RIGHT 4.0 Grant are due by 11:59PM on November 30, 2026. Applications submitted after that time shall not be accepted.

2. How can a newly founded organization be awarded a RIGHT 4.0 grant?

At this time, RIGHT 4.0 is for organizations with a pre-existing record of providing in-prison rehabilitative programming within the department two of the five years preceding their application and who are providing an existing rehabilitative program. A newly founded organization must meet the eligibility and requirements outlined in section 6 of the RFA.

3. For applicants proposing to expand or add services, is prior written approval from the Warden required at the time of application, or can that approval be obtained post-award during the implementation planning phase?

Warden approval is not required at the time of application; however, it must be obtained prior to implementing the program.

4. If an organization selects a certain number of institutions and populations in the RIGHT 4.0 application, is the organization committed to serving all the institutions and populations that we selected?

No, an organization will not be committed to all the institutions you selected. At the time of award, the organization will be required to complete the "Allocation of Funds" form. This form indicates how you plan to spend your funds based on the award amount and the institutions you selected in your application. Please only select feasible options within the required Attachment A within your application.

5. If an organization received the RIGHT 2.0 & or RIGHT 3.0 grant, is the organization still eligible to apply for RIGHT 4.0?

If you meet the requirements listed within the RFA, you are encouraged to apply for RIGHT 4.0. Receiving RIGHT 2.0 & or 3.0 funds does not affect your eligibility to apply for RIGHT 4.0.

6. Can the required forms be downloaded, signed by our Executive Director (digitally or physically), and then uploaded as PDFs into the Qualtrics portal?

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Yes, the forms can be downloaded, signed and uploaded to the application as PDFs.

7. Is there a way to save progress in the Qualtrics application?

The application is set up to allow applicants to leave the survey and re-enter to finish later.

8. To conserve space, may facilities be referred to using their standard CDCR acronyms (for example, “SQ,” “CMC,” “RJD”) or do you need the full name provided at least once?

Acronyms are acceptable.

9. Should the Program Summary be a description in paragraph form, or a list of answers to each item? Should an organization answer the Program Summary in paragraph form or in response to each individual question?

It can be in paragraph form, or in a list, however it is easiest for your organization to answer the questions, if it does not exceed the maximum number of two pages.

10. In the RFA, in the Research section it states grant recipients shall obtain services of an independent third-party research entity to ensure the use of an independent rigorous systematic approach to gather, track, & report on efficacy, & measure outcomes.

Advanced approval is required for programs wanting to conduct research with research being a formalized process. Please reach out to the Office of Research regarding the questions listed above. [Research Requests – Office of Research \(ca.gov\)](#)

11. How is the amount of the grant determined?

The totality of RIGHT 4.0 funds is specified in SB 111. Individual grant amounts shall be subject to the total number of qualifying applications that are received by CDCR and points awarded, as indicated through the points system within the associated budget bill language.

12. Is there any estimate about what range of funds an organization may expect to receive if awarded a RIGHT 4.0 grant?

No estimate is available. Individual grant amounts shall be subject to the total number of qualifying applications that are received by CDCR and points awarded, as indicated through the points system within the associated budget bill language.

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13. What sort of data will be required once the grant is approved? The grant reflects the budgetary information that will need to be submitted but does not state if any data will need to be submitted upon award.

Once awarded, an Allocation of Funds template will be provided. This information will let DRP know the amount of funds you expect to use at each of your selected institutions. Additionally, there will be an annual report required at the end of each fiscal year detailing the use of the funds by each recipient. However, CDCR may request other information during the grant period.

14. When do funds need to be utilized by?

Per SB 111, the funds appropriated in this item are available for encumbrance and expenditure until December 1, 2029, with a final report being due to CDCR no later than December 1, 2030.

15. The RFA asks for "proof of the organization's annual budget" for its fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2026-2027 (noted as July-June). If an organization submits Profit & Loss Statements for calendar year 2024, calendar year 2025, and fiscal year 2025-2026, would that be acceptable?

Please submit your organization's current organizational budget, or organizational budgets for the past two fiscal years. A Profit & Loss statement may be acceptable if it clearly outlines your past organizational budgets if clarification is needed, DRP will reach out to applicants as necessary. Alternatively, if your documents exceed the file upload size for the application, you can submit a Profit & Loss statement as a placeholder.

16. The RFA states, "Applications that fail to meet all technical and administrative requirements by March 29, 2027, shall be excluded from further consideration for funding." What does technical and administrative requirements mean?

Technical and administrative requirements means all required forms and documentation submitted with your application or requested by CDCR must be verified to be in good order by CDCR prior to March 29, 2027.

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17. When we are awarded RIGHT 4.0, will we be told which institutions (of the ones we applied for) we will be providing programming at? Or do we choose ourselves?

When awarded the RIGHT 4.0 Grant, you will inform our unit of which institutions that you intend to program at from the locations noted on the Institution locations "Attachment A" submitted as part of your application via an allocation of funds sheet, which will be provided by DRP.

18. How will the DRP verify that an applicant has provided In-Prison rehab programming for two out of the last five years?

Within the application questions it will ask where you provided your previous programming, DRP will verify this information with the institution(s) within this response.

19. How does an applicant demonstrate they have been providing services exclusively from a Fiscal Sponsor? What evidence is required?

This will require further review, please submit your application for CDCR to conduct a thorough review.

20. If an organization is already in an institution, does the organization need warden approval?

No, this is only required for new or significantly expanding programs.

21. Does an organization need verified letters of recommendation or formal approval from the institutions to support our application?

No, this is not required.

22. Can an organization offer a program in a language other than English? If so, how would the organization describe the language, method of delivery, connection to the institution, and the organization's experience and capacity to provide the program?

Yes, organizations can provide programming in languages other than English. Indicate which institution you intend to deliver this non-English program on the required Attachment A. Additionally, your program summary shall identify at a minimum the non-English language your program is offered in, how the program will be delivered, i.e. bilingual facilitators, certified interpreters, translated materials etc., and any correlation

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of the non-English language to the specified institution (if any). Please include any other pertinent information such as your organizations experience and capacity to provide program in the non-English language.

23. If an organization receives a Rights 4.0 grant, is the organization eligible for other CDCR grants?

RIGHT Grant 4.0 funds may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs. Grant funding is tied to purpose, and expenditures under a RIGHT 4.0 award must be utilized to “support eligible community-based, nonprofit organizations for the purpose of delivering trauma-informed, rehabilitative and/or restorative justice programming in CDCR institutions.” Other funding sources such as CARE Grants must be utilized for their intended purpose.

24. What kind of documentation does the DRP require as documentation for annual expenditures? Is a third-party audit sufficient?

Please submit your organization’s current organizational budget, or organizational budgets for the past two fiscal years.

25. For organizations that have multiple programs, do you want the overall organizational operating budget or just the budget for the relevant program?

Points will be rewarded based on current organizational budget, or the average budget of the organizations’ last two (2) fiscal years, whichever is greater. Please see the “FUNDING” section of the RIGHT 4.0 RFA for more details.

26. What type of documentation is required for budget verification?

Please submit your organization’s current organizational budget, or organizational budgets for the past two fiscal years. A Profit & Loss statement may be acceptable if it clearly outlines your past organizational budgets if clarification is needed, DRP will reach out to applicants as necessary. Alternatively, if your documents exceed the file upload size for the application, you can submit a Profit & Loss statement as a placeholder.

27. Will funds be awarded in advance or cost reimbursement to organizations?

The full award will be provided in one disbursement, like the other RIGHT Grants; however, the timing of the disbursement is dependent upon the eligibility process.

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28. Can the awarded funds be used to pay for stipends for Incarcerated individuals for participation in programming and completion of work by the organization?

No, you cannot pay participants for participation in your programs.

29. Does the total grant allotment change based on whether you are sustaining or expanding a program?

No, points are awarded solely based on the preestablished point system, please see the “FUNDING” section of the RIGHT 4.0 RFA for more details.

30. Please clarify what it means that funds cannot be used for college educational programming

You cannot use RIGHT 4.0 funds for any college educational programming such as a bachelor’s degree program.

31. For organizations that have multiple programs, does the DRP want the overall organizational operating budget or just the budget for the relevant program?

Overall organizational budget, this is used to inform the points to be awarded during application review. Please see the “FUNDING” section of the RIGHT 4.0 RFA for more details.

32. Are there other reporting requirements for Organizations that will be awarded RIGHT 4.0 Grant funding by the DRP?

Each grant recipient shall submit an annual report to CDCR that details the expenditures of their grant, to include which institution the funds were utilized, and the number of participants, and populations served. The annual report shall be due no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the end of each fiscal year as well as a final report of the award no later than December 1, 2029. Report templates will be provided by the DRP.

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33. Are there other opportunities for Organizations who have not yet been granted programming/funding in CDCR?

Yes, you can provide a self-funded program at an institution of your choosing, but DRP will not be able to assist you in implementation. To run a self-funded program, you will need to coordinate with the Warden and Community Resource Manager at the institution you wish to program at.

Future grant opportunities will be posted on the DRP grants website here:
<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/rehabilitation/grants/>

34. If an organization is not eligible for 4.0 funding, is the organization still able to provide programming within an institution if self-funded?

Yes, you can provide a self-funded program at an institution of your choosing, but DRP will not be able to assist you in implementation. To run a self-funded program, you will need to coordinate with the Warden and Community Resource Manager at the institution you wish to program at.

35. Item 'n' on page 9, I- VII. These all refer to an existing program. Should these same items be addressed to describe new programs?

Per the bill language, RIGHT 4.0 funding may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs. To the extent the organizations seek to utilize funds to provide a new program in institutions where the program is not currently offered, or to significantly expand a currently existing program, the organization must receive approval from the warden of the applicable institution

36. If we have been providing our curriculum via the Edovo system and mail correspondence but not directly in the prison does that disqualify us from applying?

This would not disqualify any organization from applying, we encourage the submission of application, so that DRP can do a thorough eligibility review.

37. Can the awarded funds be used for a mail/ correspondence version of the same program?

While not prohibited in the language, CDCR/DRP prefers in-person programming. Additionally, administering a correspondence program is often challenging within the institution as CDCR may not have available staff to assist with the administration of correspondence programs. Warden approval would be required.

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38. In the Program Description section, one of the instructions is to "Identify the type of program that is delivered, such as correspondence, in-person, or hybrid." Can you provide definitions of these three program types? Also, are there other program types as well, or are these the only three program types?

In-person would be any program that is operated in person with a program facilitator within the institution that program is offered. Correspondence would be programming that was done in whole via letter correspondence. Hybrid would be a combination of the two, such as a program that both holds regular in-person facilitated sessions combined with accompanying letter correspondence integration such as a Victim Offender Dialogue.

39. Are there recommendations about a minimum or maximum number of institution locations that we should apply for?

Applicants should apply for locations and populations that are feasibly accessible for their program as well as sustainable. Any institution locations where an applicant is anticipating expending these funds should be listed, along with any locations the organization wishes to bring their existing programming to.

40. Is it preferred that we choose to serve locations different from what we've served in the past, or is it okay to continue to serve the same locations?

Yes, you may serve the same location to sustain or expand (with warden approval).

41. The RFA requires that we submit the OBS 1500 form (Darfur Contracting Act), but the online application does not have a place to submit it. Will the online application be edited so that we can submit OBS 1500 there, or should we submit it via email?

This issue has been corrected; this will now be Question #46 of the application. If you have already submitted your application prior to the applicant conference call our team will reach out to collect that document during the application review process.

42. We have provided workshops by invitation as part of other programs and facility events such as resource fairs and suicide prevention events. Do these qualify toward the requirement of having provided two years of programming within the last five years?

We encourage any organizations to apply so their eligibility can be thoroughly reviewed. As stated in the RFA, "The organization applying shall have a preexisting record of providing rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution during at least two of the five years preceding their application."

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- 43. Some institutions are not allowing new programs due to staff or space shortages, do you have any advice or suggestions for new organizations trying to meet the 2 years of programming requirement if they can not bring their programs inside?**

We encourage you to keep in contact with the Community Resources Manager (CRM) of the institutions where you have interest in providing a program. Ultimately the CRM is responsible for spacing and scheduling hundreds of self-help programs accounting for hundreds of programming hours weekly, doing their best to serve the unique needs of their institution. CDCR does operate 30 institutions statewide, and the Institution Grants team is happy to help connect you with the CRM at any of them, just reach out to Innovativegrants@cdcr.ca.gov.

- 44. Are there any issues with or additional or different requirements for financials from organizations that have previously been self-funded?**

We encourage you to submit a completed application, and include the documents required so that DRP can do a thorough review.

- 45. Can you apply for the grant for your organization's programs and as a fiscal sponsor for another organization as well?**

Absolutely, under the circumstance that the sponsored organization is offering a program that is tangibly different than the program offered by the fiscal sponsor. The applying organization must meet the eligibility requirements listed within the RFA, and the Fiscal Sponsor must meet the requirements to be a Fiscal Sponsor.

- 46. Can you choose to apply for just one prison or should we choose multiple prisons?**

Applicants should apply for locations and populations that are feasibly accessible for their program as well as sustainable Any current program locations where an applicant is anticipating expending these funds should be listed, along with any locations the organization wishes to bring their existing programming to.

- 47. For 4.0, can we put the funds toward our existing program in the facility, or do we need to create expanded services/find a new facility to program at?**

Yes, you may utilize the funds for the existing program at the same facility to sustain or expand. (with warden approval).

- 48. The RFA allows calendar years 2025 and 2026 for organizations that manage finances by calendar year. Calendar year 2026 will not be complete by the November 30 deadline. What should a calendar-year organization submit for**

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2026, and which year's figure counts as the "current organizational budget" for points?

Please submit your last two calendar year budgets in this case, for current organizational budget, please submit the current year budget. Our team will review anything provided and reach out with questions if necessary.

49. The 3.0 RFA asked for both existing and new or significantly expanded programming in the Program Summary. The 4.0 RFA lists only existing-program items, while Attachment A still covers "existing or new/significantly expanded programming." Should proposed new or expanded sites be described in the Program Summary?

Per the bill language, RIGHT 4.0 funding may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs. To the extent the organizations seek to utilize funds to provide a new program in institutions where the program is not currently offered, or to significantly expand a currently existing program, the organization must receive approval from the warden of the applicable institution. The program summary should include a description of the existing program including the programmatic items required within the RFA on pages 9 & 10.

50. For organizations whose General Liability and Workers' Compensation policies are with different carriers, should the two certificates be combined into one PDF for the single Certificate of Insurance upload?

That would be acceptable. If our team has questions about these policies, we will reach out as needed.

51. The online application will not allow applicants to move past a page without completing every field. That means the entire application, including all uploads, has to be completed in one sitting. Can the form be set to save progress, or can DRP share the application questions as a PDF so applicants can prepare everything in advance?

The application is configured to save progress, but this specific issue has been reported to us in the past, and we have not been able to resolve this within the configuration of the application. All of the questions mirror the requirements of the RFA, with all of the required documents listed beginning on page 5, and available within the RFA.

52. Can DRP please explain the requirement for auto liability insurance (RFP pg. 8, Section J-III, under "Certificate of Insurance")? Our organization does not own any vehicles. We do not use automobiles to deliver our programming. Our staff/volunteers/subcontractors use their own cars to travel to/from the prison, and they park in the lot near the admin building/visitor entrance. In this case,

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does CDCR require us to have an auto liability insurance policy in addition to the personal auto insurance carried by each of our staff/volunteers (for a car that we do not own)?

Auto liability insurance is only required if a vehicle is used in the delivery of your program, such as bringing a vehicle into an institution to transport items used in the delivery of programs, or through the curriculum itself.

53. On p. 2, under “5. Funding Objectives,” the application states that 4.0 funds may be used to sustain or expand a program or to provide a new program. This is the same language as 3.0, but the feedback we received on our 3.0 program summary suggested that the DRP wanted us to explain how we were going to do all three: sustain, expand, and provide new programs. How should we understand this requirement?

Per the bill language, RIGHT 4.0 funding may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs. To the extent the organizations seek to utilize funds to provide a new program in institutions where the program is not currently offered, or to significantly expand a currently existing program, the organization must receive approval from the warden of the applicable institution.

54. If I plan to implement two new programs in one facility, do I submit a 2 page description for each program? Or one page per program?

The program summary should describe the current existing program being offered; please defer to I through VII in the program summary section of the RFA and submit a two page summary.

55. Is it possible to specify for each form, for fiscally sponsored non-profit service providers, if we should put down the name of the service provider or the fiscal sponsor? We had to change the entity listed on forms multiple times and so we are trying to minimize the administration burden and back and forth for our staff and DRP staff.

The application will guide you through this process, most documents will be specific to the program provider, please submit Fiscal Sponsor information in the designated places when asked DRP will reach out for additional documents/edits/clarification if needed.

56. We provide our programs (they are a short-term program with just 3 meetings at each prison) at many different locations, and don't always know where we will be

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able to provide and if we will have enough funds. Can we include more institutions that are possible so we can have flexibility?

You may select multiple institutions, so long as the locations you select are feasibly accessible and sustainable for your organization.

57. If we received right 3.0 funds, would we be able to use the same program to apply for 4.0?

If you meet the eligibility requirements listed within the RFA, we encourage you to apply for RIGHT 4.0. Receiving RIGHT 2.0 & or 3.0 funds does not affect your eligibility to apply for or receive a RIGHT 4.0 award.

58. Will this list of Q/A be sent out to us?

Yes, TPW will send it out on the list, and it will also be available on the CDCR website.

59. What is the best way to submit our proof of budget? Is a 990, ok? We don't have our 2026 990 yet, so can that be a report from QuickBooks?

A Form 990 may suffice, submit what you have and the DRP will reach out if any additional information or clarification is needed.

60. For newer nonprofit organizations that have already established active youth prevention programming, demonstrated community engagement, and developed partnerships with schools, correctional institutions, and public agencies, how does the grant evaluation process weigh demonstrate program impact against an organization's years of operation and prior grant funding history? Additionally, are collaborative applications with more established nonprofit partners encouraged, and would that strengthen a...

The RIGHT 4.0 grant utilizes a purely eligibility-based application as opposed to it being merit-based. We encourage any organizations to apply so their eligibility can be thoroughly reviewed.

61. Our budgets are according to the calendar year—January through December. Do we need to change everything to June-July for purposes of this application, or can we submit our organizational calendar year annual budgets?

Submit your budgets as is and upon review DRP will reach out with any questions.

62. Is there a minimum font size? Line spacing requirements.

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The program summary should not exceed 2 pages, be sure to utilize a font size and/or line spacing that allows for the document to be legible.

63. Can two organizations apply jointly for shared programming?

CDCR will only accept one application per organization with the only exception being for organizations acting as a Fiscal Sponsor for another organization.

64. If we are in one institution currently and plan to submit an application to expand to three or four facilities, do we need warden approval at the new facilities with our application, or can we obtain that approval after granted?

Warden approval is required prior to implementing your program, it is not required at time of application.

65. Does ASL qualify as "alternative language" offered?

Yes, ASL does qualify as an "alternative language" offered.

66. What is an acceptable worker's comp policy?

CDCR will require active workers' compensation insurance, or a workers' compensation exemption form if applicable. Please submit your active worker's compensation policy or exemption form for review. If we have any questions during our review, we will reach out.

67. On the Institution Locations and Populations Form: there are X's under specific populations (RHU, for example) that are already within the form. Are these populations exempt for that site or listed as a priority in advance?

The X's under specific populations included on the Institution Locations and Populations forms are currently blacked out because those populations are not available at that specific institution or they are not currently accepting programming at this time.

68. How are newer nonprofits with active youth prevention programs, measurable impact, and established community partnerships evaluated against organizations with longer funding histories? Would collaborating with an established nonprofit strengthen our application?

RIGHT 4.0 is awarded based on eligibility, the individual programs provided are not evaluated for this funding type.

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69. How should a newly incorporated nonprofit provide the required organizational budgets if it did not exist during those years?

Organizations must meet the eligibility requirements, including having provided rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution for at least two of the five years preceding the application. Please provide all documents requested with your application and DRP will reach out for clarification as needed.

70. Can a newly incorporated nonprofit qualify if its founders have been providing rehabilitation services inside CDCR institutions for more than two years through another nonprofit?

We encourage any organizations to apply so their eligibility can be thoroughly reviewed. As stated in the RFA, “The organization applying shall have a preexisting record of providing rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution during at least two of the five years preceding their application.

71. Do Rehabilitative programs have to be RAC approved programs?

RIGHT 4.0 does not require for programs to be RAC approved at any institution.

72. Can two organizations apply together? Perhaps, with one org as the applicant, and the second as a subcontractor?

CDCR will only accept one application per organization with the only exception being for organizations acting as a Fiscal Sponsor for another organization.

73. Are 290s considered “special population”?

No, the special populations are outlined within the RFA as Restricted Housing Units (RHU), and Enhanced Outpatient Programs (EOP)/Mental Health Crisis Beds (MHCB).

74. Does doctorate school have the same funding parameters as Bachelor’s degrees?

RIGHT Grant 4.0 funds shall not be used for the provision of college educational programming.

75. What is the strategy toward selecting a prison to conduct the services?

It is recommended that organizations select institutions where providing services is feasible and sustainable for their operations. Applicants should consider factors such

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as staff capacity, travel requirements, program delivery needs, and the institution's ability to support the proposed programming.

76. Both our workers' comp and GGL insurance expire/renew after submission and prior to award (in Dec). How are renewals handled?

We will be tracking and requesting the submission of those documents prior to the due date of March 29, 2027. DRP will track insurance expiration dates and request updated policies within a reasonable timeframe as they come up for renewal. This will ensure that the necessary documentation is available to contracting staff.

77. Does the two-year service requirement apply to the nonprofit's legal entity or to the rehabilitation services inside CDCR institutions for more than two years through another nonprofit?

The two-year service requirement applies to the organization, not to the individual. The requirement applies to the organization itself, not to individual program providers or their previous experience through another organization. The applying organization must have provided programming for at least two of the five years preceding the application.

78. Our program started in 2022 in SQ while incarcerated and since then the program has changed names yet still is provided in SQ under a new name. The program is now a nonprofit and is in the process of expanding into CMF. Can I still apply for this grant if CRM at SQ will vouch for the length of program?

You are encouraged to apply if you believe you meet the eligibility requirements. Eligibility will be determined after reviewing the application and the organization's specific circumstances.

79. Also, I can't progress in the portal to see how insurance forms are uploaded, and for 3.0, I was only able to upload one doc, but we use two different providers and therefore have two separate COIs. Is it best to put them into one pdf?

You can. If anything is missing, we will reach out to collect all documents during our review.

80. Will programs that include RJ services for correctional officers at the institution we serve be considered for funds through RIGHT 4.0?

RIGHT 4.0 is specific to bringing rehabilitative services to the incarcerated population, not for employees of CDCR.

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81. Our project is the process of shifting to an independent 501c3 but it won't be completed before the application is due. Is there a possibility to shift to that during the grant? Or should we plan to apply in our current format and use the new organization for future applications? Thank you!

Eligible organizations must meet all eligibility requirements. If an applicant organization is not currently a 501(c)(3) then they may choose to utilize a Fiscal Sponsor who maintains that status to achieve that portion of eligibility.

82. If we develop a new program in the next year that is not listed on the program summary in our application, can we use RIGHT 4.0 for this new program? Assuming we get warden approval.

Per the bill language, RIGHT 4.0 funding may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs. To the extent the organizations seek to utilize funds to provide a new program in institutions where the program is not currently offered, or to significantly expand a currently existing program, the organization must receive approval from the warden of the applicable institution.

83. We appreciate how responsive the grant staff has been when we have had a question or issue during the grant activity period, with a shout out to Andrew in particular. Going forward, who should we address emails to, to streamline responses?

The Institution Grants team is happy to help with any communication, questions, or issues that you may have. Feel free to reach out to Innovativegrants@cdcr.ca.gov.

84. To clarify...first you submit your application for a new program and then you get permission from the warden...not the reverse? If an application is for 2 new programs, does each program need a 2-page summary? Sorry but your answers about new programs were not clear...the default was always to warden permission vs how to apply.

Per the bill language, RIGHT 4.0 funding may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs. To the extent the organizations seek to utilize funds to provide a new program in institutions where the program is not currently offered, or to significantly expand a currently existing program, the organization must receive approval from the warden of the applicable institution. Once eligibility is determined, it is encouraged to

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begin discussions with the Warden and CRM of the institution so that when funding is received, implementation can begin.

85. Is there a number or email we can reach out to for questions that will come up while filling out the application?

The Institution Grants team is happy to help with any communication, questions, or issues that you may have. Feel free to reach out to Innovativegrants@cdcr.ca.gov. Please note that CDCR cannot assist in the development of any applications, only answer questions or resolve issues related to the application process as described within the RFA.

86. What if a different organization previously used the program we are now applying for? The author created his own nonprofit and now operates using these curriculums that have a history since 2020?

We encourage you to submit a completed application so that DRP can do a thorough review. Eligibility is not specific to the curriculum; it is specific to the organization. As stated in the RFA, "The organization applying shall have a preexisting record of providing rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution during at least two of the five years preceding their application..."

87. If my program ran in 2024 and 2025, but not in 2026, Does it still qualify? The program is hybrid (Zoom and in person) does that qualify? Last, it is currently not a non-profit and will be working with a fiscal sponsor, do the requirements change at all?

We encourage any organizations to apply so their eligibility can be thoroughly reviewed. As stated in the RFA, "The organization applying shall have a preexisting record of providing rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution during at least two of the five years preceding their application." No eligibility determinations will be made without a thorough review.

88. For a curriculum that has not yet been delivered inside CDCR, what evidence or evaluation plan would be appropriate at the beginning? How do you distinguish routine participant feedback from research that requires advance approval?

All formal research must go through CDCR's Office of Research approval process, as outlined in the RFA. Routine collection of participant feedback, demographics, and attendance information for program evaluation is not considered research. Activities

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such as conducting formal studies or surveys intended to evaluate broader rehabilitative approaches or produce published research may require research approval.

89. What would CDCR look for in a program focused on people convicted of sexual offenses to ensure it supports public safety, accountability, and rehabilitation?

This is a department specific question. We are happy to try and connect you with the correct area within CDCR to answer this question. Please send us a message to the Innovative Grants box at Innovativegrants@cdcr.ca.gov for routing.

90. What if you have been providing a program for several years, but it has been solely on a volunteer basis with no official budget? Does that disqualify us because we now want to expand with paid employees?

No. Providing programming on a volunteer basis without an official budget does not automatically disqualify an organization. Organizations that believe they meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply.

91. If we don't have the worker's comp or insurance, can the funding be used to get it. Meaning, can we hold off on getting the insurance until we get the funding?

Workers' compensation and insurance documents are required to be submitted with your application and verified to be in good order by CDCR prior to March 29, 2027.

92. What would the strategy for multiple prisons providing services be?

We encourage applicants to keep in contact with the Community Resources Manager (CRM) of the institutions where you have interest in providing a program. CDCR does operate 30 institutions statewide, and the Institution Grants team is happy to help connect you with the CRM at any of them, just reach out to Innovativegrants@cdcr.ca.gov.

93. How do we confirm that we have warden approval for new programming in our summary? Is stating that we have permission enough? Or do we need documentation?

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Warden approval is only required under two circumstances where you're significantly expanding, such as adding to the number of cohorts where you're currently offering programming or taking your existing programming to a new institution. Warden approval just needs to be gained prior to implementation of that program, not when you're applying.

94. To clarify, if we want to bring our program to a new institution, we will include that institution in the application but wait to reach out to the warden until it is tentatively approved?

Yes. You may list the new institution in your application and wait to contact the warden until your eligibility is confirmed. Warden approval is only required before implementation, and CDCR will request documentation if needed.

95. Can an organization that already meets RIGHT 4.0's requirements incorporate a new curriculum developed by someone outside the organization with lived experience? If so, what role could that person have—as a curriculum contributor, peer facilitator, or paid contractor?

Per the bill language, RIGHT 4.0 funding may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs. To the extent the organizations seek to utilize funds to provide a new program in institutions where the program is not currently offered, or to significantly expand a currently existing program, the organization must receive approval from the warden of the applicable institution.

96. If/when the 4.0 is approved, will it start right away while our 3.0 is still in completion, or does it start once 3.0 is completed?

RIGHT 3.0 and RIGHT 4.0 funding periods will overlap. Organizations may begin using RIGHT 4.0 funds upon receipt, even if their RIGHT 3.0 grant is still active. Expenditures and reporting must be tracked separately for each funding stream.

97. My curriculums have been implemented since 2020 but from a different organization that was proving services prior to me creating my own 501 c3 that is currently running those same programs in Chowchilla State Prison. But only for 8 months independent from the previous org. Is my organization, not the previous service providing org, eligible?

We encourage any organizations to apply so their eligibility can be thoroughly reviewed. As stated in the RFA, "The organization applying shall have a preexisting record of

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providing rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution during at least two of the five years preceding their application.”

98. Can this grant be used for research on our programs?

Yes, some information is available within the RFA more information on research can be found here <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/research/research-requests/> . Please keep in mind that advance approval from the CDCR Office of Research is required to utilize RIGHT 4.0 funds for that purpose.

99. Can a non-profit apply on behalf of a 290 rehabilitative program that was founded, is organized and run by a group of incarcerated men over the last 6 years with today 40 inside facilitators running 7 groups 4 English 3 Spanish?

We encourage any organizations to apply so their eligibility can be thoroughly reviewed. As stated in the RFA, “The organization applying shall have a preexisting record of providing rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution during at least two of the five years preceding their application.”

100. Are we able to use funds for digital tablets if we have access?

Per the bill language, RIGHT 4.0 funding may be used to sustain or expand currently existing programs or bring a currently offered program to a new institution where it is not currently being offered.

101. If you are already at 6 institutions, would you still be able to apply?

Yes, you may still apply. We encourage any organizations to apply so their eligibility can be thoroughly reviewed. As stated in the RFA, “The organization applying shall have a preexisting record of providing rehabilitative programming within a CDCR institution during at least two of the five years preceding their application.”

102. What if there is a new warden? If there is a new warden, do we need to get their approval though we’re approved by the previous warden and are working closely with the CRM?

Yes, you will need current Warden approval, the CRMs office will be able to assist.