



## Notable Rapid Response Questions from March 2021

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### *Funding*

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#### **Cost sharing/match - Can unrecovered indirect costs be used as match?**

Yes! [45 CFR 75](#) - Section 75.306 (c) provides guidance.

#### *Cost sharing or matching*

*(c) Unrecovered indirect costs, including indirect costs on cost sharing or matching may be included as part of cost sharing or matching only with prior approval of the HHS awarding agency. Unrecovered indirect cost means the difference between the amount charged to the Federal award and the amount which could have been charged to the Federal award under the non-Federal entity's approved negotiated indirect cost rate.*

#### **Are UCEDD's exempt from providing match because they are a DD Network partner?**

No. The DD Act does not provide an exemption for University Centers who are grantees (sub-recipients) of a DD Council. The DD Act provides guidance about the maximum amount of federal funding that can be used for projects and activities (see [PL 106-402](#), Section 126).

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### *Federal Reports*

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#### **How many characters will be available for the 4-year Overview and 5-year Outcomes and Impact PPR items?**

There will be 50,000 characters (or approximately 17 pages) available.

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*State plan development 2022-2026*

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**In the Comprehensive Review and Analysis section, what years do we report residential and waitlist numbers?**

The correct years are 2017, 2016, and 2015. The template has been updated to reflect these years.

**Can the DD Network Collaboration activity also be the targeted disparity or self-advocacy activities?**

Yes. Review the requirements for each and clearly mark the item as DD Network Collaboration and Self-Advocacy or Targeted Disparity.

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*Other*

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**What does it mean when a Council member abstains from a Council vote?**

Abstaining from a vote mean choosing not to vote. Sometimes, Councils will find that Council members who represent State agencies or other organizations abstain from a Council vote because they may be faced with a conflict with a position their Agency/organization has taken and the Council position on an issue. If a member abstains from a vote, it should be recorded in the meeting minutes.

**What is a common process to review products that are part of a Council funded project?**

Include language in any contract or agreement about product reviews. Most reviews are conducted to ensure the information provided is what the Council intended with Council funding. The intent of a review process was not to re-write or re-design a product, but rather:

- ensure the information aligned with the values and mission of the Council,
- was using respectful language, was professional quality,
- reflected best practice (when appropriate),
- and included the correct funding credit.

The use of Council members with subject matter expertise was noted as a trend when reviewing Council funded products.