

From: Elizabeth Charles <echarles@mainemobile.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:23 AM
To: Lay, Cam; chuh@emdc.org
Subject: RE: BOP Request for Funding

Good Morning Cam,

Thanks for your follow-up question regarding clarification on the AFOP funds. Each year, AFOP contributes a sum of money to the project. That funding is accessed directly from AFOP through an application process that we complete with their organization. The amount that we get is within the parameters of how they are funding programs like ours across the country and not necessarily an equal match to the value of the BOP funding. We have already confirmed, through a response from AFOP, that AFOP will fund this project at a level of \$3,333. Historically, we have combined the funding from AFOP with the funding from the BOP to make the staffing as associated expenses of this work possible.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

All my best,
Liz Charles McGough

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From: Lay, Cam [mailto:Cam.Lay@maine.gov]
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I'll include this in the Board packet. I expect the Board will have questions about the extra funding to leverage (it's been a few days, but if I recall our discussion that means "matching funds") the money from AFOP. If you'd like to include that explanation the Board might appreciate it; they generally like to review things in advance, especially for financial matters. Also, as I think we discussed, for expenses over \$5,000 we will have to go through the contract process.

Thanks,
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From: Elizabeth Charles [mailto:echarles@mainemobile.org]
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To: Lay, Cam <Cam.Lay@maine.gov>; chuh@emdc.org

Hi Cam,

Thank you for reaching out yesterday to learn more about the funding that BOP has provided to MMHP and EMDC over the years and our collaborative work to provide the WPS training to farmworkers across the state. As we discussed on the phone, I'm following up with a summary of this historic partnership and am copying Chris Huh of EMCD, Farmworker Jobs Program as he has been involved in this programming longer than I have and may have additional information to share.

For over ten years, the Board of Pesticides Control has been providing funding to a partnership between the Maine Mobile Health Program (formerly Maine Migrant Health Program) and the Eastern Maine Development Corporation Farmworker Job's Program. The funding from BOP has been combined with funding from the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs to be able to provide staffing for multi-lingual Pesticide Safety Training to farmworkers. While there have been different models for staffing this work over the years, key elements that have made our programming successful include:

- * Ability to provide trainings statewide
- * Ability to provide free trainings to the growers and the farmworkers to comply with the EPA's WPS
- * Ability to provide trainings in English/Spanish, English/Creole, or through contracted interpreters for other languages
- * Ability to schedule on-farm trainings at the convenience of the growers to ensure that they can be complying with regulations while maximizing their time to harvest their crops (this includes offering trainings on evenings or weekends as needed)

In addition to providing the WPS training, the staff member is also trained and able to deliver curricula including LEAF (Limiting Exposure Around Families), Heat Stress Prevention, Jose Aprende (a curriculum for school-aged children to help them understand how to stay away from contaminated objects or clothing in a home setting), and Tractor Safety. When possible and appropriate, the trainer makes an effort to combine the curricula into a comprehensive training for farmworkers. This package of trainings is a selling point in our outreach to growers to encourage them to access our services rather than using pre-recorded trainings. The trainings are interactive and include give-aways (such as laundry bags, hats, or water bottles) to the farmworkers in an attempt to make them as engaging as possible.

Over the years, the BOP has trained the staff members in the WPS curriculum and the staff member has received supplemental training on the other curricula from AFOP. Numbers of workers trained have varied over the years and are often impacted by both regulations on the national level and harvest dynamics that influence the workforce on a local level. In the past five years, we have increased the number of growers with whom we have partnered to offer training to their farmworkers and are always open to new referrals while proactively providing outreach to work toward increasing the number of farms where we provide services. The key harvest areas where we provide the majority of trainings include diversified farms in June, broccoli in July and blueberries in August. The staff member is embedded in the outreach team of the Maine Mobile Health Program as a Community Health Worker (CHWs), thus allowing them to collaborate with other CHWs across the state to maximize their ability to work with growers with whom the program has relationships in addition to bringing them into contact with farmworkers on a day-to-day basis. At the same time, as a representative of the MMHP and the Farmworker Jobs Program, the CHW is able to refer farmworkers to health services if they have concerns about pesticide exposure or to other social services upon which they rely while in Maine. The funding from the BOP has been a key factor in the success of this work and the services available to farmworkers as it supports both the staffing and travel expenses related to making this outreach and training possible, serving populations of farmworkers who may otherwise not have the best access possible to information that keeps them safe in the fields.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you on January 10th.

All my best,
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I will put you guys on the front end of the agenda.

Thanks,
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From: Elizabeth Charles [mailto:echarles@mainemobile.org]
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Subject: BOP Request for Funding

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Dear Megan,

Please find attached a request for funding from the Maine Mobile Health Program and the Eastern Maine Development Corporation to support multi-lingual Pesticide Safety Training in 2018. Most years, Chris and I have presented our request to the Board during the meeting at the Agricultural Trades Show and would be available to attend this meeting in 2018 if there is an opportunity for us to fit on your agenda.

Thank you for your consideration,

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