

Tobacco Prevention and Education Program

Appendix L: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General

In the budget template excel form where it states 9 months is it okay to include 12 months?

Yes, this is a mistake and should have been changed to 12 months (the correct document is posted online now)

Is there a list of ideas/examples for A-D?

Yes, the category A-D strategies are listed on pages 18-20 of the TPEP.

Will there be a Tobacco and Alcohol Retail Assessment (TARA) during the 2025-2027 biennium?

No, there will not be a Tobacco and Alcohol Retail Assessment (TARA) during the 2025-2027 biennium

Do documents need to be submitted in Word format or can the ones that require just signatures be submitted in a PDF?

The workplan needs to be submitted in Word. The budget needs to be submitted as an Excel document. The rest of the documents are okay to be submitted in a PDF format.

For the communications attachment is that all we need to submit for communications work?

Yes, the communications team will reach out at the start of the biennium to setup meetings with each county to develop a communications plan.

Workplan

Tier 3 prerequisite checklist: One of the prerequisites states: participation in statewide conversation for ICAA, Flavors Ban statewide, what documentation of participation can be utilized for this?

Meeting notes and agendas from legislative meetings (ex. Board of County Commissioners or City Council), testimony in support of the flavor ban or other policy strategies.

Tier 3 Recipient: Are we able to update our community assessment, although that is a Tier 1 strategy?

Yes, if it is tied to moving a policy strategy forward. For example smokefree housing policies would be the strategy and inside the community needs assessment there is inclusion of assessing or re-assessing the landscape of smokefree housing that would be allowable. It needs to be servicing a longer term goal and larger strategy.

Tier 2 Recipient: If we only need two strategies where do we include the other stuff that we are doing for example the cessation strategies and other activities not included in our objectives.

For cessation specifically there needs to be a cessation activity listed for each strategy category in the workplan (this requirement is listed on page 17 of the TPEP RFA). For work outside of that, you can include it as activities underneath each area and include it in the reporting. We keep supplemental information along with the reports. If you need any cessation support, contact Rachel Peterson.

Category B – Reducing exposure to second-hand smoke and exploration of the hotels and/or multi-unit housing groups. Looking for input from others.

Suggestion to connect with Marion County and Lane County who are also looking at these policy options. There likely would need to be an assessment before attempting a policy change which could be included as an activity under this strategy. There have been policies passed in other counties and states so it would be good to do some research into those. If needed feel free to set a meeting with Lily Banning with the Policy Team.

Expanding cessation classes and resources into a mobile clinic program as an activity under: Category D: Increase community and clinical linkages to tobacco cessation interventions, such as the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line, local Tobacco Treatment Specialists, culturally specific community-based organizations, and/or clinics. Has this been done before and is this a direct enough link?

If these individuals (utilizing the mobile clinics) are the populations that are identifies as having unique barriers to accessing cessation that this would solidify and strengthen this as a strategy. It would be bridging the gaps for the purpose of serving these communities. It is recommended to tap into the NiTR Program tha the Rede Group is overseeing to get clinicians trained as Tobacco Treatment Specialists to support the clinics at those site locations and build capacity with partner agencies. Community health workers (CHW) can participate in this training opportunity.

Where does school prevention work fit into the workplan (since Category C has changed)?

It depends and it could fall under multiple different strategies. There is a strategy focused on cessation programs for individuals under 18 years old so if there is more of a emphasis on cessation it can fall under that category. If it is more access to tobacco products focused and prevention based it may fall under the Category A access strategies. It really depends on what the priority areas are for the county and how youth engagement falls into that.

Tier 2 County: As a Tier 2 county are we able to still include alternative to suspension in our workplan as a policy strategy?

Yes, but alternative to suspension policy work would fall under a different category/strategy option. Ultimately this strategy is working towards reducing youth use of tobacco products so it could fit under smoke-free campus policy or the youth cessation category D strategy.

In the last biennium (2023-2025) there was a separate category for community engagement/capacity building/coalition work. For the next biennium (2025-2027) where do we include this?

For the 2025-2027 application this work can be integrated underneath the subcategories.

For the prerequisites checklist do we need to attach supporting documentation that we meet the criteria?

Yes

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