CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Day of Service Funding Opportunity Specific Questions
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CNCS is closely monitoring the latest developments related to COVID-19. As Americans prepare for the possibility of a COVID-19 outbreak in their community, you may have concerns about the potential impact of this new virus on your program. To help address these concerns, we are providing you with these FAQs. They will be updated regularly.

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1. Is the application deadline for the Day of Service Notice of Funding Opportunity, (NOFO) being extended because of COVID-19’s impact on grantees?
The application deadline remains/remained Wednesday, March 25, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time. However, in order to provide administrative relief to applicants affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis, these applicants will overcome the presumption of non-compliance due to lateness if they:
   • submit their application by Wednesday, April 1, 2020, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time AND
   • submit to LateApplications@cns.gov in no more than 200 words a compelling written explanation or justification of the extenuating circumstance(s) that caused the delay, including a description of the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Other applicants that are late must follow the late application instructions in the Day of Service Notice of Funding Opportunity, Section D.4.c. Late Applications, including submission of the application and written explanation or justification of the extenuating circumstances within 24 hours of the Application Submission Deadline, Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time. [updated 3/24]

2. How did the NOFO change when it was amended?
The NOFO amendment adds the late application process for applications that are late because of operational capacity or increased costs due to COVID-19, as described in the above FAQ. The late application process for other late applications was unchanged from the original NOFO. [updated 3/24]