

# State Innovative IMPACT Collaborative

## Evaluating Strategies to Advance Economic Mobility

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

#### 1. What kind of tests are you looking for?

See the [application guide](#) including the appendix for numerous examples. Please note that many other tests are feasible as long as they comply with the checklist shown in the application guide.

#### 2. Can states not in the Administrative Data Research Facility ([ADRF](#)) apply?

Yes! We are recruiting both states that are currently in the ADRF and not, but the expectation is that the evaluation data will be in the ADRF by the end of the two-year initiative. This is necessary in order to securely collaborate with our technical experts.

#### 2. Are cities or counties eligible to apply?

Yes, as long as you have a state agency employee on your team and the data you propose to use integrates with state data. The state agency person can play various roles, including offering policy insights, brokering data access, disseminating results and ensuring that what is learned is sustained.

#### 3. How will you select agencies?

See page 6 of the [application guide](#).

#### 4. Do I need to know how to conduct an evaluation?

No. We will provide training and technical assistance on evaluation design and implementation. We'll be with you every step of the way.

#### 5. If a recent model or change was piloted and data were collected, may an entity apply for this opportunity to do a rigorous evaluation of the impacts and implementation of the pilot? So long as the work and data fits the scope of interest (economic mobility)?

Yes, it is very common to do more rigorous evaluations after a pilot period. This kind of project would be welcomed.

**6. When you say local agencies, would it be ideal for it to be the municipality, or could another non-profit organization apply, with a state representative engaged?**

A public/government agency needs to be the lead applicant.

**7. Are only RCTs considered, or could one apply to do a quasi-experimental evaluation of a program that was implemented recently?**

Random assignment is encouraged but we will consider rigorous, quasi-experimental designs as well such as matching studies, interrupted time series, synthetic controls, or regression discontinuity designs.

**8. An ADRF agreement often takes a while to put together. You might describe the range of time it takes states to sign one and if there are costs to states? Are there costs associated with ADRF or ongoing utilization of the data base?**

The track for agencies whose data is not already in the ADRF, considers the time needed to work out an agreement. During this 6–9-month period, these agencies will participate in training and technical assistance related to data and evaluation research. The costs of the ADRF are covered by this initiative.

**9. Do you have any published past evaluations that you can share?**

Please see links in the appendix of the application guide.

**10. As a local agency, how would one get a state partner?**

We encourage you to reach out to the state agency where you report your data.

**11. Are coaches evaluators?**

Yes, all coaches have deep evaluation experience and coaches are backed up by a technical bench with extensive data analysis and coding skills.

**12. Is the ADRF where the project data will have to be submitted? Would that be mandatory?**

Yes, and yes.

**13. Can our data sharing agreement require that we destroy data in the ADRF after the project is finished?**

Yes.

**14. Does this opportunity include research publishing coaching or working with Coleridge/MDRC to publish or present the findings?**

Not within the two years of the initiative, but we do expect to publish a report in the year after the initiative. Agency staff can be coauthors if desired. The project team will prepare most of the report with review from the agencies.

**15. If an entity has more than one concept, would we submit them both in the same application or separately?**

In order for an adequate review, please submit answers to the questions outlined in the LOI for each concept whether you submit them both in the same LOI or separately.

**16. Is there an informational video on the ADRF or other insight resource to help us inform our agency about it?**

Yes, we have an information video on the ADRF from a previous webinar available on our website. We can also meet with any state teams individually that would like to learn more and provide a demo. Please find the link to the informational video [here](#).