

**MASSACHUSETTS eHEALTH COLLABORATIVE
RFA FAQ #2**

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APPLICATION PROCESS

- 67) In the eligibility section it requires that each community identify a community advocate. Our advocate is the PHO for our community and includes the local acute care hospital. Is it required or advisable to identify a person from this organization as the community advocate ?

As described in the RFA: “Each applicant community should identify a *community advocate*, who will serve as the liaison to the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative Board during the application and review process. This individual may be a leading physician within the community, a PHO or hospital executive, or any other individual with a similar leadership role in the health care community. The community advocate will submit the application on behalf of the community and may serve as local leader and coordinator of the community pilot project. *The importance to the success of the project of identifying and establishing community-based leadership cannot be overemphasized and will be a key criterion for selection of pilot communities.*”

FUNDING

- 68) What percentage of the funding available is cash and what percentage is in-kind donations?

MAeHC will provide funding for the acquisition, implementation, and support of systems through arrangements made by MAeHC with vendors and service providers. Pilot communities will not receive cash.

- 69) Do communities have to commit funding to this project in addition to what will be offered through the grant?

Please see the Funding section of FAQ #1.

HARDWARE/SOFTWARE/SUPPORT

- 70) How will implementing this grant affect the other systems that we are required to interact with due to previous contracts?

We will have to address these issues on a case-by-case basis. There is no expectation that the pilot project will conflict with any existing contracts and every attempt will be made for the pilot to complement such activities.

- 71) This RFA calls for the grantees to evaluate EHR systems and implement specific ones chosen by the collaborative? Will it matter that we've already made a choice and begun to implement a EHR internally?

Please see the Hardware/Software/Support section of FAQ #1.

- 72) How much flexibility will pilots have in implementing EHRs?

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- 73) Do you have any strict guidelines on what you would fund? For example, we would want to implement voice recognition software/hardware. Would you fund this or look upon this expenditure as not necessary to the implementation of the EHR?

Functional requirements for the systems that we will fund are currently under development.
