

2024 Fall Capacity Building Grants Cycle: Preparing for Your Meeting with SRE Staff

SRE Network is excited you are thinking about applying for the upcoming grant cycle. In this situation, we wanted to offer suggestions to prepare for your conversation with the SRE staff around your proposal. The goal of these meetings is to strengthen your written application, and answer any questions you may have during this process.

- If you are new to SRE, we may ask a few questions to get to know you and your organization better. Questions may include: size of your organization, why you joined SRE, and a little about the population you serve.
- **What are we going to talk about around your project?** We want to help the SRE staff understand the proposed project to be able to help hone or frame your written proposal. Questions may include: how did you determine this is the approach you're planning to take? Have you already spoken to possible contractors? How does your leadership/grassroots staff influence these decisions?
 - These meetings can also include a discussion of two or more ideas that you're determining fit for our RFP.
- **If you have questions** around specifics- budget format, terminology, timeline- this is the time you have to ask the staff! Please take the time to look at the full application before these meetings to be able to ask any questions you may have!
- We will always leave time for general tips and tricks from the staff- the joy of participatory grantmaking is that the staff's role is to help all applicants enter the most competitive applications. We are here to help you shine!
- **Who should come to this meeting?** People who can answer the questions above! 1-2 staff members are usually a sweet spot for folks who can answer project questions, and if you have someone who works in grant writing.