

**Pacific Islanders Organizing, Nurturing, and
Empowering Everyone to Rise and Serve (PIONEERS)
Program
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

The following are answers to questions that were posed by prospective applicants:

1. What evaluation tools will be used and who develops them?

We have hired an Evaluation Consultant that will take the lead BUT will work in collaboration with the selected program to develop the tools needed for pre and post evaluations.

2. If components are already spelled out in the RFP, what role does the Youth Advisory Group have?

The four components of the program (Youth Advisory, PIONEERS curriculum, Mana Sessions and Forward Movement Projects) must be included. There is flexibility in the PIONEERS curriculum topics and the types of community projects that youth get involved in, how the program is run including outreach and additional services/activities, and what and how we evaluate. The Youth Advisory Group should provide input that would help shape how the PIONEERS program is implemented and evaluated.

3. Who can apply for this RFP and is collaboration encourage?

Any interested party may apply for this RFP. The County does encourage collaboration between agencies and proposals that demonstrate collaboration with local colleges, behavioral health agencies and community stakeholders will be prioritized. We expect there to be one lead agency that would submit the RFP Proposal and be the take the fiscal lead with any agencies they collaborate with for the services.

4. When will award notification be given and when are services scheduled to begin?

We anticipate the award notification to be given on February 28, 2022. The contract start date and when services are anticipated to begin is July 1, 2022. (These dates are subject to change)