Standard Exploration Awards (SEA) Cooperative Agreement Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is the difference between the two awards (HIP and SEA)?

A: The HIP award will make 3-7 awards for amounts ranging between $100k-$500k and require applicants to select 3 Impact Dimensions to address as part of their Project. The SEA award will make 3-5 awards for amounts ranging between $50k-$100k and require applicants to select 1 Impact Dimension to address as part of their Project.

Q: What is the expectation of results, outcomes or deliverables expected by the end of the performance period for each?

A: ONC is seeking to advance the use of interoperable standards through health IT for the identified priority categories to improve the areas of practice efficiency, clinical quality, cost efficiency, privacy and security, safety, patient engagement, and interoperable exchange. Please see Pages 4 (Project Objectives, Desired Impact and Outcomes) and 10 (Structure and Approach and Project Deliverables and Evaluation) of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for more information.

Q: On Page 12, "Release of Funds Approval – ONC Project Officers will be responsible for requesting authorization for the release of funds for their assigned Projects." When and how often will these funds be available for the awardee to draw down? Is the awardee able to draw down funds monthly based on incurred costs?

A: Funds are anticipated to be released on a monthly basis for incurred costs.

Q: Is the awardee able to use funds to purchase licenses? Are licenses an eligible expense?

A: No.

Q: Are there any steps to apply following the information sessions and submitting letters of intent?

A: The next step is to complete and submit the FOA application should you choose to proceed with applying.

Q: I would like to join the meeting on May 23rd. Where is the location?

A: Both the HIP and SEA Informational Sessions will be held virtually. You can register for the [HIP session here](#) and the [SEA session here](#).