

2026/27 Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

New & Important Updates for Applicants

This summary highlights key updates included in the 2026/27 TAP Program Announcement that may affect applicants. It is intended to help both returning and new applicants quickly identify important program requirements and expectations.

Topic	2026/27 Program Update	What Applicants Should Know	Program Announcement Reference
Performance-Based Renewals	CalOSBA has introduced a performance-based renewal process for eligible organizations. Renewal consideration will be based on program impact, administrative performance, compliance, and continued eligibility.	Current awardees should review the renewal criteria and timelines to understand future funding opportunities.	Renewal Process (pp. 11–16)
Updated Scoring Criteria	The application evaluation has been updated with revised scoring categories, bonus point opportunities, and performance-based point deductions.	Review the scoring criteria carefully to understand how proposals will be evaluated and how prior performance may affect scoring.	Scoring Criteria (pp. 29–30)
Performance-Based Point Deductions	Returning awardees may receive point deductions for issues such as late reporting, missed performance thresholds, spenddown performance, and administrative deficiencies.	Maintaining strong program performance throughout the grant period is important for future competitiveness.	Scoring Criteria (pp. 29–30)
Grant Management Expectations	Organizations requesting grant extensions may receive a point deduction in future application cycles.	Applicants are encouraged to plan activities and expenditures to fully utilize grant funds within the performance period.	Funding and Duration (p. 9)
Network Application Options	Additional guidance has been added for organizations applying as Network-Based Programs, including Portfolio Network structures and network funding requirements.	Organizations applying on behalf of multiple Centers should review the updated network application requirements.	Application Types & Authorized Representatives (pp. 16–17)
California-Based	Prior approval is required	Consider this	Allowable Activities &

Contractor Requirement	before using contractors located outside of California. Applicants must demonstrate why comparable services cannot reasonably be obtained within the state.	requirement when developing project budgets and selecting consultants.	Expenditures (p. 10)
Disaster Resiliency Programming	Disaster preparedness has been incorporated into annual program expectations. Recipients must provide at least two disaster resiliency (or Outsmart Disaster) training events during the grant period and report outcomes.	Applicants should incorporate disaster resiliency programming into their proposed activities, where applicable.	Final Year-End Report (p. 22)
Client Intake Documentation	Applicants are required to submit their organization's current client intake form as part of the application package.	Ensure the intake form reflects your organization's current client onboarding process.	Application Requirements (pp. 26–27)
Applicant Office Hours	Optional Office Hours have been added to provide applicants with an opportunity to ask procedural questions during the application period.	Office Hours are optional and separate from the Pre-Bid Webinar.	Webinars (p. 25)
Generative AI Disclosure	The Program Announcement includes a new Generative AI disclosure requirement consistent with State policy.	Organizations should review this section if Generative AI will be used in a manner requiring disclosure under State requirements.	GenAI Disclosure (p. 32)