

**Best Start Region 1 Collective Advocacy Contractor Request for Proposals  
Questions & Answers**

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- 1. I understand that there's an interest in having an impact on housing and how to do that without impacting policy is a question. I'm wondering where you see or what do you anticipate to be the kind of effective activities that will be planned through this process and that will emerge from this process?**

We've been working closely with First 5 LA (F5LA) to get a better sense of how they're defining the allowable and unallowable. The way they have communicated it is as long as there's education and information, then that's allowable. We are looking to identify a partner who is able to engage systems change efforts, in partnership with Best Start Region 1 community residents who understand what is required within the parameters associated with public funds, such as the funds available for this opportunity through F5LA. For example, it may involve engaging in community education, and using that capacity for residents to mobilize to then educate legislators and other stakeholders in key positions of power and influence, to help residents achieve the forms of systemic change. This may involve sharing their experiences as residents, how do they understand the issue based on their lived experiences, how it affects them and their communities directly, and what they would like to see. The intention then, would be for those key individuals, to make decisions that are informed by the very residents most impacted by systemic conditions. If there are coalition's that already exist, that are mobilizing and have the ability, it may involve thinking about how we connect residents to those opportunities as well so that they work with other entities around the direct action.

