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**Question:** We have two programs that we want to request funding for. Instead of submitting two proposals, we want to combine them. Is that permissible?

**Response:** For two programs with separate and distinct sets of interventions and outcomes, you would need to submit two proposals.

**Question:** One of the programs is partly funded by the Tulare County Health and Human Services Department. Did I understand correctly that if a program receives county funds (even though not fully funded), it is ineligible for First 5 funding? Can the county funds be used as a match if the partly county-funded program is still eligible for First 5 funds?

**Response:** First 5 funding may not be used to **replace** existing state or local general funds.  First 5 funds may be used to enhance programs partially funded with existing state or local general funds.  Any funds obtained from HHSA for a 0-5 program would be shown as *matching funds*.