



New Hampshire Substance Use Disorder Treatment Infrastructure Expansion

OFFICIAL RESPONSES TO VENDOR QUESTIONS RFP 16-DHHS-DCBCS-BDAS-04

No.	Question	Answer
1)	Section 1.1 - Purpose and Overview Is the Department seeking one vendor to provide services statewide or is the Department awarding several contracts to ensure statewide coverage?	The Department will award funds to one or more vendors to ensure maximum coverage.
2)	Section 3.1.2 a) Does this mean the covered populations are NH residents (or homeless in NH) who are age 12 and over (or under age 12 with permission) regardless of insurance coverage or 3 rd party payer coverage? b) Is the covered population any individual with a substance use disorder who is a resident of NH or homeless in NH? c) Who is not eligible to receive services?	a) Yes, services must be available to all individuals regardless of the payer. b) Yes. c) The RFP does not include criteria for ineligibility outside of the funding restrictions associated with the funding source.
3)	Section 3.2 – Scope of Services Is the use of WITS required for services funded through this funding?	No.



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4)	Section 4 – Finance What is the price limitation for this RFP? What is the anticipated amount of funding available each state fiscal year?	a) A minimum of \$1,000,000 is available through 6/30/17. The Department may exceed this amount dependent upon the proposals received. b) The Department is seeking cost proposals that demonstrate an agency's actual costs associated with developing new services or expanding capacity in existing services. This means the Department expects some proposals to demonstrate higher costs in State Fiscal Year 2016 and some proposals to demonstrate higher costs in State Fiscal Year 2017, depending on whether the agency is developing new services or expanding capacity in existing services.
5)	Section 4 – Finance What do you assume would be the average award for each state fiscal year?	None anticipated.
6)	Section 4 – Finance Is this a 'fee-for-service' contract?	No.
7)	Section 4.1 Review of CFDA 93.959 does not explicitly state what costs are allowable under the Block grant. a) What can the funds be spent on? b) Is there a 5% cap on administrative costs?	a) Funds can be used to develop new services or expand capacity in existing services. Unallowable costs are outlined in 45CFR96 Subpart L 96.135 (http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=cf9878c1b97c8a35549680cc8af14731&node=pt45.1.96&rgn=dv5#se45.1.96_1135). b) The 5% cap applies to the Department, not to the vendors.



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8)	Section 4.1 Can the funding be used to supplement existing services that may close if additional funding is not available?	No. Funding can only be used to develop new services or expand capacity in existing services.
9)	Section 4.1 Are the funds only for new or expanded services?	Yes.
10)	Section 4.1 If we need to make renovations to a facility in order to have it licensed as a residential treatment facility, are the renovation costs allowable?	No.
11)	Section 4.1 Can equipment be purchased?	Yes, if the equipment is directly related to develop new services or expand capacity in existing services.
12)	Section 4.1 Can funds be used on information technology?	Yes, if the information technology is directly related to developing new services or expanding capacity in existing services.



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13)	Section 4.1 Can you provide specific examples of 'infrastructure development' in relation to this RFP?	Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchasing equipment, software, and program supplies to expand service capacity or develop new services.• Purchasing program materials to implement and/or expand evidence based practices for new and current programs.• Paying for staff/consultant costs, such as to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain training and/or certification required to implement new and/or expand current programs.• Obtain necessary licensures.• Design new programming to expand capacity.
14)	Section 4.1 Is this funding for capital?	No.
15)	Section 4.1 Is this funding for operations/services?	No. The funding cannot pay for the delivery of services. The funding may be used to hire staff and pay staff salaries as well as the related costs for the initial development of new services or expansion of capacity in existing services.
16)	Section 4.1 Can this money be used to make capital improvements to facilities?	No.



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17)	Section 4.1 Can this funding be used to secure/purchase/lease space for program services to occur?	The funding cannot be used to purchase space, but it may be used to lease space.
18)	Section 4.1 Can this funding support services in privately-owned recovery housing that is peer-run/managed and unlicensed?	No. Please see Addendum #1.
19)	Section 4.1 Is the assumption that the funding is for program startup costs and then whatever program(s) might be funded are expected to be self-sufficient at the end of year three?	The funding is for developing new services or expanding capacity in existing services. The funding is not for the delivery of those services.
20)	General: Do all agencies need to have MLDACs/LADCs on staff?	<p>No. Staffing may include licensed mental health professionals who meet the requirements to treat Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorders (SUD/COD) within their scope of practice and who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can demonstrate completion of 25 hours of training in the core competencies within the last two (2) years; or• Can complete 25 hours of training in the core competencies within six (6) months of the contract effective date. <p>(http://www.nhcenterforexcellence.org/images/Certification_and_Licensure/Core_Competencies_FINAL_2015_Endorsed.pdf).</p>