

OFFICIAL RESPONSES TO VENDOR QUESTIONS RFA-2023-DPHS-01-HEALT

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Section 2. Scope of Services, Subsection 2.3. HCC Governance and Administration, Paragraph 2.3.10. Is the expectation that the selected Administrative Lead Organization (ALO) will provide grant writing services or staff time to partner organizations in order to help the partner secure grant funding?	Yes, the selected Vendor must provide assistance to HCC members with securing other resources for the HCC including, but not limited to, writing grants.
2.	Section 2. Scope of Services, Subsection 2.7. National Incident Management System (NIMS), Paragraph 2.7.6, Subparagraph 2.7.6.2., Part 2.7.6.2.8. a. Is the coalition required to have committees? b. If so, is it expected that each of those committees must produce annual action and/or strategic plans?	a. Yes, the selected Vendor is required to have committees, as it relates to Part 2.7.6.2.8.b. Yes, each committee needs to have an annual action plan.
3.	Section 2. Scope of Services, Subsection 2.8. Infection Control Prevention, Paragraph 2.8.1. Can the Department provide more detail on the relationship of this technical assistance to that already provided by the Department via the Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) program or COVID Investigation Unit, or by other currently or soon-to-be contracted entities?	The selected Vendor will work with the Department, including the Department's HAI program and COVID investigation unit, as requested to conduct the services described in Subsection 2.8.
4.	Section 2. Scope of Services, Subsection 2.8. Infection Control Prevention, Paragraph 2.8.7. a. Can the Department provide more detail on the type of technical assistance to be provided with regard to clinical services? b. Is it anticipated that deployed staff would	 a. See Addendum #1, Item 1, published on the RFA web page at RFA-2023-DPHS-01-HEALT. b. See Addendum #1, Item 1.

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	be provided by the selected Vendor or through a subcontractor chosen by the Department?	
5.	Section 2. Scope of Services, Subsection 2.9. Additional Requirements, Paragraph 2.9.5. Reporting and Deliverables, Subparagraph 2.9.5.2. Can the Department provide an estimated range of time it expects the selected Vendor will spend onsite based on experience with the COVID-19 pandemic to date?	The time requirement, as it relates to CDC (Strike Team) Funding, requires a 50/50 time split between Skilled Nursing Facilities and Long-Term Care Facilities. See Paragraph 2.10.2 of the RFA. To date, the Department does not have data available to provide an estimated amount of time the selected Vendor will spend onsite at facilities based on the COVID-19 pandemic.
6.	Section 2. Scope of Services, Subsection 2.9. Additional Requirements, Paragraph 2.9.5. Reporting and Deliverables, Subparagraph 2.9.5.4. Is the 10% in-kind match required for the HPP base budget only, or is it for the full budget including the CDC Infection Control Prevention funding?	The 10% in-kind match is required for the Department's full base HPP award from ASPR in the amount of approximately \$2,212,906, for a total in-kind match of approximately \$221,291 during State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 (or approximately \$110,646 each State Fiscal year). There is no match requirement for the CDC Infection Control Prevention funds.
7.	Section 2. Scope of Services, Subsection 2.10. Compensation & Contract Value, Paragraph 2.10.2. a. Are the Strike Teams already in existence? b. Is the selected Vendor expected to provide support, financially or otherwise, to the Strike Teams? c. If yes, what amount of funds should be allocated for Strike Teams?	 a. No. See Question 4b above, and Addendum #1, Item 1, published on the RFA web page at RFA-2023-DPHS-01-HEALT. b. Yes. The selected Vendor must provide or coordinate the services in 2.8.6 of the RFA, and 2.8.7 of the RFA as amended via Addendum #1. c. Applicants are responsible for identifying the need and budgeting accordingly.
8.	Section 3. Notices, Subsection 3.5. Compliance, Paragraph 3.5.6 Audit Requirements Will the selected Vendor be considered a subrecipient?	Yes.





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9.	General Question a. Can staff time be allocated between both HPP funding and CDC funding? b. If staff is fully funded by HPP funds, can a portion of their time be dedicated to CDC program requirements?	 a. Yes. See Paragraph 2.10.2.2 of the RFA, and Addendum #1, Item 2, published on the RFA web page at RFA-2023-DPHS-01-HEALT. b. No. See Addendum #1, Item 2, published on the RFA web page at RFA-2023-DPHS-01-HEALT. HPP funds must only be used to support HPP activities.