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Applicant Conference

**Request for Applications No. HHS0017579
Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Mobile Stroke Unit
(MSU)
September 28, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. CST**

Agenda



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1. Introductions
2. Housekeeping Items
3. Project Overview & Scope
4. Funding Stream Updates & Tracking
5. Grant Term
6. Program Requirements & Allowable Activities
7. Prohibitions
8. Closing Comments

Introductions

Speakers

- **Marcellus Crayton** Grants Specialist
Sole Point of Contact for RFA
Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Procurement and Contracting Services (PCS)



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Procurement Roles

Procurement Team

- Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Procurement and Contracting Services (PCS) is responsible for all procurement and solicitation activities.
- Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services is responsible for contract management activities throughout the life of the Grant Agreements including, contract development, execution, and monitoring.
- CRS MSU is responsible for project scope, requirements, performance, results, and monitoring.



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Schedule of Events



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EVENT	DATE/TIME
Funding Announcement Posting Date Posted to HHS Grants RFA	August 28, 2026
Applicant Conference Attendance is Optional	September 4, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Central Time
Deadline for Submitting Questions or Requests for Clarification	September 9, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. at Central Time
Tentative Date Answers to Questions or Requests for Clarification Posted	September 14, 2026
Deadline for Submission of Applications NOTE: Applications must be <u>RECEIVED</u> by HHSC by this deadline if not changed by subsequent Addenda to be considered eligible.	September 28, 2026, by 10:30 a.m. Central Time
Anticipated Notice of Award	March 2027
Anticipated Project Start Date	April 2027

Solicitation Access

HHSC will post all official communication regarding this RFA on the following website, including the notice of award:

- The HHS Grants website is located at <https://resources.hhs.texas.gov/rfa/hhs0017579>

HHSC reserves the right to cancel this RFA, or to make no award if it determines such action is in the best interest of the State.

HHSC may, in its discretion, reject any and all applications or portions thereof.



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Sole Point of Contact

- All communications relating to this RFA must be directed in writing to Marcellus Crayton, Sole Point of Contact at Marcellus.Crayton02@hhs.Texas.gov
- All communications between applicants and HHSC staff members, or any other HHS staff members, concerning this RFA are **strictly prohibited**.
- Failure to comply with these requirements may result in application disqualification.



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Project Overview



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Executive Summary of Program

Prevalence of rising comorbidities throughout the State are resulting in high stroke mortalities rates. In 2005 Senate Bill 330 was passed during the 79th Legislature to develop a state emergency stroke treatment system to provide a single, consolidated license covering both a hospital and its affiliated MSU. This allows MSU responders to identify and transport a person with acute stroke signs and symptoms to an appropriate designated facility, preferably within 60 minutes after symptom onset, during which rapid medical intervention can save brain cells, reduce long-term disability, and significantly improve survival.



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Available Funding

- The total amount of State funding available for the CRS MSU grant program is \$1,750,000.00 for State Fiscal Year 2027. It is the System Agency's intention to make multiple awards to Applicants that successfully demonstrate the ability to provide MSU(s) and related services.



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Source Documentation & Tracking Funds

Grantee shall submit quarterly FSRs to System Agency by the 30th Calendar Day following the end of the Calendar Quarter being reported for System Agency review and financial assessment. Through submission of a FSR, Grantee certifies that:

- Any applicable invoices have been reviewed to ensure all grant-funded purchases of goods or services have been completed, performed or delivered in accordance with Grant Agreement requirements;
- All Grantee-performed services have been completed in compliance with the terms of the Grant Agreement;
- That the amount of the FSR added to all previous approved FSRs does not exceed the maximum liability of the Grant Award; and
- All expenses shown on the FSR are allocable, allowable, actual, reasonable, and necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Grant Agreement.
- No Matching Funds Required



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Reference	Type	Frequency	Criteria	Due Date
Section 2.8,	Performance Report	Quarterly	The health outcomes of individuals treated by the Grantee's MSU	The 30th Calendar Day following the end of the Calendar Quarter being reported. If the 30th falls on a weekend or holiday, report will be due the following Business Day.
Section 2.9, Financial Status Reports(FSRs)	Financial Status Report	Quarterly	The Grantee's operating expenses associated with MSU.	The 30th Calendar Day following the end of the Calendar Quarter being reported. If the 30th falls on a weekend or holiday, report will be due the following Business Day



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Grant Term

- The Project Period is anticipated to be from the award date through **August 31, 2027**.
- The System Agency may, at its sole discretion, extend the Project Period for up to one (1) year to allow for the full expenditure of awarded funding and completion of Grant activities. Approved Projects may not exceed a one (1) year Project Period.



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Eligible Applicants

- To be considered an Applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - ✓ Submit all applicable licenses and/or certificates in accordance with Section 2.6 Requirements.
 - ✓ Submission of all required documents as outlined in Section XIII. Submission Checklist.
 - ✓ Submission of Application in accordance with Section VIII. Application Organization and Submission Requirements and Section XIV. List of Exhibits and Forms Attached to RFA.



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Prohibitions

Section 5.3 Grant Funding Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- Any use of grant funds to replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-grant sources;
- Inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy (cf. 18 U.S.C. § 1913), whether conducted directly or indirectly;
- Any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- Vehicles for general agency use; to be allowable, vehicles must have a specific use related to Project objectives or activities;
- Entertainment, amusement, social activities, and any associated costs including but not limited to admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity, or sporting event unless such costs are incurred for components of a program approved by the grantor agency and are directly related to the program's purpose;
- Costs of promotional items, and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs;
- Food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments, except for eligible per diem associated with grant-related travel, where pre-approved for working events, or where such costs are incurred for components of a program approved by the grantor agency and are directly related to the program's purpose;
- Membership dues for individuals;
- Any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant Project;
- Any activities related to fundraising;
- Equipment and other capital expenditures such as capital improvements, property losses and expenses, real estate purchases, mortgage payments, remodeling, the acquisition or construction of facilities, or other items that are unallowable pursuant to 2 CFR 200.439;
- Any other prohibition imposed by federal, State, or local law; and
- Other unallowable costs as listed under Tags, Appendix 7, Selected Items of Cost Supplement Chart and/or 2 CFR 200, Subpart E – Cost Principles, General Provisions for Selected Items of Cost, where applicable.



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Allowable Services

- This funding opportunity invites grant Applications requesting funding for the CRS MSU. The purpose of this program is to provide mobile Stroke services to improve health care outcomes for individuals who suffer a Stroke.
- The focus of the RFA is to provide emergency medical services to individuals suffering from a stroke, at the patient's location or in route in a specialized ambulance to the nearest medical facility. Services are aimed at stabilizing or treating the patient by trained staff who can identify a patient with the clinical signs of an acute ischemic Stroke utilizing the on-board CT scanner.



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Submission of Forms

Applicants must complete and submit Exhibit Forms A through G and Exhibits A through F in accordance with the RFA, Article XIII, Submission Checklist.



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Evaluation Process

A three-step selection process will be used:

1. Eligibility screening based upon Section 3.3, Grant Award Eligibility, and Section 3.2, Application Screening Requirements
2. Evaluation based upon Section 9.4, Evaluation Criteria
3. Final Selection is based upon Section 10.1, Final Selection.



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Specific Selection Criteria

All eligible applications will be evaluated based upon:

Insert evaluation criteria headers

- Applicant's organizational information, qualifications, and experience that demonstrates Applicant's ability to satisfy all objectives as outlined in the RFA.
- Applicant's proposed technical approach to providing the services outlined in the RFA.
- Applicant's proposed budget and cost effectiveness.



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Submission of Exhibits

Applicants must complete and submit the exhibits in accordance with the RFA, Article XIII, Submission Checklist.



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PCS Closing Comments



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Delivery for Submission Option

Applicant must correctly deliver Solicitation Responses by the method below:

- **Submission Option #1:** Applicant shall submit the application through the HHS Online Bid Room utilizing the procedures identified in Exhibit G, HHS Online Bid Room Instructions.
- **Submission Option #2 with USB Drives:** Applicants shall submit each of the following on separate USB drives to the correct mailing address, which is dependent upon mailing method identified in this section (see mailing address options in the RFA, Section 8.3, Required Submission Method).



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Questions and Answers

All questions **must** be submitted in writing to the Sole Point of Contact using the formatting below from the RFA, Section 7.3, RFA Questions and Requests for Clarification:

- A. Identifying Solicitation number;
- B. Section number;
- C. Paragraph number;
- D. Page number;
- E. Text of passage being questioned; and
- F. Question;

Submit via email to: Marcellus.Crayton02@hhs.texas.gov **by 5:00 P.M. CST on September 9, 2026.**



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Question Deadline

- Questions are due by **5:00 P.M. CST on September 9, 2026.**
- Questions received after this deadline cannot be responded to.
- An addendum will be posted to the HHS Grants Website with the answers to questions **on or after September 14, 2026**



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Closing Comments

- Applicants are responsible for meeting the RFA requirements, including any addendums.
- All Addendums must be signed and submitted with the original application.
- Applicants must check the HHS Grants website frequently for any addendums that may have been added to this solicitation.



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HHS Grants Website

The link is:

<https://resources.hhs.texas.gov/rfa/hhs0017579>



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Thank you!

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