

Solicitation Title: Thriving Texas Families Small Service Providers**Solicitation Number: HHS0016203**

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1.		can we apply if we are already a grantee?	Refer to RFA Section 2.5, Eligible Activities, Addendum 2, and Form A, Face Page (8).
2.		[REDACTED] is interested in applying; however, we noted the language in Section 2.5 stating that applicants who have been awarded \$2,000,000 or more under previous RFA HHS0015167 are not eligible to apply. I wanted to clarify whether this \$2 million threshold refers to an annual award amount or the total award amount over the full five-year contract period.	Revenue is an annual Thriving Texas Families award under \$2,000,000.00. Refer to Addendum 2, and Form A, Face Page (8).
3.		Am I reading this right? Can we apply if we get less than 2 million a year from TTF?	Refer to RFA Section 2.5, Eligible Activities, Addendum 2, and Form A, Face Page (8).
4.		I am currently a contractor in the TTF program and we are expanding into another county. If I want to include that county in our grant, would I need to resubmit or can I just request a change in my current contract?	This question is not within the scope of this RFA.
5.	2.5 Eligible Activities, pg.11, Applicants that have been awarded \$2,000,000.00 or more under previous RFA HHS0015167 are not eligible to apply.	For current TTF grantees, is the \$2 million eligibility limit referring to the grantee's annual award or 5-year award amount?	Revenue is an annual Thriving Texas Families award under \$2,000,000.00. Refer to Addendum 2, and Form A, Face Page (8).

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6.	2.4 Eligible Service Areas, pg.10, paragraph 1, "The service area eligible for project funding under this RFA is statewide. Each Applicant must identify each Texas county it intends to serve."	Can HHSC confirm whether applicants may propose to serve multiple counties within a single application, or must applicants submit a separate application for each individual county or service area?	Only submit one (1) Application and include all counties to be served. Refer to Form G, Texas Counties and Region Served List by Project.
7.	Section 1.2, pg. 8 of 47, " Small Service Provider " means a Thriving Texas Families (TTF) Applicant with a total annual revenue of less than \$2,000,000.00 in the program, as stated in Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 54.012.	Can you please clarify if a larger organization with an annual revenue greater than \$2,000,000.00 is eligible to apply, so long as the specific program for which the funds will be used has an annual revenue of less than \$2,000,000.00? How does HHSC define "program" in that sense?	Revenue is an annual Thriving Texas Families award under \$2,000,000.00. Refer to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 54.001 and 54.012 and Form A, Face Page (8).

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8.	Applicant Conference Slide Deck, slide 12, "A small service provider is defined as: a Thriving Texas Families (TTF) Applicant with a total annual revenue of less than \$2,000,000.00 in the program, as stated in Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 54.012."	<p>Can HHSC please clarify what constitutes "total annual revenue ... in the program"? Specifically, does the \$2,000,000 revenue cap refer to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant's total annual organizational revenue (all funding streams); 2. The applicant's annual revenue associated with TTF-aligned services or programs only; or 3. The amount of TTF grant funding requested or drawn down from HHSC (i.e., not exceeding \$1,999,999 per year in TTF reimbursements)? 	Revenue is an annual Thriving Texas Families award under \$2,000,000.00. Refer to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 54.001 and 54.012 and Form A, Face Page (8).
.	5.1 Grant Funding Source and Available Funding, pg 22, paragraph 22, "The total amount of state funding available... Yearly grant award will not exceed \$1,999,999.99 per fiscal year."	<p>Could HHSC please confirm whether the maximum amount an applicant may request during the initial application cycle includes a prorated allocation for June–August 2026? Specifically, may applicants request up to \$1,999,999.99 for a full 12-month fiscal year plus up to \$499,999.99 for the initial June–August 2026 period, totaling \$2,499,999.99, or should applicants limit the initial request strictly to the partial-year amount?</p>	Please submit a 12-month Budget summary request Refer to Addendum 3.
11.	5.1 Grant Funding Source and Available Funding, pg 22, paragraph 22, "The total amount of state funding available... Yearly grant award will not exceed \$1,999,999.99 per fiscal year."	<p>Could HHSC please confirm the maximum amount an applicant may request during the initial application cycle? Specifically, may applicants request up to \$1,999,999.99 for a full 12-month fiscal year plus a prorated three-month amount of \$499,999.99 for June, July, and August 2026, for a total initial request of \$2,499,999.99, or should applicants limit their application strictly to the partial-year amount for June–August 2026?</p>	The funds requested must be less than \$2,000,000.00 for a 12-month period.

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12.	1.2-Definition and Acronyms,pg.8, Definition of "Small Service Provider" (Texas Health and Safety Code §54.012)	The RFA defines a "Small Service Provider" as an Applicant with a total annual revenue of less than \$2,000,000.00. Our organization, [REDACTED], has a total organizational annual budget of approximately \$2.2 million. Should we apply given that our annual budget is just over the threshold or would our application be rejected for non eligibility.	Revenue is an annual Thriving Texas Families award under \$2,000,000.00. Refer to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 54.001 and 54.012.
13.	Section I; Definitions and Acronyms – "Small Service Provider," pg8. Definition of "Small Service Provider" (annual revenue under \$2,000,000)	For purposes of determining eligibility as a "Small Service Provider," should total annual revenue be calculated based on the Applicant's organization-wide revenue, or only revenue attributable to Thriving Texas Families-related programming?	Revenue is an annual Thriving Texas Families award under \$2,000,000.00. Refer to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 54.001 and 54.012.
14.	6.2 Requested Budget,pg.24,Exhibit G, Requested Budget, Instruction page tab and summary page tab, (Instructions page) The "Total" amount must equal your contract award amount. (Summary Page) Budget Period	I am needing clarification due to my interpretation of wording within both of these tabs: (Instructions page): Is the "Total" amount covering the contract timeline in its entirety (4 years and 3 months) or is the "Total" amount considered the annual budget amount and the "Grantee" makes determinations of continued award renewal upon performance? (Summary Page): The budget period is listed as 3 months... I wanted to clarify that this original budget is just reflective of 3 months vs the entire project period and I would submit a new budget for the FY27 starting in September of 2026?	Please submit a 12-month Budget summary request Refer to Addendum 3.

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15.	Exhibit G, Requested Budget Summary, Summary Table, Exhibit G (page number not assigned but referenced in Section 6.2 on RFA page 24), Exhibit G includes a budget template that lists only the partial initial period (June 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026).	Could HHSC clarify whether applicants must submit: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only one budget covering the initial June 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026 period, or 2. Both a partial-year budget (June–August 2026) and a full 12-month budget for September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027? The Exhibit G template appears to provide fields for the initial 3-month period only, so we want to ensure we are submitting the correct budget structure.	Please submit a 12-month Budget summary request Refer to Addendum 3.
16.	Section 2.6.5 – Delivery of Client Services,pg13, In-person, home visit, virtual, or telephonic service delivery	Are virtual or telephonic services considered fully equivalent to in-person services for purposes of performance measurement, reporting, and unduplicated client counts?	Yes, virtual or telephonic services are considered fully equivalent to in-person services for purposes of performance measurement, reporting, and unduplicated client counts.
17.	Section 2.6.10 – Housing, pg.15, Housing duration up to 365 calendar days postpartum	Does the 365-calendar-day postpartum housing limit apply per pregnancy, or is it a lifetime limit per Client under the grant?	Yes, per pregnancy.
18.	Section III.2 – Application Screening Requirements, pg. 20, Eligibility restriction related to prior awards under HHS RFA0000015167	Section 3.2(C) states that an Applicant is ineligible if the Applicant “has not received an award under HHS RFA0000015167 in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 or more.” Can HHSC please confirm whether this restriction applies only to Applicants that received a single award of \$2,000,000.00 or more, as opposed to Applicants whose cumulative awards across multiple years or contracts under RFA HHS0015167 totaled \$2,000,000.00 or more?	Revenue is an annual Thriving Texas Families award under \$2,000,000.00. Refer to RFA Section 2.5, Eligible Activities, Addendum 2, and Form A, Face Page (8).

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19.	Slide Deck-Applicant Conference, 14slide 12, "A small service provider is defined as: a Thriving Texas Families (TTF) Applicant with a total annual revenue of less than \$2,000,000.00 in the program, as stated in Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 54.012."	<p>If an organization is awarded funding under RFA HHS0016203, would it be disqualified from applying for or receiving a future award under a <i>larger provider</i> Thriving Texas Families RFA (e.g., a successor to RFA HHS0015167) if that opportunity is released before the Small Service Provider contract period ends?</p> <p>We understand HHSC may not have finalized the timing or structure of future solicitations. Our question is limited to whether overlapping contract periods—specifically, being under an active award from RFA HHS0016203—would affect eligibility for a future, larger-provider TTF opportunity.</p>	This question is not within the scope of this RFA.
20.		<p>If an applicant has already submitted a request to negotiate an indirect cost rate (NICRA) but the rate has not yet been approved, should the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use the 15% de minimis rate in the Exhibit G Requested Budget Summary until the negotiated rate is formally approved, <i>or</i> 2. Indicate that a negotiated rate is pending and budget using the rate the applicant anticipates will be approved once the negotiation process is completed? <p>We would appreciate clarification on how applicants with an ICR request already in progress should present indirect costs in the initial application budget.</p>	Budgets can only include an approved Indirect Cost Rate.

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21.		How is HHSC determining potential applicants to solicit, and how are they being contacted?	HHSC PCS follows the normal procurement process for all Request For Applications posting publicly.
22.	2.1 Purpose, pg.5, The purpose of this program is to promote childbirth and pregnancy and to support families by operating a statewide support network that provides community outreach, consultation, and care coordination to women with an unexpected pregnancy.	How is HHSC verifying that grantees fall within the scope of the program?	Refer to RFA Section 2.5, Eligible Activities, Addendum 2, and Form A, Face Page (8).

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23.	Section 5.1 Grant Funding Source and Available Funding, pg.22, Applicants are strongly cautioned to only apply for the amount of grant funding they can responsibly expend during the Project Period to avoid lapsed funding at the end of the grant term. Successful Applications may not be funded to the full extent of Applicant's requested Budgets in order to ensure grant funds are available for the broadest possible array of communities and programs.	How is HHSC determining grant amounts to applicants?	Refer to Section 9.2, Initial Compliance Screening of Applications, Section 9.4 Evaluation Criteria, and Section 10.1, Final Selection.
24.	Section 5.5 Payment Method, pg. 23, Grant Agreement(s) awarded under this RFA, or subcontracts made as a result of any Grant Agreement, will be funded on a cost reimbursement basis for reasonable, allowable and allocable Grant Project Direct Costs.	Why is section 5.5 payment method different in this RFA than HHS0015167? Does HHSC mean to allow the payment method disallowed in that solicitation (fee for service vs. direct cost)?	Question 1: This question is not within the scope of this RFA. Question 2: Allowable payment methods can be found in RFA Section 5.5, Payment Method.