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Applicant Conference

Request for Applications No. HHS0015867
Residential Child Care Accreditation
May 7, 2025, 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

Speaker

- **Barbara Logan**, 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.
- Nicole Zaman is responsible for contract management activities throughout the life of the Grant Agreements including, contract development, execution, and monitoring.
- DFPS is responsible for project scope, requirements, performance, results, and monitoring.



Schedule of Events

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Posting Date Posted to HHS Grants RFA website	April 30, 2025
Applicant Conference Attendance is Optional	May 7, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Central Time
Deadline for Submitting Questions or Requests for Clarification	May 9, 2025, by 5:00p.m. Central Time
Date Answers to Questions or Requests for Clarification Posted	May 16, 2025
Deadline for Submission of Information	May 29, 2025



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://apps.hhs.texas.gov/pcs/rfa.cfm>

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 Barbara Logan, Sole Point of Contact at Barbara.Logan@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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Executive Summary of Program

Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) on behalf of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' (DFPS) Child Protective Services (CPS) Program is issuing this Request for Applications (RFA) to enter into Grants Contracts that will provide assistance to certain General Residential Operations with costs of obtaining or maintaining Accreditation that complies with The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and when Accredited, provides that as residential facility, the GRO meets acceptable national standards of care.



RFA Section 1.1 – Executive Summary



Available Funding

Estimated Total Funding Available: \$904,600

Estimated Max Award Amount: \$100,000 One Time Award Amount



RFA Section 1.1 Executive Summary, Subsection 1.1.4



Grant Term

The Contract Term is anticipated to be through August 31, 2026, with no extensions.



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RFA Section 4.1 – Contract Term



Eligible Applicants

To be awarded a grant as a result of this RFA, an Applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be licensed by HHSC CCR as a GRO providing Treatment Services or RTC (GROs);
- HHS license must be in good standing with HHS CCR;
- Have completed Accreditation or be pursuing Accreditation from one of the three Accreditation Entities approved by DFPS as defined in Section 1.2, Definitions and Acronyms;
- Agree that they intend to provide placement and services for Children involved with HHSC, DFPS or TJJD; and
- Does not have to be a DFPS Contractor.



RFA Section 2.3 – Eligible Applicants



Allowable Services

Grantees will receive financial support to assist with costs associated with the Accreditation as allowable under federal guidelines in the Family First Transition Act funds. This may include Accreditation related costs listed below:

- Fees to the Accreditation Entity;
- Providing technical assistance needed to plan for new program requirements due to Accreditation;
- Paying staff and/or consultant costs tied directly to Accreditation Process, that includes salary, travel, fringe benefits, and preparing standard compliant policies, procedures, and protocols;
- Costs of supplies, controlled assets, Equipment, and software; and
- Incidentals which are directly associated with the cost of Accreditation



RFA Section 2.4 – Eligible Activities, Subsection 2.4.3 A.-E.



Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support some services, activities, and costs such as:

- Any use of grant funds to replace (supplant) funds that have been Budgeted for the same purpose through non-grant sources;
- Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law; and
- Other unallowable costs as listed under TxGMS, 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

For a complete list of prohibitions, refer to RFA Section 5.3 - Grant Funding Prohibitions



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Submission of Forms

Applicants must complete and submit Forms A through G and Exhibits A and 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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Submission of Exhibits

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



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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 D, 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: Barbara.Logan@HHS.Texas.gov **by 5:00PM on May/9/2025.**



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Question Deadline

- Questions are due on Friday, May 9, 2025 by 5:00p.m Central Time.
- 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 May 16, 2025.**



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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.



HHS Grants Website

The link is: <https://resources.hhs.texas.gov/rfa>





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Thank you!

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