

Request for Applications (RFA)

Grant for

Thriving Texas Families

RFA No. HHS0015167

Addendum No. 11

This RFA is amended as follows:

1. Section 9.4 (Past Performance) of the RFA is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

9.5 PAST PERFORMANCE

System Agency reserves the right to request additional information and conduct investigations as necessary to review any Application. By submitting an Application, the Applicant generally releases from liability and waives all claims against any party providing information about the Applicant at the request of System Agency.

System Agency may examine Applicant's past performance which may include, but is not limited to, information about Applicant provided by any governmental entity, whether an agency or political subdivision of the State of Texas, another state, or the Federal government.

Past performance information regarding Applicants may include, but is not limited to:

- A. Notices of termination;
- B. Cure notices;
- C. Assessments of liquidated damages;
- D. Litigation;
- E. Audit reports; and
- F. Non-renewals of grants or contracts based on Applicant's unsatisfactory performance.

Applicants also may be rejected as a result of unsatisfactory past performance under any grant(s) or contract(s) as reflected in vendor performance reports, reference checks, or other sources. An Applicant's past performance may be considered in the initial screening process and prior to making an award determination.

Reasons for which an Applicant may be denied a Grant Agreement at any point after application submission include, but are not limited to:

- A. If applicable, Applicant has an unfavorable report or grade on the CPA Vendor Performance Tracking System (VPTS). VPTS may be accessed at: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/programs/vendor-performance-tracking/>, OR,
 - B. Applicant is currently under a corrective action plan through HHSC or DSHS, OR,
 - C. Applicant has had repeated, negative vendor performance reports for the same reason, OR,
 - D. Applicant has a record of repeated non-responsiveness to vendor performance issues, OR,
 - E. Applicant has contracts or purchase orders that have been cancelled in the previous 12 months for non-performance or substandard performance, OR
 - F. Any other performance issue that demonstrates that awarding a Grant Agreement to Applicant would not be in the best interest of the State.
2. Section 9.5 (Compliance for Participation in State Contracts) of the RFA is renumbered as Section 9.6 (Compliance for Participation in State Contracts).