

Attachment to Addendum 6

4.1 PROJECT PERIOD

The Project Period is **September 1, 2025** through **August 31, 2030**, with no extensions.

5.1 GRANT FUNDING SOURCE AND AVAILABLE FUNDING

The total amount of state and federal funding anticipated to be available for the ECI program for the full five-year period is **\$670,967,065.00**, based on prior federal awards and prior state legislative appropriations. The total anticipated amount of Federal funding is \$296,169,704.00 and State funding is \$374,797,361.00. It is the System Agency's intention to make multiple awards to Applicants that successfully demonstrate the capacity, experience, and fiscal acuity needed to manage and sustain a local ECI program.

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.

Reimbursement will only be made for actual, allowable, and allocable expenses that occur within the Project Period. No spending or costs incurred prior to the effective date of the award will be eligible for reimbursement.

A significant portion of program funding will come from Locally Collected Funds, including third-party billing and Other Locally Collected funds. ECI Subrecipients must promptly bill public and private insurance, appeal denials and, if allowable, collect Medicaid Administrative Claims to cover ECI program costs. HHSC is the payor of last resort and only costs not covered by Locally Collected Funds may be billed to HHSC.

The System Agency will set a five-year not to exceed budget for awarded Applicants and will issue annual amounts on a yearly basis. The System Agency will make funds available for awarded Applicants to deliver ECI services beginning September 1, 2025. It is expected that Applicants to this RFA shall have demonstrated experience, expertise, and infrastructure to perform the work outlined herein.