

Applicant Questions and Answers

RFA Number		RFA/Grant Name		
HHS0013385		Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES)		
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+ -	1	General	Can this RFA be used for █████ County or other desert counties that may not have childcare centers or other resources for families with young children?	Refer to Section 2.2.3, Service Delivery Area (SDA), for eligible counties. If the county is not listed in Table 1, then the county is not eligible.
+ -	2	General	<p>My agency, █████ is currently a HOPES grantee. We applied and were awarded HOPES funds for █████ and █████ County, which at that time were the only two counties we served. However, our agency now oversees 27 counties, and we were interested in applying for additional counties.</p> <p>Is this something we would be able to do?</p>	An agency may apply for additional counties as long as they are eligible counties under the RFA. Refer to Section 2.2.3, Service Delivery Area (SDA), for eligible counties.
+ -	3	Section 2.2.3 Service Delivery Areas Paragraph F Page 15	<p>Under this RFA, DFPS will award grants to provide HOPES programming and services in one or more of the following counties: Table 1. HOPES Eligible Counties</p> <p>█████ County is not listed as a county eligible for this RFA. Can you share the why it is not?</p> <p>█████ Center currently has a small portion of the HOPES Grant received through █████ County as a Special Grant to continue funding in █████ County. We were given the impression when the RFA came up for renewal we would have the opportunity to apply for the full grant. Our current Program Specialist is █████. The current RFA we have now is known as the HOPES-█████ County grant RFA █████ 1 and the period of performance is from October 1, 2021, through August 31, 2025 and in the amount of \$50,000 per year.</p> <p>I would like to know if █████ County is eligible for this full grant with the knowledge of special circumstances within the grant we currently have.</p>	Refer to Section 2.2.3, Service Delivery Area (SDA), A. and B. If the county is not listed in Table 1, it is not eligible.
+ -	4	General	<p>I am the supervisor for the █████ Parents as Teachers program. This PAT program has been a part of █████ since the mid 90s. Previously we participated in the HOPES grant when the HOPES PAT program, in █████ Texas, funded two of our parent educators.</p> <p>HOPES did remove that funding from us due to needing to grow their own program, which is totally understandable. Since that time we have struggled to find funding for those two positions. █████ ISD currently funds three full time positions with Title 1 funds.</p> <p>With all that being said, I did have a question. I had hoped to apply for a HOPES grant for at least those two positions. However, when I viewed the email that was sent out on Jan. 16, 2024, it shows that █████ county is not a county that is open to applying for a HOPES grant. Is that true? I just wanted to verify so I would know where our program stood in relation to applying.</p>	Refer to Section 2.2.3, Service Delivery Area, A. and B., Service Delivery Area (SDA). If the county is not listed in Table 1, it is not eligible.

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<div>+</div> <div>-</div>	5	Section 2.5.12, E.3 and M Page 23 & 33	<p>E.3. Using A Family Resource Center (Early Childhood) implementation which is a Family Resource Center (FRC) community or school-based hub of support, programming, and opportunities for Families using a multigenerational, responsive, strengths-based, and family-centered approach. An FRC must reflect and be responsive to community needs and interests as well as increase Protective Factors and support Children's well-being. FRC implementation under HOPES must be tailored to serve Families with young Children.</p> <p>M. The acquisition or construction of facilities</p> <p>The Prohibitions state the an acquisition or construction of a faculties is not allowable. If a Family Resource Center is selected as a programming options, what are the guidelines for acquiring a location to house a FRC. Can a building be purchased out right or will a building need to be rented for the length of the funding cycle?</p>	A building cannot be purchased. Refer to Section 2.6, Prohibition, M.
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