



**Solicitation Title: Community Youth Development Program**

**Solicitation Number: HHS0013413**

#	Reference	Question	Response
1.	RFA number: HHS0013413 Section number: Article II, Section 2.2.2. Paragraph number: Paragraph A Page number: 16- 17	<p>Passage text: "The total amount of funding anticipated annually for the CYD Grant is \$1,000,000...To account for potential increases to available funding, this RFA is valued at up to \$4,000,000 for the Period of Performance (see Section 2.2.3)."</p> <p>The RFA states that an anticipated \$1 million will be available annually for up to a total of \$4 million. However, the period of performance, as stated in Section 2.2.3, will only last one year from March 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. Just to make sure that I understand correctly, is \$1 million annually for up to \$4 million the correct funding available for this RFA?</p>	<p>Sub Section 2.2.3, Period of Performance, B., states "DFPS anticipates that the initial term of any Grant Agreement resulting from this RFA shall be from date of execution through August 31, 2025. Following the initial term, HHSC, at its sole option, may extend any resulting Grant Agreement for one additional 12-month term to complete a new RFA or transition to a new Grantee."</p> <p>The value of the RFA includes the allowable 12-month extension and accounts for potential increases to available funds.</p>
2.	RFA HHS0013413 2.2.1 A.Service Delivery Area (SDA) Table Page 16	Initially at the CYD webinar in July, they identified the 77026 (Harris County) Kashmere area as a site they would expand to (see attachment) However, on the RFA HHS0013413, there is no mention of 77026, but instead includes zip code 77357. Will zip code 77026 still be an option as an expansion site?	No, the final approved ZIP Codes are all listed in the RFA Sub Section 2.2.1, Service Delivery Area (SDA), A. Table page 16.



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3.	RFA HHS0013413 2.2.1 A. Service Delivery Area (SDA) Table Page 16	<p>I am [an employee] and I’m reaching out on behalf of [a nonprofit]. Our organization focuses on protecting children and strengthening families through child care and early education, primarily for low-income families in our community. Our [section] Director and I attended the training hosted some time ago on the CYD program and excitedly began planning how our organization might implement it. We were disappointed to see the announcement that the zip codes we serve are not included in those eligible to apply.</p> <p>Wichita Falls is considered a high-risk area for child maltreatment, with the zip codes 76306 and 76301 consistently ranking as “comparatively high” or “among the worst” zip codes in Texas. Violent crime rates have risen yearly since 2018, and according to the CDC, Wichita County was the worst in Texas for drug-related deaths several years ago. The nearest available CYD program is a roughly 3-hour drive for the youth in these zip codes.</p> <p>Is the list of zip codes eligible for the RFA released final, and if so, could you share how the list is created and what determines whether zip codes are eligible?</p>	<p>Refer to Sub Section 2.2.1, Service Delivery Area (SDA), A. Table Page 16 for eligible ZIP Codes.</p> <p>DFPS selected ZIP Code(s) based on data indicating the highest number of formal referrals to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and without a current CYD investment.</p>
4.	RFA HHS0013413 2.2.1 A. Service Delivery Area (SDA) Table Page 16	Hello there looking to make sure this grant is open for Texus also..	Yes. Refer to Sub Section 2.2.1, Service Delivery Area (SDA), A. Table Page 16 for eligible ZIP Codes.



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5.	RFA HHS0013413 2.3 Eligible Applicants	<p>I am the current CYD Project Manager for [an entity], serving [multiple zip codes]. [Our entity] has received CYD funding since the inception of the program (1995). [Our entity] will not apply for the new CYD RFA for additional funding to serve [one of the zip codes we currently serve].</p> <p>[Another entity] is a current subgrantee for our CYD program and will provide our FY24 YAC and YLD core services.</p> <p>[The subgrantee] has reached out to me to question if it is a conflict of interest for [them] to apply for the new CYD RFA funding to serve [the zip code we will no longer serve]. I don't see any verbiage in our subawardee contract that would indicate this would be a conflict of interest. I wanted to reach out to you to gather any feedback you have regarding this question of conflict of interest.</p>	Any entity that meets the requirements outlined in Section 2.3, Eligible Applicants are eligible for an award.
6.	RFA HHS0013413 2.5.25 Financial Requirement C and D	Can we budget to lease a program vehicle?	Per Section 7.1 Expenditure Proposal, all proposed costs will be evaluated for reasonableness, allocability and allowability within the context of the program services, scope and budget. Applicants may propose leasing a vehicle; however, all individual proposals will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and rationale for including such costs should be included.



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7.	RFA HHS0013413 2.5.26 Billing Requirements A	<p>PEI will pay Grantee on a monthly cost-reimbursement basis in response to an Invoice and purchase voucher.</p> <p>Question: Can we use existing YAC funded by current CYD program to help distribute CSNA for this RFA?</p>	<p>Per Section 8.2 Incurred Costs, the costs of developing Grant Applications, preparing for or participating in oral presentations and site visits, or any other similar expenses incurred by an Applicant are entirely the responsibility of the Applicant, and will not be reimbursed in any manner by the State of Texas.</p> <p>The Applicant can use an existing YAC to distribute the CSNA if using the YAC is programmatically justified. The Applicants can NOT bill any costs for distributing the CSNA to the current CYD grant.</p>
8.	RFA HHS0013413 2.5.20 Performance Measures A – C and Table 5	<p>Question: What is a good formula to use to determine output numbers?</p>	<p>There is no definitive formula to determine output numbers as these predictions can depend on various factors such as the length of service, type of service and frequency of proposed programs.</p>



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9.	RFA HHS0013413 Article X. Exhibit S, FY24 Expenditure Proposal Exhibit T, FY25 Expenditure Proposal	<p>Question(s): Exhibits S and T show different budget periods. Exhibit S is for 6 months, and Exhibit T is for 12 months.</p> <p>a. What are the expectations of programming outputs for Exhibit S being that it is a 6-month period?</p> <p>b. In the first 6 months, can we dedicate at least 3 months to the program start up period?</p>	<p>The Applicant should propose outputs it can accomplish in the 6-month period. The Applicant may indicate ramp-up time it foresees being needed in the application.</p> <p>a. Sub Section 2.5.20, Performance Measures, A. states "Through the negotiation process, Outputs and Outcomes related to service provision will be identified. Some identified Outputs and Outcomes will be required by every Grantee." Outputs are subject to negotiation based on available funds and DFPS requirements.</p> <p>b. Section 2.5 Scope of Work, A. states "The Grantee agrees to adhere to the requirements outlined in Article II, Scope of Grant Award, in the provision of services to Participants under this Grant."</p>



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10.	RFA HHS0013413 Article X. Exhibit V, PEI – Approved Program Models	<p>Question(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do we have to use any of the PEI funded Program Models in Attachment V Approved Program Models?</li> <li>2. Can we propose a different program model?</li> </ol>	<p>Per Exhibit D-4, PEI Program Model Ranking Tool, Applicants may propose a Program Model of its choice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicant does not have to use Program Models listed in Exhibit V. Applicant must submit information on each proposed program with a curriculum by completing the Exhibit D-4, PEI Program Model Ranking Tool. Grantee may not provide programming with empirical evidence or theoretical basis indicating that the practice constitutes a risk of harm to those receiving it.</li> <li>2. Yes, Applicants can propose a different program model.</li> </ol>