

Applicant Questions and Answers

RFA Number	RFA/Grant Name
HHS0013943	Thriving Texas Families Program Pilot Project

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+ -	1	2.3 Eligible Population, Pg 10	We are a shelter and non-residential supportive services for women and children and unaccompanied women that are fleeing domestic violence or have recently experienced sexual assault. The population listed in this section are among the families and single women we serve in shelter and non-residential services. The only requirement for those we serve is they have to have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or be an adult that witnessed domestic violence as a child. Is it permitted for us to have that qualifier on top of the eligibility criteria you state? Or do we have to be open to any woman/family that falls into this population regardless of if they fit our criteria.	Please refer to Section 2.3 (Eligible Population) of the RFA for list of eligible populations and Section 2.5 (Eligible Activities).
+ -	2	2.5 Eligible Activities, Pg12	Item G. states "housing services." What is eligible under housing services? Does this include emergency shelter, transitional housing, rental assistance?	Refer to Addendum 2 for the definition.
+ -	3	2.6 Program Requirements, Pg 12	Item A #3 states "use a local approach". What does this mean?	Refer to Addendum 2 for the definition.
+ -	4	2.6 Program Requirements, Pg 13	Item D. # 1 states "outreach to other county social service programs". Does social service mean government/public benefit agencies (i.e. Food Stamp Office) or non-profits and charities?	Refer to Addendum 2 for the definition.
+ -	5	2.6 Program Requirements, Pg 14	Item G #1 states "project database". Does this mean our database or is there a database the grantor will require us to use?	The Grantee shall maintain a database outlined in RFA Section 2.6, G.
+ -	6	Section 2.3, Eligible Population, Page 10: "The eligible population to be served under this RFA consists of individuals who are Texas residents and meet one of the following:..."	Does the client need to remain within the eligibility criteria window for the entire scope of the program? For example, if our program lasts 9-18 months, and we begin working with a mother with a 30 month old, could we reimburse for 6 months of service and our organization assume the remainder of the cost for months 7-18? Or must the participant fully complete the scope of the program within the eligibility window (before child turns 36 months)?	Participants must meet at least one of the eligible client types outlined in RFA Section 2.3 (Eligible Population), throughout the duration of the resulting Grant Agreement.

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<input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	7	Section 2.5, Eligible Activities, Pages 11-12: "Projects may demonstrate impact of other outcomes, however, grant award determinations will be based on the project's ability to demonstrate impact of the outcomes identified in this RFA. Allowable Proposed Project services include but are not limited to: ..."	The organization has multiple programs serving this target population through the eligible services listed in A-G—each program with a different research-informed model. Will each program need to submit a separate RFA or can we designate which outcomes and processes connect with which program in our narrative and exhibit documents?	Refer to Article VI (Application Exhibits and Forms for Submission) regarding all submission requirements for submission of the Applicant's proposal.
<input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	8	Section 2.6.A.4, Program Requirements, Page 12: "4. Include a pre and post assessment evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the services provided. The assessment evaluation must be made available to Clients but completion of the assessment cannot be conditioned upon receiving services under the pilot project. Reporting on the results of the evaluation will be required for all projects."	The Program Requirements include a Pre and Post test evaluation. If a client becomes non-responsive or exits during the scope of the program without completing the post-test evaluations (and due diligence is completed by the staff to try to regain contact without success), how will this impact the RFA requirements? Specifically, how would we manage sessions that have already been billed in previous months? Would these non-responsive clients be included in the 25% of clients that did not "demonstrate improvement in one or more of the identified Proposed Project outcomes" (RFA Section 2.8.B, Page 17)?	Refer to Section 2.8, B. requires that at least 75% of Clients served demonstrate improvement in one or more of the identified project outcomes. Client non-responsiveness and completing post-test evaluation is not within the scope of this RFA.
<input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	9	Section 2.6.F.3, Program Requirements, Page 14: "3. Grantee staff overseeing the Project Grant Agreement are required to attend all contractrelated trainings and meetings, unless notification detailing the reason(s) for a program manager's absence has been provided to HHSC prior to training/meeting"	Page 14 requires attendance at trainings and meetings. Could HHSC provide an estimate of the location, duration, and frequency of trainings within the grant term?	Training and meeting frequency is not within the scope of this RFA.

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<input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	10	Section 2.7.1.A, Monthly Reports, Page 15-16: "12. Pre and Post evaluation data See Section 2.6, Program Requirements"	When submitting monthly reports for eligible activities, #12 requires Pre and Post evaluation data. If the submitted activity is a class or provision of supplies, would this section be left blank until there is an outcome to report on at client exit or should there be an outcome identified at every session?	Pre- and post-evaluation reporting specifics is not within the scope of this RFA.
<input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	11	2.3 Eligible Population, pg.10-11, Participant Eligibility	Will Thriving Families accept EBPs that focus on families who are pregnant and/or have children through age 17 or just pregnant to 3y/o?	Clients served under the program must meet one or more of the eligible population types as identified in Section 2.3 (Eligible Population) of this RFA.
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<input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	13	Section 2.6 paragraph D-3, pg. 13, Educational material review	How long will it take for HHSC to review and approve educational materials?	Timeframe for HHSC reviews of Grantee educational materials is not within the scope of this RFA.
<input type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> -	14	2.3 pg.10, Client eligibility	Will existing clients served by our organization in evidence-based programs be eligible for enrollment into the TTFP pilot project? If so, can we account for their newly demonstrated outcomes which occur after the date of entrance into TTFP?	For a project to be eligible under the Thriving Texas Families Pilot Project program, the project must provide services to one or more of the eligible populations outlined in Section 2.3 (Eligible Population), provide one or more of the eligible services under Section 2.5 (Eligible Activities) and demonstrate one or more of the required outcomes under Section 2.5 (Eligible Activities). Grantee is required to report throughout the contract term, as identified in Section 2.7.1 (Monthly Reports) of this RFA.