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#	Reference	Applicant Question	Agency Program Response
1		Does a prior expansion award from the 2024 cycle preclude an organization from eligibility for RFA No. HHS0016783? We are seeking to confirm if current expansion grant recipients may apply for this new funding to further increase service capacity.	No. Refer to RFA Section 2.5, Eligible Activities, and 3.2, Application Screening Requirements.
2	Section 2.3 Eligible Population - Page 12 of RFA	Can the MHU serve additional clients as well as those listed within this section - such as pediatric patients - especially children of women served and also the general population who may present for care? And if so, is there any expectation that those services/clients be carved out of the costs of operations?	No. MHU funds cannot be used to serve additional clients.
3	Section 2.6.5 MHU Services - Page 21	Can the MHU offer other services in addition to those listed?	Grantees must seek approval from HHSC to provide services not listed in the RFA. Refer to RFA Section 2.5.2, Cost Reimbursement Invoicing.
4	Page 14 / Section 2.5.1. Cost Reimbursement / C. Other / 1st Paragraph “This funding does not support direct clinical service delivery for fee-for-service programs.”	Please provide an example of this to better understand what is meant by this guidance.	Refer to RFA Section 2.5.1, Cost Reimbursement, (B) for lists of the allowable expenditure items eligible for reimbursement, Section 2.6.1, Grantee Requirements, and

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			Section 2.6.5, MHU Services, (B) 13.
5	Page 15 / Section 2.6.1. Grantee Requirements / Grantee must: B. “Grantee must ensure compliance with the currently posted Women’s Preventive MHU Program Policy Manual at all times.”	Is this available? Please provide us with the location where we may find this policy manual or the manual as an attachment to the RFA.	No. Refer to RFA Section 2.6.1 , Grantee Requirements, (B). The manual will be available online and notice given once published.
6	Page 18 / Section 2.6.3 MHU Requirements / Grantee must: A. “Ensure the MHU vehicle is functionally operational within 120 Calendar Days from Project Period start date.”	If we are purchasing a new MHU vehicle – does this mean it must be completed and in our possession in 4 months or less? Should the entire program be operational in 4 months or less?	Yes. Refer to RFA Section 2.6.3, MHU Requirements,(A), Section 2.6.7, Readiness Reviews, and Section 2.6.8, Preoperational Program Requirements for additional requirements to ensure the vehicle is ready for operations.
7	Page 18-19 / Section 2.6.3 MHU Requirements / Grantee must: F. “Employ the following staff to support MHU medical and support services and operations: 1. Medical Personnel, 2. Driver, 3. Scheduling Assistant/Site Coordinator, 4. Patient Navigator and 5. Promotion & Outreach Specialist.”	Can we use this grant funding to assist with any of these positions?	Yes. Refer to RFA Section 2.6.3, MHU Requirements, and 2.5.1, Cost Reimbursement, (B)3.
8	Form F: Subcontracting Information.	If we are planning to purchase a new MHU would the company that we purchase the new MHU be	The company that the MHU is purchased through would be neither a subcontractor nor a

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		considered a subcontractor or would this be a vendor?	vendor. Refer to Form C, Workplan, Attachment A for required documentation for the MHU to be purchased.
9	Pg. 11/2.2 Program Background/first paragraph	Of the awarded grants in 2024, do any of the MHUs deliver mobile mammography? Can you please provide a breakdown of the services provided for the 3,980 women?	Applicants should prepare their submissions based solely on the requirements, expectations, and information outlined in this RFA. Refer to Section VI. Application Exhibits and Forms for Submission and Section XIII. Submission Checklist.
10	Pg. 21/2.6.5 MHU Services	Per the RFA, contractors must provide services as outlined in 2.6.5? If we provide mobile mammography on the MHU, do the additional required services also need to be provided on the MHU? Or can it be subcontracted to a clinical partner (static site)? Mobile mammography equipment, registration, and patient flow require space, as do reproductive services, cervical screening, etc.	Grantees must provide all services listed in RFA Section 2.6.5, MHU Services. Refer to Section 2.6.5, MHS Services (B) 14. Mammography services are not to be provided on the MHU. Refer to RFA Section 5.3, Grant Funding Prohibitions, and Refer to RFA Section 2.6.5, MHU Services, (B) 13.
11	Pg. 18/2.6.3 MHU Requirements/A	Most new mammography coaches take up to a year to complete, not meeting the 120 calendar days requirement as noted in 2.6.3. New medical equipment can also take months from purchase to delivery.	Mammography services are not to be provided on the MHU. Refer to RFA Section 5.3, Grant Funding Prohibitions.

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		For clarification, would there be any consideration for the timing requirement?	
12	Pg. 13/2.5.1 Cost Reimbursement/B/1MHU Vehicle	Can funds be used to purchase a mobile mammography unit/ultrasound for an MHU?	No. Mammography services are not to be provided on the MHU. Refer to RFA Section 5.3, Grant Funding Prohibitions.
13	Pg. 12/2.3 Eligible Population/C	FPL for participation for BCCS is 200%, but the financial eligibility is 250% for this specific program. Will we be required to accommodate mammography patients at 200%-250%? MBCC is also 200%	No. Refer to RFA Section 2.6.5, MHU Services (B) 14. Mammography services are not to be provided on the MHU. Refer to RFA Section 5.3, Grant Funding Prohibitions.
14		Would mammography mobile health services be considered an allowable expense under the grant?	No. Mammography services are not to be provided on the MHU. Refer to Section 5.3, Grant Funding Prohibitions
15	Page 24 of the RFA discusses telehealth and telemedicine medical services.	Would recipients be required to provide telehealth services? Or do the guidelines in this section only apply if recipients choose to provide telehealth/telemedicine as part of the implementation of the grant award?	Refer to RFA Section 2.6.5, MHU Services, (B) 13. Refer to Section 2.6.6, Telehealth and Telemedicine Medical Services, and the Women's Preventive MHU policy manual once published.
16	On Page 21, the RFA states that recipients must screen all clients for their eligibility for other state women's preventative health programs, such as Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning Program, and Breast and	[REDACTED] is not currently a BCCS recipient/provider. If we were to receive clients that do qualify for BCCS, would we still be able to provide care to them under the MHU expansion grant? How would we handle billing in that	Yes. Refer to RFA Section 2.6.1, Grantee Requirements. Refer to RFA Section 2.6.5, MHU Services, (B) 13. Yes. Refer to RFA Section 2.1, Purpose and

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	Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS).	instance? Alternatively, would we have to refer them out to other clinics/providers that operate the BCCS program instead?	Section 2.6, Program Requirements.
17	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section III – Applicant Eligibility Requirements; Section 3.2 Application Screening Requirements</p> <p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Pages 30–31</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: Applicant Eligibility; Medicaid and Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Provider Enrollment Status</p>	<p>Our organization currently provides women’s preventive healthcare services and employs licensed providers with active National Provider Identifiers (NPIs). However, we are not yet enrolled as a Texas Medicaid or Healthy Texas Women (HTW) provider. We anticipate initiating enrollment shortly, with expected approval within approximately 4–6 weeks.</p> <p>Would an applicant be considered eligible to apply if it has an active NPI and is actively in the enrollment process, with anticipated full Medicaid and Healthy Texas Women provider enrollment by the anticipated award date?</p>	Yes. Refer to RFA Section 3.3, Application Screening Requirements, and Form A, Face Page, number 5.
18	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section II – Scope of Grant Project; Section 2.5.1 Cost Reimbursement</p>	The RFA references reimbursement for “ongoing expenses associated with maintenance and operation” of mobile health units. However, it does not explicitly address storage-related expenses.	Yes. Refer to RFA Section 2.5.1, Cost Reimbursement.

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	<p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Page 13</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: Cost Reimbursement; “Ongoing expenses associated with maintenance and operation”</p>	<p>Is secure storage for the mobile unit, when not in active service, considered a reimbursable operational expense under this RFA? Additionally, is security coverage for the unit outside of active daytime service hours considered reimbursable, or is reimbursement limited to security expenses incurred during operational hours only?</p>	
19	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section II – Scope of Grant Project; Section 2.8 Performance Measures and Monitoring; Section 2.5.1 Cost Reimbursement</p> <p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Pages 13 and 27</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: Performance Measures and Monitoring; Cost</p>	<p>The RFA outlines performance measures and reporting requirements that include tracking service delivery to underserved populations by income thresholds and documenting the provision of non-medical goods and services. Compliance with these requirements may necessitate specific electronic health record (EHR) configurations, customized reporting tools, automation workflows, and system build-out to ensure accurate data capture and submission.</p> <p>Are EHR system costs reimbursable under this RFA? Additionally, are expenses associated with EHR configuration, system</p>	<p>No. EHR and associated costs are not within the scope of this RFA. Refer to RFA Section 2.5.1, Cost Reimbursement.</p>

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	Reimbursement; Data Tracking and Reporting Requirements	customization, automation, reporting setup, related technical build-out, and maintenance required to meet grant-specific data tracking and reporting requirements considered allowable reimbursable costs?	
20	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section II – Scope of Grant Project; Section 2.5.1 Cost Reimbursement; Section 2.6.3 MHU Requirements</p> <p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Pages 13 and 18</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: Cost Reimbursement; Mobile Health Unit Requirements; Equipment and Operational Expenses</p>	<p>Because the mobile health unit will not operate continuously, vaccines and immunizations must be stored at a secure brick-and-mortar facility with appropriate refrigeration, temperature monitoring, and compliance safeguards.</p> <p>Are costs associated with purchasing and installing vaccine-grade refrigeration and temperature monitoring equipment at a brick-and-mortar facility, for the purpose of properly storing vaccines and immunizations used by the mobile health unit, considered allowable and reimbursable expenses under this RFA?</p>	<p>If the grantee already provides vaccines at their brick-and-mortar clinic, the cost for refrigeration is not reimbursable.</p> <p>If the grantee does not currently provide vaccines at their brick-and-mortar clinic, the cost for refrigeration at the brick-and-mortar clinic is reimbursable, given it is reasonable.</p>
21	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section II – Scope of Grant Project;</p>	Section 2.6.5 references the provision of immunizations; however, the RFA does not specify which vaccines are	All routine immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory

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	<p>Section 2.6.5 MHU Services</p> <p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Page 21</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: MHU Services; Immunization Services Scope</p>	<p>eligible for reimbursement under this grant.</p> <p>What is the scope of allowable immunization services under this program? Are all CDC-recommended vaccines reimbursable, or is reimbursement limited to specific immunizations (e.g., HPV, influenza, Tdap, or other designated vaccines)?</p>	<p>Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are reimbursable under this RFA.</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section I – Executive Summary; Section IV – Project Period; Section 4.1 Project Period</p> <p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Pages 5 and 32</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: Estimated Maximum Award Amount; Length of</p>	<p>Page 5 of the RFA states that the estimated maximum award amount is \$5,000,000.00 and that the length of the project period is four (4) years. However, page 32 states that the anticipated initial project period is July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, with the agency reserving the option to renew for two (2) additional years through August 31, 2029.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the estimated maximum award amount of \$5,000,000.00 intended to cover the full project period, or is that amount available annually? 2. Is the total anticipated project period three 	<p>Refer to RFA Section 5.1, Grant Funding and Reimbursement Information.</p>

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	Project Period; Renewal Terms	<p>(3) years or four (4) years, including renewals?</p> <p>3. If renewals are exercised, does the maximum award amount apply across all years combined, or per year of funding?</p>	
23	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section II – Scope of Grant Project; Section 2.5.1 Cost Reimbursement</p> <p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Page 13</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: Cost Reimbursement; Allowable Travel and Transportation Expenses</p>	<p>Section 2.5.1 references reimbursement for ongoing expenses associated with maintenance and operation of mobile health units; however, the RFA does not specify allowable travel reimbursement parameters.</p> <p>Can HHSC provide clarification regarding reimbursable travel expenses under this grant, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether staff mileage reimbursement (separate from mobile unit vehicle fuel and maintenance) is allowable; 2. Whether reimbursement is limited to standard state mileage rates; 3. Whether overnight travel expenses (e.g., lodging and per diem) are allowable when staff must travel extended distances (e.g., 100+ miles) to operate the mobile unit; and 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, Refer to Exhibit I, Requested Annual Budget, Travel tab. 2. Yes, Refer to Exhibit I, Requested Annual Budget, Travel tab. 3. Yes. Refer to RFA Section 2.5.1, Cost Reimbursement, (B)(3)(b). 4. Yes. Refer to Section 2.5.1, Cost Reimbursement, (B)(3)(b).

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		4. Whether any specific HHSC travel caps, thresholds, or prior approval requirements apply?	
24	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section II – Scope of Grant Project; Section 2.6.3 MHU Requirements; Subsection F</p> <p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Page 18</p> <p>D. Exhibit or Other Attachment and Section or Paragraph Number: N/A</p> <p>E. Page Number of Exhibit: N/A</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: MHU Staffing Requirements; Required Staff Roles</p>	<p>Section 2.6.3(F) states that grantees must employ specific staff to support MHU medical and support services and operations, including Medical Personnel, Driver, Scheduling Assistant or Site Coordinator, Patient Navigator, and Promotion and Outreach Specialist (with flexibility noted for the latter role).</p> <p>Does HHSC require each listed role to be filled by a distinct individual position, or may applicants structure staffing so that qualified personnel perform multiple required functions (e.g., a Scheduling Assistant also serving as Patient Navigator or Driver), provided all required responsibilities are fulfilled and licensing requirements are met?</p>	<p>Applicants may structure staffing so that qualified personnel perform multiple required functions, provided all required services and activities are fulfilled and licensing requirements are met.</p>
25	<p>A. RFA Number: HHS0016783</p> <p>B. Section or Paragraph Number: Section 2.3 Eligible Population; Section 2.4 Eligible Service Areas; Section 2.8 Performance Measures and Monitoring</p>	<p>Sections 2.3 and 2.4 reference serving low-income women in underserved communities, and Section 2.8 outlines performance monitoring requirements.</p> <p>If a grantee selects initial mobile health unit deployment locations based on community health data</p>	<p>Refer to RFA Section 2.6.3, MHU Requirements,(R).</p> <p>Refer to Section 2.6.3, MHU Requirements,(I). and Section 2.6.3, MHU Requirements,(G).</p> <p>HHSC does not provide required geographic</p>

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	<p>C. Page Number of Solicitation: Pages 12 and 27</p> <p>F. Language, Topic, Section Heading Being Questioned: Eligible Population; Eligible Service Areas; Ongoing Performance Monitoring</p>	<p>and demographic indicators, and subsequent performance data reflects different utilization or income patterns than anticipated, would HHSC require the grantee to modify or reassign service locations during the project period to maintain alignment with underserved population objectives?</p> <p>Additionally, does HHSC provide required geographic targeting criteria or minimum service thresholds by area that must be met throughout the grant term?</p>	<p>targeting criteria or minimum service thresholds by area.</p>
26	Budget Limit:	<p>The RFA lists a \$500,000 budget limit for the Mobile Health Unit (MHU). Does this limit apply solely to the vehicle cost, or does it include the full outfitting of the unit (e.g., medical furniture, equipment, technology, branding, and related components)?</p>	<p>The \$500,000.00 limit applies to the costs necessary to make the MHU vehicle functional and safe to operate and begin seeing clients on the unit.</p> <p>Branding, for example vehicle wraps, are not an allowable use of grant funds.</p>
27	Budget Timeframe:	<p>The RFA states a one-year term for the award, with the possibility of two renewal periods and one project extension. Should our submitted budget reflect only the initial project period 7/1/26-8/31/27, or should it include projected costs for the entire potential project period?</p>	<p>The Applicant's submitted budget should reflect the initial project period of 07/01/2026-08/31/2026. Form E, Performance Measures and Funding Ceiling Request, should reflect the Applicant's proposed estimated site visits, client counts, and funding requests for FY27.</p>

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28	Scope of Services:	While the Women’s Health services to be provided free of charge are clearly defined, can the MHU and its physicians also provide services to women and other patients that fall outside the specified scope?	Funds used for additional clients are not within the scope of this RFA. Refer to RFA Section 2.3, Eligible Populations. Physicians providing services on the MHU vehicle shall only provide services within the scope of the RFA.
29	Use of Existing EMR System:	May we use our existing electronic medical record system, Athena, to document the free-of-charge services and create medical records for patient visits? Additionally, can the system be used to bill for any services provided outside the scope?	Yes. Refer to RFA Section 2.6.2, Administrative Requirements, (F) and (J). Yes, Refer to RFA Section 2.6.4, Program Eligibility, (C).
30	Personnel Roles:	Can project personnel serve in multiple roles? For example, can a Medical Assistant also serve as a Site Coordinator? Likewise, can a Social Worker be the Patient Navigator and Outreach Specialist?	Yes. Applicants may structure staffing so that qualified personnel perform multiple required functions, provided all required services and activities are fulfilled and licensing requirements are met.
31	General Ledger Requirement:	What evidence is needed to meet the General Ledger requirement? (Attachment C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Houston State University (SHSU) utilizes an institution-wide computerized financial management 	Refer to Form C, Workplan, Attachment C, Applicants should submit a copy sample of their detailed general ledger.

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		<p>system in which each grant is assigned a unique account to track all related financial transactions. This system captures and reports on assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenses. A dedicated account is established upon award to ensure accurate, auditable financial tracking in accordance with grant requirements.</p>	
32	Texas HUB Requirement:	<p>The RFA indicates that awardees must utilize Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) vendors; however, there are currently no manufacturers of Class A vehicles located within the state of Texas. Additionally, all three vendors we contacted for pricing estimates reported a 7-to-10-month lead time for the production of a new mobile health unit. This timeline conflicts with the RFA requirement that the unit be fully operational within 120 days of the project start date (July 1, 2026).</p> <p>We request clarification on both issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should applicants proceed when no Texas HUB vendor exists for the 	<p>Applicants should include documentation regarding their research for HUB (now VetHUB) vendors to indicate no qualified HUB/VetHUB vendors are available to provide the MHU vehicle within the needed timeframe to meet RFA requirements.</p> <p>To meet the 120-day operational requirements, Applicants should seek vendors who are able to provide the unit (either brand new or used) within the needed timeframe. Refer to RFA Section 1.2 Definitions and Acronyms.</p>

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		<p>required product category?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should applicants reconcile the 120-day operational requirement with manufacturer-reported production timelines of 7–10 months? 	
33	<p>For RFA Number: HHS0016568 WPMHU Expansion Grant, 1.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, pg 5 states.... The purpose of this program is to provide operational support for new service delivery sites to improve the health of low-income women in underserved communities by expanding access to preventive health care and support services.</p> <p>Solicitation Description (email) states: Women's Preventative Mobile Health Units (MHUs) Expansion will maintain existing MHUs and expand the number of MHUs prioritizing rural areas including unserved and underserved regions of the state. The purpose of this funding is to provide operational support for new service delivery sites to improve the health of low-income women in underserved</p>	<p>Will currently funded WPMHU providers need to apply for funding under this RFA to keep their current service areas and current funding levels for the length of the project period under this RFA (4 years)?</p>	<p>No. Refer to RFA Section 3.2, Application Screening Requirements. Other opportunities are not within the scope of the RFA.</p>

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	communities by expanding access to preventive health care and support services.		
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