

DFPS Community-Based Care (CBC) Single
Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC)
Catchment Areas 7A and 7B
RFA No. HHS0016842
Attachment No. 2 to Addendum No. 4 -
Answers to Questions or Requests for
Clarification

#	RFA Reference	Question	Response
1	RFA Section 2.2 Community Service Areas/Eligible Service Area, Paragraph 2, Page 39: “An applicant may submit an application for Region 7A or 7B or a single application encompassing the entirety of Region 7. DFPS reserves the right to award a Contract for any catchment area described herein including or excluding some or all the additional Texas counties proposed by the Applicant. DFPS may, in its sole discretion and based on best value to the State, award a Contract for all or any portion of Region 7.”	May a single applicant submit more than one application under this RFA—for example, one application for Region 7A, one for Region 7B, and/or a separate application for all of Region 7? If multiple applications are permitted, must each be submitted as a complete standalone application?	The Applicant may apply for either 7A or 7B or both regions. If the Applicant chooses to apply for both 7A and 7B, the Applicant may submit one application for both regions.
2	<u>Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work</u>, Section 3.01 One Time Startup Funds (Stages I and II), Page 87: “All Start-Up funding is based on legislative appropriations. DFPS will provide the SSCC with a one-time Start-Up time payment for Stage I and Stage II to cover costs associated with Readiness activities, workforce development,	This section states that a start-up payment will be provided for Stage I and Stage II. However, no start-up funding for Stage I or Stage II is separately shown on <u>Exhibits C-1, C-2, or C-3</u>. Can the estimated start-up payment amounts for Stage I and Stage II be added to these exhibits?	The requested information is not required to respond to the Solicitation.

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	building a provider network, and other necessary organizational and financial infrastructure to meet the obligations of this Contract. Based on the stage of implementation, DFPS will provide Readiness requirements to the SSCC that the SSCC must accomplish. The parties must mutually agree upon a target Operational Start Date for the applicable stage, based on readiness progression and workforce needs, prior to the SSCC accepting its first referral applicable to such stage. If the SSCC fails to comply with readiness requirements or does not meet the anticipated operational start date, DFPS reserves the right to recoup StartUp Funds.”		
3		Previous CBC procurements included language limiting the number of SSCC contracts or catchment areas that could be held by a single organization. We do not see that limitation in this RFA. Is there currently any limit on the number of SSCC contracts or designated catchment areas that one organization may hold?	No, this RFA does not limit the number of SSCC contracts or designated catchment areas that one organization may hold.
4	<u>Exhibit C-1, Funding Matrix Catchment Area 7</u>	<u>Exhibit C-1</u> for all of Region 7 is \$323,282 less than the sum of the Exhibits for the individual areas (<u>C-2</u> and <u>C-3</u>). Can you explain why?	This is calculated based on the staffing ratio rounds per region.
5	Section 3.02 of <u>Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work</u> , Section 3.02 Foster Care Rates, Item D. Blended Foster Care Rate Reconciliation”, Page 90:	Is the SSCC required to accept the risk of gains or losses through Blended Rate until this reconciliation becomes mandatory? Or can Blended Foster Care Rate Reconciliation begin at the start of Stage I?	SSCCs have the ability to opt in to the blended rate reconciliation prior to the mandatory timeframe.

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	“After the SSCC has been providing services under Stage I for at least twelve months, reconciliation will be mandatory beginning the first full state fiscal year quarter.”		
6	<u>Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work</u>, Section 3.09 Chafee Funds, subsection (A) – Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) – Life Skills Training (Stages I-III), Page 90: “PAL life skills training is used for the purpose of preparing Youth in Substitute Care to live independently when he or she becomes an adult. 1. DFPS will allocate an estimated amount to the SSCC each fiscal year to be used in the delivery of PAL Life Skills services. 2. DFPS will reimburse PAL Life Skills assessment and training services via IMPACT invoicing based on actual Youth served not to exceed annual allocation.”	This section states DFPS will allocate an estimated amount to the SSCC each fiscal year to be used in the delivery of PAL Life Skills services. However, no PAL funding is shown on <u>Exhibits C-1, C-2, or C-3</u>. Can the estimated PAL allocation be added to these exhibits?	Final PAL budgets are established with <u>Exhibits C-1, C-2</u> and <u>C-3</u> but estimated PAL allocations are: 7 - \$224,666 7A – \$160,277 7B – \$64,389
7	<u>Exhibit C</u>	Current SSCC’s receive a “FCL Allotment” on their Exhibit C. No FCL Allotment is shown on Exhibits C-1, C-2, or C-3. Can the estimated FCL Allotment be added to these exhibits? Or will Region 7 not receive a FCL Allotment?	Estimated Foster Care Litigation (FCL) Allotments: 7* - \$171,428 7A - \$85,714 7B - \$85,714 *Region 7 includes both 7A and 7B.

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8	RFA Section 5.3.3 SSCC Community Engagement Plan (CEP), Paragraph A, Page 27: "Include strategies (in the proposed/Preliminary Community Engagement Plan) for engaging the entities listed in Section 2.14 (D)3, of <u>Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work</u>, in each population hub and/or distinct community within the designated proposed community;"	"Section 2.14 in <u>Exhibit I</u> discusses Major Deliverable # 1 - Achievement of Service Objectives/Quality Indicators. It does not provide a list of entities to be engaged in each population hub and/or distinct community. Where can the list of entities to be engaged be found?	Please refer to <u>Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work, Section 2.15(D), SSCC Community Engagement Plan (CEP)</u>.
9	<u>Exhibit I, Statement of Work</u>, Section 3.01 Foster Care Rates, Paragraph 1, Page 87: "...DFPS will provide the SSCC with a one-time Start-Up payment for Stage I and Stage II..."	Please confirm the actual or estimated start-up payment amounts for Region 7a and 7b Stage I and Stage II.	Estimated start-up payment amounts: 7A Stage I - \$997,000 7A Stage II - \$1,769,757 7B Stage I - \$997,000 7B Stage II - \$751,600
10	<u>Exhibit I, Statement of Work</u>, Section 3.14 Early Payments Stage II, Paragraph 1, Page 97: "...The SSCC will receive a portion of the resource transfer starting three months prior to "Go Live" for Stage II..."	Please confirm if these early payments for Stage II are in addition to Stage II start-up funds and in addition to the first month of Stage II Resource Transfer and Additional Resource Transfer? Are the early payments intended to replace month one of Stage II Resource Transfer and Additional Resource Transfer funding? For avoidance of doubt, please confirm the calculations for Stage II early payments based on RFA <u>Exhibit C-1</u> will be a) \$1,103,871; b) \$1,103,871; and c) \$2,207,741? (refer to expected and calculated amounts below)	Yes, the early payments for Stage II are in addition to Stage II start-up funding, and in addition to the first month of Stage II resource transfer and additional resource transfer. They are not intended to replace month one of the Stage II resource transfer or additional resource transfer funding.

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		RFA HHS0016842, Exhibit I SOW, Section 3.14 Early Payments Stage II Per Exhibit C-1 \$41,050,191 Stage II Resource Transfer Per Exhibit C-1 \$11,935,600 Additional Resource Transfer \$ 4,415,483 Expected Stage II Monthly 25% Pro-rated Resource Transfer a) 25% \$ 1,103,871 Three months until Go Live b) 25% \$ 1,103,871 Two months until Go Live c) 50% \$ 2,207,741 One month until Go Live \$ 4,415,483	
11	<u>Exhibit C-1, Funding Matrix Catchment Area 7</u>, Footnote 1, Page 1: "1 Projected totals for FY 2027 are based on the 2025 Conference Committee Forecast and represent a full year of funding for Stage II services. Actual budgeted amounts are subject to change based on future funding and changes in the forecast and will reflect actual start dates for Stage I and Stage II services."	Please provide the annualized Stage I Resource Transfer or confirm the amount \$4,750,865 is an annual amount (the footnote references only Stage II being annualized).	Yes, \$4,750,865 is an estimated annual amount. Both Stage I and Stage II are an estimated full year of funding.
12	<u>Exhibit C-1, Funding Matrix Catchment Area 7</u>, Page 1	Please provide the Resource Transfer FTE breakdown xls, cost pers xls, and estimated child FTEs funded in the <u>Exhibit C-1</u> Resource Transfer for Region 7a and 7B.	The estimated resource transfer FTEs are: 7 – 2,078 7A – 1,482 7B – 595 The requested information (cost per xls) is not required to respond to the Solicitation.
13	<u>Exhibit C-1, Funding Matrix Catchment Area 7</u>, Footnote 1, Page 1: "Projected totals for FY 2027 are based on the 2025 Conference	Please provide the 2025 Conference Committee forecast referenced in the footnote.	The child FTEs forecasted in Conference Committee are as follows: 7 – 2,078 7A – 1,482 7B - 595

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	Committee Forecast and represent a full year of funding for Stage II services."		
14	<u>Exhibit C-1, Funding Matrix Catchment Area 7</u> , Page 1	Please provide the estimated child FTEs funded in the <u>Exhibit C-1</u> Network Support Stage I and Stage II and if Stage I and Stage II are annualized? (presumed annual Stage I child FTEs ~963 and Stage II child FTEs ~1114)	Yes, Stage I and Stage II are annualized and the estimated FTEs of 963 for Stage I and 1,114 for Stage II are correct.
15	RFA Section 5.3.1 SSCC Management Plan, Paragraph B, Page 24-35: "For Stage II, proposed the schedule, processes, and procedures for transition of legacy cases, foster homes from DFPS, and kinship homes into the SSCC. Include plan and time frames for communicating with providers, foster parents, judiciary, and the community. DFPS anticipates a full transition between systems within 12 months of the Contract effective date. Any exceptions to transition will be determined by DFPS on a case-by-case basis and based on the best interest of the individual child;"	5.3.1.B refers to the transition of foster homes from DFPS. Please confirm that DFPS no longer maintains licensed foster homes in Region 7. Only unverified Kinship homes are managed by DFPS in Region 7. Is this correct?	Yes. DFPS does not maintain licensed foster homes in Region 7. All licensed foster homes are managed by CPAs. DFPS's kinship department serves unverified kinship homes in Region 7.
16	RFA Section 5.3.1 SSCC Management Plan, Paragraph E, Page 25: "The plan may propose phasing in this training and can utilize DFPS' The Center for Learning and Organizational Excellence (CLOE)."	Please confirm whether The Center for Learning and Organizational Excellence (CLOE) remains the current DFPS resource available to SSCCs for purposes of meeting this requirement. If another DFPS training resource or platform is currently used for this purpose, please identify the resource applicants should reference in their response.	Yes, CLOE is available for SSCCs.