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DFPS Community-Based Care (CBC) Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) Catchment Areas Applicant Conference

**The Office of Community-Based Care Transition
Request for Applications No. HHS0016842
Regions 7A and 7B
September 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. CT**

Agenda



1. Introductions
2. Housekeeping Items
3. Project Overview & Scope
4. Funding Stream Updates & Tracking
5. Grant Term
6. Program Requirements & Allowable Activities
7. Closing Comments

Introductions

Speakers

- **John Norton, Grants Specialist
Sole Point of Contact for RFA
Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Procurement
and Contracting Services (PCS)**
- **Edna Fuentes, Contract Administration Manager, Office of
Community-Based Care Transition**



Procurement Roles

Procurement Team

- Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Procurement and Contracting Services (PCS) is responsible for all procurement and solicitation activities.
- The Office of Community-Based Care Transition is responsible for contract management activities throughout the life of the Grant Agreements including, contract development, execution, and monitoring.
- The Office of Community-Based Care Transition is responsible for project scope, requirements, performance, results, and monitoring.



Schedule of Events

Deadline for Submitting Questions

September 7, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Any questions arising prior to the question deadline must be submitted in writing to John.Norton2@hhs.texas.gov



Tentative Date Answers to Questions Posted

Estimated: *September 21, 2026*



Deadline for Submission of Solicitation Applications

September 29, 2026, by 10:30 a.m. Central Time



Anticipated Grant Agreements Start Date

March 2027



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Solicitation Access

HHSC will post all official communication regarding this RFA on the following website, including the notice of award:

- The HHS Grants website is located at:
<https://resources.hhs.texas.gov/rfa/hhs0016842>

HHSC reserves the right to cancel this RFA, or to make no award if it determines such action is in the best interest of the State.

HHSC may, in its discretion, reject any and all applications or portions thereof.



Sole Point of Contact

- All communications relating to this RFA must be directed in writing to John Norton, Sole Point of Contact at John.Norton2@hhs.texas.gov.
- All communications between applicants and HHSC staff members, or any other HHS staff members, concerning this RFA are **strictly prohibited**.
- Failure to comply with these requirements may result in application disqualification.



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Community-Based Care (CBC) RFA Overview

1. Executive Summary
2. Background
3. Purpose
4. Eligible Applicants
5. Available Funding
6. Program Requirements
7. Performance Measures
8. Cost Proposal
9. Grant Term



Executive Summary of Program

Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) has identified the need to provide community-based care services in a proposed community that includes support services to all children and families that support safety, permanency, and well-being of children in its legal conservatorship.

DFPS sees a service delivery model that fully engages communities in serving children, youth, and families provided through a performance-based Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) as the approach that can most effectively meet this need in a manner that achieves improved outcomes for children in its conservatorship.

The SSCC must ensure the full continuum of substitute care (foster and kinship care), purchased services, case management and reunification services for children and youth in DFPS legal conservatorship from the designated geographic proposed community, those placed in the proposed community through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), and through interregional agreements.



Background

In 2010, DFPS engaged in an effort known as Foster Care Redesign (FCR) that expanded the role of the community to include provision of placement services, capacity/network development, community engagement, and the coordination and delivery of services to children in foster care and their families using a Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC).



Purpose

- The purpose of this RFA is an effort to expand CBC into the DFPS Region's 7A and 7B Designated Catchment Area (DCA).
- It is a community-based approach to meeting the individual and unique needs of children, youth, and families.
- The SSCC will be responsible for finding foster homes or other living arrangements for children in state care and providing them a full continuum of services.



Eligible Applicants

Section 2.5 Eligible Applicants

2.5.1 Minimum Qualifications of the SSCC (Stages I-III):

- The SSCC must have experience in delivering residential child-care and treatment services to children and youth in Foster Care.



Eligible Applicants (continued)

RFA Section 2.5 Eligible Applicants

1. The SSCC must be a nonprofit entity that has an organizational mission focused on child welfare or a governmental entity.
2. The SSCC may be an in-state or out-of-state entity; with a majority of the entity's board members residing in Texas.
3. DFPS will consider the extent to which the SSCC Applicant has experience providing services to children, youth, and families in the proposed community.
4. The SSCC may be a single entity or submit a proposal through the formation of a consortium of providers, which may include itself.



Eligible Applicants (continued)

Section 2.5 Eligible Applicants

2.5.3 Non-profit and Governmental Entities:

Governmental entities or community-based nonprofit that have an organizational mission focused on child welfare services, and that meet the qualifications in **Section 2.5.1, Minimum Qualifications of the SSCC (Stages I-III)**, are eligible to apply.



Available Funding

- DFPS expects to award one (1) Contract for each DCA or one (1) Contract for both DCAs under this RFA.
- Funding information is based on legislative appropriations and service areas and will be provided in **Exhibit C-1 through C-3, Funding Matrices** for each catchment area as an estimate.
- DFPS may adjust and prorate actual award amounts at the time of execution based on start dates.



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RFA Section 2.6 Program Requirements

To meet the mission and objectives of CBC, Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements and be able to perform all responsibilities listed **Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work**.

The SSCC will be responsible for participating in T3C model and must adhere to credentialing requirements in support of the current system to the T3C model.

For more information on the T3C System and transition plan, please visit [DFPS - Texas Child-Centered Care](#).



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RFA Section 2.8 Performance Measures

- DFPS will monitor the performance of Contract(s) awarded under this RFA.
- All services and Deliverables under the Contract(s) shall be provided at acceptable quality level and in a manner, consistent with acceptable industry standard, custom, and practice.
- More specific standards are listed in **Exhibit H, Performance Measures**.



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Cost Proposal

The Applicant must develop and submit a Proposal for its intended Purchased Client Services (PCS) array that includes estimated fee schedules for foster Care providers and services offered within available PCS funding allocations as defined in **Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work.**

Fees charged to DFPS must be reasonable and comparable to those for similar services within the proposed community.



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Grant Term

RFA Section 2.4.2-Term:

- The initial Contract period will begin upon Contract signature and will last 60 months.
- At its sole discretion, DFPS retains an option to renew for one (1) additional 60-month term. Additionally, DFPS reserves the right to extend the Contract as necessary to complete the mission of the grant. For additional term information, please see **Exhibit I, DFPS Statement of Work**, Article VI, Turnover Requirements.



Evaluation Process

A four-step selection process will be used:

1. Eligibility screening based upon Section 4.2 of the RFA.
2. Initial Compliance Screening based upon Section 4.3 of the RFA.
3. Evaluation is based on Section 4.4 of the RFA.
4. Final Selection is based upon Section 4.5 of the RFA.



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Specific Selection Criteria

All eligible applications will be evaluated based upon **Exhibit M, Evaluation Tool**:

Exhibit M, Evaluation Tool RFA No. HHS0016842 Criteria, Subcriteria Sheet				
Evaluator Respondent				
#	Criteria	Weight	Score	Comments
1	Service Objectives and Quality Indicators			
1.1	Evaluate the Applicant's Programmatic Proposal components and description of goals to achieve Service Objectives and Quality Indicators.	15%		
	Subtotal	15%		
2	Delivery Model			
2.1	Evaluate the Applicant's Management Plan, Administrative Management Plan, and Community Engagement Plan (CEP).	15%		
	Subtotal	15%		
3	Compliance and General Requirements			
3.1	Evaluate the Applicant's described plan of Compliance and General Requirements.	10%		
	Subtotal	10%		
4	Placement Services and Services to Children			
4.1	Evaluate the Applicant's plan to provide Placement Services and Services to Children.	15%		
	Subtotal	15%		
5	Case Management			
5.1	Evaluate the Applicant's described Case Management Plan.	15%		
	Subtotal	15%		
6	History and Experience			
6.1	Evaluate the Applicant's description of their organizational experience, structure and relationship between their organization and other community-based services to be provided.	10%		
6.2	Evaluate the Applicant's described success which demonstrates the ability to provide the requirements of this RFA.	10%		
	Subtotal	20%		
7	Financial Process, Systems, and Structure			
7.1	Evaluate the Applicant's detailed Financial System and Structure supporting management and oversight of the service network, and the validation of services required of this RFA.	10%		
	Subtotal	10%		
	TOTAL (%)	100%		

Submission of Forms and Exhibits

Applicants must complete and submit Forms and Exhibits in accordance with the RFA, Article IX, Submission Checklist of the RFA on page 37 of the RFA.



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Delivery for Submission Option

RFA Section 3.7.3: Applicant must correctly deliver Solicitation Responses by one of the methods below:

- Submission Option #1: HHS Online Bid Room
- Submission Option #2: Sealed Package with USB drives by one of the below methods:

Overnight/Express/Priority Mail	Hand Delivery
Health and Human Services Commission	Health and Human Services Commission
Attn: Response Coordinator	Attn: Response Coordinator
Tower Building Room 108	Procurement & Contracting Services Building
1100 West 49 th Street; Mail Code 2020	1100 West 49 th Street; Mail Code 2020
Austin, TX 78756	Austin, TX 78756



Questions and Answers

All questions **must** be submitted in writing to the Sole Point of Contact using the formatting below from the RFA, Section 3.5 Questions:

- A. Identifying Solicitation number
- B. Section number
- C. Paragraph number
- D. Page number
- E. Text of passage being questioned
- F. Question

Submit via email to: John.Norton2@hhs.texas.gov **by 5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2026.**



Question Deadline

- Questions are due by **5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2026.**
- Questions received after this deadline cannot be responded to.
- Tentative dates for answers to questions are posted on HHS Grants website as addendum to HHS0016842 is **September 21, 2026.**



Closing Comments

- Applicants are responsible for meeting the RFA requirements, including any addendums.
- All Addendums must be signed and submitted with the original application.
- Applicants must check the HHS Grants website frequently for any addendums that may have been added to this solicitation.



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HHS Grants Website

The link is:

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Thank you!

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