

**Request for Applications (RFA)**  
**Grant for**  
**Fiscal Year 2026 Innovation Grant Program**  
**RFA No. HHS0017194**  
**Attachment No. 1 to Addendum No. 2**

**This Solicitation is amended and modified as follows:**

1. The definition of “Project Period” in Section 1.2, Definitions and Acronyms, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Project Period” is the period of time set forth in the Grant Agreement during which grantees may perform approved grant-funded activities to be eligible for payment. Unless otherwise specified, the Project Period begins on the Grant Agreement effective date and ends on the Grant Agreement termination or expiration date. May also be referred to as “Grant Term.”

2. Paragraph 2 of Section 2.4.8, Subcontractors, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Any contract for construction or renovation activities may require incorporation of additional requirements depending on the Project activities. If Grantee enters into a contract for construction or renovation activities, Grantee shall incorporate terms set forth in **Exhibit C, Texas Uniform General Conditions for Construction Contract and 2025 Supplemental General Conditions.**

3. Section 2.4.9, Hospital Partnership Engagement, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**2.4.9 Partnership Engagement.** For purposes of this RFA, a “hospital partnership” or “Partnership” means a collaborative effort between two or more hospitals classified as an RH, RHD, or RHA that will operate under a centralized project framework to implement and benefit from the collective Project. The centralized project framework identifies a centralized unified and strategic vision for the Project, accompanied by a detailed explanation of the Project structure (e.g., specific roles and collective expertise of the hospitals to achieve the Project objectives). Under the centralized Project framework, the role of each partner RH, RHD, or RHA must ensure full integration of all activities and objectives of the Project; any standalone activities not directly tied to the centralized framework are prohibited.

The entity that is designated as the lead hospital under the Partnership is the Grantee under the Grant Agreement and is responsible for all grant requirements, milestones, and obligations throughout the Grant Term.

Upon the Effective Date of the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall enter into agreements with each partner RH, RHD, and/or RHA and submit the executed agreements with the Activity Plan (see **Section 2.5, Reporting Requirements**). Changes to such agreements must be reported in writing to HHSC within five (5) Business Days.

Nothing in this section prevents Grantee from engaging other entities to implement a Project that meets the requirements under the Grant Agreement; Grantee's engagement or agreements with another entity under the Project that is not an RH, RHD, or RHA is not considered a "Partnership" or "hospital partnership" for purposes of this RFA.

4. Section 3.1, Legal Authority to Apply, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### **3.1 LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY**

By submitting an Application in response to this RFA, Applicant certifies that it has legal authority to apply for the Grant Agreement that is the subject of this RFA and is eligible to receive awards. Further, Applicant certifies it will continue to maintain any required legal authority and eligibility throughout the entire duration of the grant term, if awarded. All requirements apply with equal force to Applicant and, if the recipient of an award, Grantee and its subgrantees or subcontractors, if any.

Applicant must submit one Application for each unique Project being proposed.

An Applicant that is designated as the lead hospital in a Partnership for their proposed Project, as described in **Section 2.4.9, Partnership Engagement**, shall submit a single Application, on behalf of the Partnership.

5. Subsection M of Section 5.3, Grant Funding Prohibitions, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

M. Any activities, costs, or expenditures associated with acquiring additional space and/or adding to the square footage of a building or facility, whether through (1) leasing a space or (2) construction of a new building from the ground up or to expand, or make addition to, an existing building;

6. Paragraph 1 of Section 6.1, Narrative Proposal, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Using **Forms B-E**, attached to this RFA, Applicants shall describe their proposed Project tasks, processes, and methodologies to satisfy all objectives described in **Section II, Scope of Grant Project**. Any headers, footers, or instructions on the form must not be removed or modified in any way. The instructions on the form do not count towards any page number limitation, if any, identified on a form.

7. Section 6.3, Partnership Agreements, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### **6.3 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS**

Applicant proposing a Project involving a Partnership, as described in **Section 2.4.9, Partnership Engagements**, shall submit evidence of Partnership agreements and other documents that demonstrate a shared understanding among the participating RH, RHD, and/or RHA regarding Project goals and outcomes, how each partner will contribute to the implementation of the Project, and how each partner may benefit from participation in the Project. Each Partnership agreement and/or other documents must be on letterhead and signed by an authorized representative of the RH, RHD, RHA making the representations.

The lead hospital under the Partnership is the Applicant and is responsible for submitting all documents with the Application; By submitting the Partnership agreement(s) and other documentation, Applicant represents that all information being provided is true, accurate, and correct.

8. Paragraph 1 of Section 6.5, Administrative Applicant Information, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Using **Forms A, A-1, A-2, F, and G**, attached to this RFA, Applicant shall provide satisfactory evidence of its ability as an organization to manage and coordinate the types of activities described in this RFA.

9. Paragraph 2 of Section 8.3, Required Submission Method, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Submission Option #1 HHS Online Bid Room:** Applicants shall upload the following documents to the Online Bid Room utilizing the procedures in **Exhibit H, HHS Online Bid Room. File Size Limitation:** Restriction to 250MB per file attachment.

10. Section 7.7, Exceptions, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### **7.7 EXCEPTIONS**

Applicants are highly encouraged, in lieu of including exceptions in their Applications, to address all issues that might be advanced by way of exception or assumptions by submitting questions or requests for clarification pursuant to **Section 7.3, RFA Questions and Requests for Clarification**.

**Exhibit F, Exceptions Form**, must be completed and submitted with the Application if Applicant desires to take an exception to any term, condition, provision, or requirement set forth in this RFA.

No exception, nor any other term, condition, or provision in an Application that differs, varies from, or contradicts this RFA, will be considered to be part of any Grant Agreement resulting from this RFA unless expressly made a part of the Grant Agreement in writing by the System Agency.

11. Section XIV, List of Exhibits and Forms Attached to RFA, of the Solicitation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### **Section XIV. List of Exhibits and Forms Attached to RFA**

#### **Exhibits**

*Include the bolded exhibits below with the Application.*

**Exhibit A – HHS Solicitation Affirmations v2.10**

Exhibit B – HHS Uniform Terms and Conditions – Grant, v 3.5

Exhibit B-1 – HHS Additional Provisions – Grant Funding

Exhibit C- Texas Uniform General Conditions for Construction Contract and 2025  
Supplemental General Conditions

Exhibit D – Evaluation Tool

**Exhibit E –Budget Template**

**Exhibit F – Exceptions Form (If applicable)**

Exhibit G – Insurance Requirements

Exhibit H – HHS Online Bid Room Information

**Forms**

*Applications must include every form listed below.*

**Form A – Face Page, Applicant Information**

**Form A-1 – Governmental Entity – Authorized Officials (If applicable)**

**Form A-2 – Nonprofit Entity – Authorized Officials (If applicable)**

**Form B – Executive Summary**

**Form C – Innovative Project**

**Form D – Work Plan**

**Form E – Sustainability Plan**

**Form F – Financial Management Plan**

**Form G – Contract and Litigation History**

**Form H – Indirect Cost Rate Questionnaire**