

Support Services Navigation & Housing Services for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)

Pre-Proposal Conference • 10/30/2018

Request for Proposals (RFP) #15-18
Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1

Welcome Remarks

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Introductions

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- Ground Rules
- Critical Points
- Project Overview
- Timeline
- Preliminary, Non-Official Answers to Questions

- Sign in sheets
- Questions may be submitted in writing on the forms provided during the break or end of the conference
- DHS will provide preliminarily answers
- Answers are not final until formally issued in writing
- Any changes to the RFP will be issued as a formal written addendum
- Any communication shall be made through the RFP Project Officer

- Read the RFA ***carefully*** to ensure completeness
- ***Follow*** the application format detailed in Part II of the RFA
- A complete application has:
 - Cover Page
 - Work Statement
 - Verification of Eligibility Requirements
 - Implementation Plan and Timeline
 - Grant Agreement Signature Page
 - Budget Submittal and Narrative
 - Financial Information
 - Appendices

- A complete application also has the signature of an authorized individual
- Due Date: **November 20, 2018, 2:00 PM**
- The resulting grant agreement will be for one year, with the possibility of a second year

- **Evaluation criteria**
 - Technical: 100%
 - Applicants must receive a technical score greater than or equal to 75% of available raw technical points
- **Technical evaluation based upon:**
 - Soundness of Approach
 - Applicant(s) Qualifications
 - Personnel Qualifications
 - Understanding the Problem
 - Budget

- Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) was awarded a 2018 State Opioid Response Grant
- DDAP and DHS are working together to implement the proposed pilot projects
- Through this initiative DHS seeks to:
 - Address the opioid crisis by increasing access to FDA-approved medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder
 - Reduce unmet treatment needs
 - Reduce opioid overdose-related deaths through prevention, treatment, and recovery activities, including providing access to housing and supportive services

Funding is available for pilots in 15 urban and 15 rural counties selected via a weighted formula :

RURAL COUNTIES:

1. Armstrong
2. Blair
3. Butler
4. Cambria
5. Cameron
6. Clearfield
7. Crawford
8. Fayette
9. Greene
10. Indiana
11. Lawrence
12. Mercer
13. Mifflin
14. Venango
15. Washington

URBAN COUNTIES:

1. Allegheny
2. Beaver
3. Berks
4. Bucks
5. Dauphin
6. Delaware
7. Erie
8. Lackawanna
9. Lancaster
10. Lebanon
11. Lehigh
12. Luzerne
13. Philadelphia
14. Westmoreland
15. York

- DHS intends to award funds to 8 or more Applicants
- The approximate maximum grant award is \$1.7 million
 - Applicants are not required to request the maximum amount
 - Budgets should be realistic and based upon size and scope of proposed project
- For a comprehensive list of requirements, please refer to the RFA

- Applicants will provide the services solely or in collaboration with other organizations
- Use evidence-based approaches
- Adhere to compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, directives, reviews, and policy statements promulgated by SAMHSA and DHS

Types of agencies eligible to apply:

- Nonprofit organizations or Community-based organizations
- Public housing authorities or nonprofit housing providers
- Community Action Agencies
- Public health programs
- Community, family, or women's health departments of local hospitals
- Eligible residential programs for individuals with OUD
- Single County Authorities

Applicant Qualifications



- Established, reputable, and known in their communities
- Demonstrate capacity, experience, qualifications, and proven success in providing the proposed services
- Must have prior relevant experience
- Be a local public or nonprofit entity
- Multi-county or regional entities must demonstrate their ability to serve all counties for which they are applying
- Subcontractors meet the qualifications described above

- Build the collaborations that **best fill the services gaps**
- Encourage **innovative** approaches
- **Substantiate the need** and present your best approach to address it
- DHS encourages **strong collaborations** that will break service provision silos
- These collaborations will **bring together** housing, case management, and OUD treatment providers to **improve overall outcomes** in participants

Requirements Overview



- Respond to all areas of the technical submittal
- Demonstrate their ability to begin implementation of services by **no later than** January 1, 2019
- Utilize evidence-based strategies and models
- Assist individuals to remain engaged in treatment
- Expand access to services, and supplement, and not supplant prevention, treatment, and recovery activities in their communities
- Provide **all** the required services, either as a sole service provider or through partnerships



- **Supportive Services:**
 - Intensive Case Management
 - Recovery Services
 - Basic Needs & Self-sufficiency Supports
- **Housing and Housing Services**
 - Housing Education
 - Housing Supports
 - Rental Assistance
- **Outcomes Measurement & Data Collection**

- Applicants may use funding to assist with housing costs to provide stability, support treatment goals, and prevent relapse
- Must explore all other financial assistance available for each participant
- DHS funding should only be used when other alternatives were exhausted or are unavailable
- Present innovative models for meeting housing services gaps in their counties

- Population of Focus and Statement of Need, Geographic Area to be Served, and Coordination of Funding Streams
- Proposed Implementation Approach
- Proposed Evidence-based Services and Practices
- Staff and Organizational Experience
- Data Collection and Performance Measurements
- Key Personnel and Staff Qualifications



- Provide access to quality services to:
 - Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
 - Individuals with diverse socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, military status and other factors

- Mandatory responsiveness requirements
- Evaluation - DHS has selected 2 committees: Rural and Urban
- Selected applicants will be notified in writing

Project Timeline



- 10/17/2018 – RFA 04-17 is issued
- 10/30/2018 – Pre-Application Conference
- 10/30/2018, Midnight – Deadline to submit questions
- 11/06/2018 - Answers to Potential Applicants' questions will be posted to the Department of General Services (DGS) website
- 11/20/2018, 2:00 PM – Due date for proposals

- To date, 30 written questions have been submitted via email.
- Answers to questions received: These answers are preliminary and are not official until they are answered in writing
- Questions received by DHS

- Questions may be submitted in writing on the forms provided during this break or at the end of the conference
- All questions will be officially answered in writing and posted to the DGS website as an addendum
- Applicants should monitor the DGS website

- Today is the last day to submit questions
- Submit follow-up questions at the end of the conference or via e-mail until **Midnight today**
- No answer is official until it is confirmed in writing
- Answers to questions will be posted to the DGS website by 11/6/2018
- Questions submitted during the break and preliminary answers

- This concludes the pre-proposal conference
- Answers will be posted to the DGS website by close of business on 11/6/2018

Thank you.



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Thank you for attending today's
pre-application conference.