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RFGA 117 – Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention

TO: Bidders and Interested parties
FROM: Department of Mental Health (DMH)
DATE: August 23, 2024
RE: RFGA Questions and Responses

ISSUE DATE: 08/14/2024

QUESTIONS DUE: 08/23/2024, 4:30pm ET

RFP RESPONSES DUE BY: 09/27/2024, 4:30pm ET

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1. **Where is the price schedule? In the RFGA a “Price Schedule” is noted as a required portion of the submission packet.**
 - The price schedule document is linked at Section 7.2, where it is titled “RFGA budget template”.
 2. **Section 3.1. indicates that the estimated amount of any proposal shall not exceed \$425,000 with the first six months not exceeding \$250,000. Section 1.4. says the agreements arising from this RFGA will be for a period of up to 12 months with the option to extend for two (2) one-year grants. Should the grantee budget request be only for the initial performance period of up to 12 months?**
 - The grantee budget request should be for the initial performance period of up to 12 months. In the event of a funding extension, pricing will be negotiated and is contingent upon the availability of funds at the time of award.
 3. **Section 3.1.1 states that prices and rates shall remain firm for the term of the agreement. Would pricing for efforts beyond the initial contract be determined independently or would it be based on the initial bid?**
 - In the event of a funding extension beyond the initial grant performance period, pricing will be negotiated and is contingent upon the availability of funds at that time.
 4. **Are grantees allowed to use subrecipients/consultants?**
 - Grantees are allowed to use subrecipients/consultants with prior approval from the State. Plans to use subrecipients/consultants must be identified in the application, along with description of internal policies and procedures to appropriately manage subrecipient agreements in accordance with the requirements of the grant agreement. Please refer to section 7.3. Standard State Grant with its associated attachments for further guidance.



5. If an organization submits a proposal as the lead organization, is it allowable for the same organization to also be listed as a subrecipient on another organization's proposal?

- An organization can submit a proposal as a lead organization and be listed as a subrecipient on another organization's proposal. For the subrecipient proposal, indicate which organization will be responsible for what activities to ensure each activity is addressed thoroughly.

6. Who is eligible to apply for this grant? For-profit businesses or Non-profits?

- The proposing entity must be a public or private non-profit, community-based entity. Section 2.5 Applicant Eligibility has additional information.

7. Is the RFP closed to only organizations in Vermont?

- No, the RFGA is open to organizations outside of Vermont. If outside of Vermont, 4.3.2. outlines details to include in the Technical Response.

