

HSS-14-032 RFP Questions (Capacity Grant)



*Delaware Health
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DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

PROCUREMENT

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Child Care Development Fund Capacity Building Program
For

Division of Social Services

Date Due: June 1st 2014
11:00AM

ADDENDUM # 1

Please Note:

THE ATTACHED SHEETS HEREBY BECOME A PART OF
THE ABOVE MENTIONED BID: Q&A for HSS-14-032

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- 1) Question Is there an expectation about how much of the \$300,000 funding amount needs to be awarded to grant recipients?

Answer It will be discussed in contract negotiations.
- 2) Question How much TA needs to be provided? RFP specifies pre & post assessment at five visits.

Answer This can be negotiated at time of contract.
- 3) Question What is the expectation around coordination of TA with star TA?

Answer Capacity would work with stars. Barbara McCaffrey is willing to negotiate coordination of TA.
- 4) Question How is this capacity grant RFP different, other than the 4 focus areas, from past RFP's?

Answer It is not different except there are now 4 focus areas.
- 5) Question What is the available funding amount?

Answer \$300,000
- 6) Question Are you intending to contract with only one managing provider?

Answer Yes, if possible.
- 7) Question On page 12, 2nd bullet, the RFP says: "Approximately 75% of the available funding will be awarded through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. This money can be spent on supplies and equipment, staff training, child transportation, start-up personnel and rental costs, and/or contractual services." Does this mean that DHSS is expecting that 25% of available funds can be used to support the Managing Provider's staffing, programmatic costs, etc.?

Answer Your indirect costs should be no more than 12%. We have found in the past that vendors may need start-up money or we make a decision to fund something outside of the provider RFP process. For example, when the cribs needed to be updated, we purchased cribs for providers.
- 8) Question Are programs that do not already participate in DE Stars allowed to receive Capacity grants and technical assistance?

Answer Yes, those already in Stars should receive priority.

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- 9) Question Can programs that don't already participate in Purchase of Care, participate with the expectation that the Capacity support would allow them to enroll as POC providers?
- Answer Providers must be enrolled with POC to receive funds.
- 10) Question Are there targets for the following?
- a. # of grants awarded
 - b. Allowable size of grants
 - c. # of participants from specific geographic areas
 - d. Other targets? (type of child care of population for example?)
- Answer This can be negotiated at time of contract.
- 11) Question If a program has been served in the current Capacity program, are they eligible to reapply in the upcoming contract period? Is there a limitation on the number of grants that a program can receive through the capacity program?
- Answer Yes. They may reapply, but if there is a large amount of applicants, and they have received funds in the past, they may be deferred.
- 8) Question Can the Managing Provider work with struggling programs in high needs geographic areas that need general quality improvement?
- Answer Yes if that provider is going to expand their services to provide care:
- a. Children with disabilities
 - b. Provide care during non-traditional hours
 - c. English language learner
 - d. Infants and Toddlers.