

Questions & Answers

Q	Bidder Question	DHS Answer	Section	Pg.
1.	Is the annualized cost of \$175,950 the total cost or contract ceiling after Medicaid?	<i>Total cost is \$175,950, which includes any Medicaid billing.</i>	I	3
2.	Do we get to see the capital agreement prior to submission?	<i>The Capital agreement is provided as part of the contract award.</i>	I	3
3.	Are these Project or Tenant based vouchers?	<i>The vouchers for this initiative are Project based.</i>	I	4
4.	Can you please clarify on page 4 where you say "No rental subsidy will be due or payable for...." partially unoccupied residence ? This could be interpreted to mean that if we have two of three consumers in residence, we will not receive any subsidy.	<i>No rental Payment will be made for an unoccupied room. So, if 2 of the 3 rooms are occupied, then 2 rental subsidy payments will be made.</i>	I	4
5.	Do we need to add the subsidy and housing costs to the proposal contract or are we just listing the service costs at this time?	<i>The amount of funding for services is \$175,980, and \$350,000 for the purchase of the home and any necessary renovations. You do not need to add the subsidy rates to your proposal.</i>	I	3
6.	On page 6, there is a list of bullet points. Was that information supposed to have been included in the RFP? If not, is there any information that can be provided concerning the current needs assessments for the individuals you are seeking to place?	<i>These items should be considered in the development of the proposal.</i>	II	6
7.	Is the bidder required to be a current CSS provider in the county(ies) they are applying for?	<i>The bidder must meet requirements outlined in the "Who Can Apply" section, including "be licensed by the Department of Health (DOH), Division of Certificate of Need Licensing (CN&L) to provide Community Support Services (CSS) prior to the start of services." The bidder does not have to be a CSS provider in the apply for which they are applying.</i>	III	7

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8.	If you are proposing a housing location(s) within 1 county in the region, are you required to send the completed package to the entire region or just the county/counties in which you are proposing the housing service?	<i>If only one county is being applied for, the notice or package only needs to go to the relevant County Mental Health Administrator and not the full region.</i>	VIII	20
9.	Are Group Home residents considered to be part of priority 3 (Community referrals)	<i>Priority populations are outlined in the first paragraph on page 3.</i>	I	3
10.	Will this be clustered with existing CSS programs or remain separate in budgeting	<i>Funding will be clustered as with all CSS contracts.</i>	VI	12
11.	Can you leverage existing case managers/direct care providers from CSS programs to serve individuals through this program?	<i>Please refer to Staffing section of RFP, No supplanting of funding is permitted.</i>	VII	16
12.	Will the Capital Funding awarded be forgiven over a period of service? If not, what are the repayment terms and/or restrictions?	<i>Capital Funding issued for the purchase of a 3-bedroom home will not amortize over time, requiring needed services identified by DMHAS to continue to be provided in that setting.</i>	V	11
13.	Can you define the term (in years) of what DMHAS considers a "Long-Term" lease for the purposes of this RFP?	<i>A long-term lease is a lease with no time period defined.</i>	I	3
14.	With renovation costs subject to prior/written DMHAS approval, which are included in the \$350,000, are they renovation costs DMHAS would consider unallowable?	<i>Renovations costs are expected to meet the needs of the population of residents and should be justified as such.</i>	I	3
15.	Can the annual budget be used to pay for renovation costs of a property purchased under a Capital Funding award?	<i>Renovations are expected to be part of the \$350,000.</i>	V	11
16.	Can you provide the current DMHAS Fair Market Rate table for a residence with three (3) bedrooms for the applicable counties?	<i>3-bedroom FMR is dependent on the county in which the home is located.</i>	V	11
17.	Will Medicaid revenues offset the deficit-funded contract?	<i>Medicaid funding will offset the deficit funded contract,</i>	VII	17

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18.	With placement of individuals from Nursing Facilities, what special needs support costs should be considered when budgeting for this program?	<i>Please see what is outlined in the RFP.</i>	V	11
19.	If we received multiple contracts would there be separate QCMR reporting for each project/site or do units get put in general Generic QCMR for county awarded.	<i>QCMR reporting is required for each award.</i>	VII	17
20.	Can you please clarify the terms of the subsidy on an individual basis? The RFP states that the rental subsidy will be calculated in accordance with DMHAS FMR for a 3-bedroom and divided by 3 to establish an FMR per individual subsidy. So, 3 consumers are sharing one subsidy but separated into 3, correct? And in the case if a vacancy, it states that DMHAS retains the right to withdraw the subsidy from the residence. Is this stating that DMHAS would withdraw the 1/3 of the full subsidy or is there a risk that DMHAS would withdraw the entire subsidy.	<p><i>As noted in the RFP, "the rental subsidy will be calculated in accordance with the current DMHAS Fair Market Rate for a residence with three (3) bedrooms in the applicable county, divided by three (3), which establishes a Fair Market Rate per individual subsidy." Each consumer will have his/her own subsidy.</i></p> <p><i>Please refer to the response to question #4 above regarding vacancies.</i></p>	I	4