

Questions & Answers

Q	Bidder Question	DHS Answer	Section	Pg
1.	Would the County be able to apply for funding to purchase handheld [assistive listening devices] for their courtroom?	As the procurement of handheld assistive listening devices is not specifically provided for in the RLI, grant funding awarded pursuant to the RLI cannot be used for that purpose. Section I of the RLI provides, <i>“This Request for Letter of Interest (this RLI) seeks to assist counties in providing communication and language access to their residents by providing funding for the following initiatives: . . . Installation of hearing induction loops. . . Installation of public videophones and associated connectivity costs . . . Expanding access to sign language interpreter services . . . Expanding access to captioning services . . . [and] Development and/or provision of community/educational/ or healthcare-related programming or services accessible in American Sign Language (ASL).”</i>	Section I. Purpose and Intent	1
2.	I am reaching out to confirm an email that was shared by a colleague that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing grant submission for hearing loops and other assistance such as ALS accommodations has been pushed back from March 15 to March 25. Is this correct?	The anticipated deadline for respondents to submit Letters of Interest to DHS as stated in Section I of the RLI is <i>“March 25, 2022”</i> .	Section I. Purpose and Intent	2
3.	I am interested in applying for the DDHH Communications Access Services. Just wondering if the deadline has been extended?	The anticipated deadline for respondents to submit Letters of Interest to DHS as stated in Section I of the RLI is <i>“March 25, 2022”</i> .	Section I. Purpose and Intent	2
4.	If an RLI was submitted previous to this announcement, can we re-submit after seeing answers to our questions?	A county government agency may resubmit an LOI through an agent authorized pursuant to Section IV of the RLI, but any resubmission must be received by DDHH by the deadline stated in Section I of the RLI and should specify that it is intended to supersede a prior submission. The anticipated deadline for DDHH to receive any LOIs as stated in Section I of the RLI is <i>“March 25, 2022”</i> .	Section I. Purpose and Intent	2
5.	Are individual libraries allowed to apply for the grant?	In accordance with Section IV of the RLI, <i>“Respondents must be a county government agency in New Jersey and LOIs can be submitted on behalf of the County Human Service Director, County Executive, County Commissioner, or other relevant position.”</i>	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	2

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6.	Is Allies in Caring able to apply as a 501c3? If so, how can I get the support from a county representative?	No, a 501c3 cannot apply directly in response to the RLI. As stated in Section IV of the RLI: <i>“Respondents must be a county government agency in New Jersey and LOIs can be submitted on behalf of the County Human Service Director, County Executive, County Commissioner, or other relevant position.”</i>	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	2
7.	If I am reading the [RLI] correctly [], it seems that I cannot apply directly but that my county which is Morris has to apply. Do you know who that person might be? Would it be the County Library Director? Am I not allowed to apply on my own?	As stated in Section IV of the RLI: <i>“Respondents must be a county government agency in New Jersey and LOIs can be submitted on behalf of the County Human Service Director, County Executive, County Commissioner, or other relevant position.”</i>	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	2
8.	Do you want only one letter of interest for all of Ocean County so essentially our agency should be included with all other county offices seeking funding?	Yes, all initiatives for a County should be included in 1 Letter of Interest.	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	2-3
9.	Is there any way to get an extension on the expenditure of potential awards?	No, as stated in the RLI, <i>“...all costs encompassed by funds under this RLI must be incurred no later than June 30, 2022.”</i>  By “incurred,” it is meant that grant dollars must be allocated and committed to the project but they do not need to be expended by June 30, 2022.	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	3
10.	Since this would be an ongoing project, past June 30th, can I assume we cannot just front [an agency] the funding for the project, or could this be considered capacity building?	As stated in the RLI, <i>“...all costs encompassed by funds under this RLI must be incurred no later than June 30, 2022.”</i>  By “incurred,” it is meant that grant dollars must be allocated and committed to the project but they do not need to be expended by June 30, 2022.	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	3

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11.	[Based on] the requirements [] outlined in the RLI I will assume all funds must be expended by 6/29/2022 and no extension can be granted. Can you confirm if I am understanding this correctly?	As stated in the RLI, “...all costs encompassed by funds under this RLI must be incurred no later than June 30, 2022.”  By “incurred,” it is meant that grant dollars must be allocated and committed to the project but they do not need to be expended by June 30, 2022.	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	3
12.	Is preparing an RLI limited to one entity per County?	Counties may include projects from multiple entities in a single LOI.	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	2-3
13.	[What is] the rationale behind the way this RLI was released, requiring county governments to submit [responses] rather than non-profits/501c3s to apply directly[?]	As stated in Section IV of the RLI: “Respondents must be a county government agency in New Jersey and LOIs can be submitted on behalf of the County Human Service Director, County Executive, County Commissioner, or other relevant position.”	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	3
14.	The grant expires on June 30, 2022. Does this mean that all services must be completed during that time or that services must be encumbered to be spent for the contracts that would last for a longer period of time than the RLI period of time?	As stated in the RLI, “....all costs encompassed by funds under this RLI must be incurred no later than June 30, 2022.”  By “incurred,” it means that grant dollars must be allocated and committed to the project but they do not need to be expended by June 30, 2022.	Section IV. Respondent Requirements	3

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15.	With regards to project timeline starting from notification of award anticipated on March 29, 2022 through June 30, 2022, are you asking to describe the steps the county government agency will take to allocate funding?	As stated in Section V(C)(B) of the RLI, respondents must submit its proposed project timeline through June 30, 2022. Further, as stated in Section IV of the RLI, <i>"...all costs encompassed by funds under this RLI must be incurred no later than June 30, 2022."</i>  By "incurred," it means that grant dollars must be allocated and committed to the project but they do not need to be expended by June 30, 2022.	Section V. LOI Requirements	3
16.	Is it required to additionally provide a timeline describing the implementation steps for the specific goals outlined?	As stated in Section V(C)(B) respondents must submit its proposed project timeline through June 30, 2022. Further, as stated in Section IV of the RLI, <i>"...all costs encompassed by funds under this RLI must be incurred no later than June 30, 2022."</i>  By "incurred," it means that grant dollars must be allocated and committed to the project but they do not need to be expended by June 30, 2022.	Section V. LOI Requirements	3
17.	Was the webinar held on February 25th mandatory for applicants to attend? If a potential applicant was not able to attend the webinar on the 25th, are they still eligible to apply if they review the webinar PowerPoint available on the DHS website?	No, attending the February 25th webinar related to the RLI was not mandatory for potential applicants. Accordingly, any applicant authorized pursuant to Section IV of the RLI may still apply by the anticipated deadline stated in Section I of the RLI.		