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#	Section	Page #	Applicant Question	Department Response
1	Section 1.2	page 4	Am I understanding correctly that the only home visiting program eligible is NFP?	No. See section 1.2, Mandatory Qualifications
2	Section 1 item 1.2.1 and 1.2.2	Page 4	Can you please define the CAPTA state grant and CBCAP grant respectively and if their focuses are different, how they differ?	<p>CBCAP grant funds initiatives to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect and to support the coordination of resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>CAPTA state grant provides funds for States to improve their child protective service systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intake, assessment, screening, and investigation of child abuse and neglect reports;</li> <li>• Risk and safety assessment protocols;</li> <li>• Training for child protective services workers and mandated reporters;</li> <li>• Programs and procedures for the identification, prevention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and</li> <li>• Development and implementation of procedures for collaboration among child protection services, domestic violence, and other agencies; and</li> <li>• services to disabled infants with life-threatening conditions and their families. See sections 1.2.1 and 1.2.2</li> </ul>

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3			Is the size of a community a factor?	The RFA is mute on the limitations of the size of the community.
4			Are specific Counties being targeted?	The RFA is mute on the specific counties being targeted.
5	Section 1.4.1	Page 5	If there are children in the home over 1 can a family still be eligible as long as there is one child age 1 or younger?	Yes. See section 1.4.1, of the RFA. The Family living with a Target Child are eligible for services.
6	Section 2.7	Page 12	Method of payment- is there any opportunity for funds to be advanced, within the confines of the approved budget, in order to address start-up costs?	This may be negotiated after award. The RFA is mute on this advancement of payment.
7	Section 2.7	Page 12	The monthly payments in fixed equal amounts are to be paid after DCF determines services have been satisfactorily provided. Can you expand on what constitutes "satisfactorily"?	This will be determined during the post award period.

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8	Section 2.8	Page 12	Financial Consequences – can DCF please elaborate on what would lead to these consequences and how would the amount be determined?	Both the performance measures and amount will be determined during the post award period.
9	Section 2.8	Page 13	Can you provide an example of financial consequences (amount, basis, time frame, etc.) that are being contemplated by DCF?	The amount of the financial consequence will be negotiated after award. The time frame is based on payment frequency.
10	RFA document		Throughout the document, there are references to CAPTA and to CBCAP, including separate dollar amounts identified for each funding stream. There are references to program specifications and tasks for the CAPTA grant, and references to expectations and tasks shared by both grants, but none specific to the CBCAP grant. Only in section 3 are there specific references (in the project design and implementation section) to the CBCAP grant.	This is not a question.
11	Sections 3.5.2	Pages 16 and 28	The review criteria and scoring appear to be including all the tasks for both grants collectively, rather than discrete criteria for each grant application. Additionally, Appendix F- Evaluation manual, contains a heading title that references only the CBCAP rather than referencing both, or providing a separate evaluation manual for CAPTA. Can you please clarify the review criteria for both grants, including whether an application should be written to reflect all of the elements, regardless of which intended funding stream, and also whether it is acceptable to apply for both grants using a sole response?	See section 3.5.2. Applications must contain all of the items listed in Section 3.7, as determined during the first stage of evaluation detailed in Section 4.2. Applications not containing the items listed will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be eligible for the second stage of evaluation. Also see page 28, the title of the evaluation manual is, "CAPTA & CBCAP: Lead Agencies provide Home Visitation for Substance-Affected Infants and their Families' Evaluation Manual."
12	Section 1.4	Page 5	Can you define the target population? Would these cases be children in the child welfare system?	The target population could include but is not limited to children in the child welfare system. See section 1.4

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13	Section 3.6.7.1	page 16	If the provider is using an evidence-based program for its services, is it acceptable for the grant to add the services listed under expansion of the program listed on page 17 if they are not already part of the current program?	Yes, the applicant is required to expand the existing evidence-based program. See section 3.6.7.1
14	Sections 1.2.4 and 1.2.5	Page 4	If we subcontract with Healthy Start for our program, could they in turn sub-contract with the visiting nurse program directly providing the service?	Yes. See section 1.2.4 and 1.2.5. Services can be subcontracted.
15	Section 2.2.2.2	Page 8	Can we pay for substance abuse treatment out of the grant funds?	RFA does not speak to funds being used to pay for substance abuse treatment. See section 2.2.2.2
16	Section 3.7.7	Page 18	If we are applying for both CAPTA and CBCAP funds, do we need a separate budget for each funding stream?	See section 3.7.7. Yes, the Applicant will need to submit separate budgets for each grant for which they are applying.

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17	section 3.7.6.1	Pages 16-17	What is the grant definition of expansion? Are you wanting an expansion of services to families, or an expansion of the number of families served by a program?	See section 3.7.6.1, Expansion of Existing Program.
18			Can in-home counseling services be funded in conjunction with the in home nurse? (not instead of, but included with the nurse)	This will depend on fidelity to the evidence-based model that the Applicant chooses.
19	Section 3.5.2	Page 16	Must grantees applying for the CBCAP funds also address the three specific tasks under the CAPTA funding (development of a PSC, referral services, and screening & assessment of referred families)?	Applications must contain all of the items listed in Section 3.7, as determined during the first stage of evaluation detailed in Section 4.2. Applications not containing the items listed will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be eligible for the second stage of evaluation. See section 3.5.2.
20			Can nurses be used in an enhancement role to existing home visitors, with a focus on developing and updating plans of safe care, without being required to do all of the home visiting services required of the model (such as parent coaching or using other tools required by the model)?	The Applicant must practice the chosen evidence-based model with fidelity.

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21	See section 1.2.4, 1.2.5, 3.7.6.8.1, and 3.7.6.8.4	4, 18	Can CBCs awarded funds under this grant subcontract with two organizations in order to meet the requirements of this grant, or are they limited to one subcontracted provider?	The RFA does not specify the number of subgrantees with which an Applicant can subcontract.
22	1.2.6	page 4	May grant funds be used to enhance evident-based home visiting services with in-home mental health services using a licensed clinical social worker or certified parent educator?	The Home Visitation services shall be performed by Florida licensed registered nurses. See section 1.2.6
23	1.3.4	page 5	Is there a maximum award per CBC?	The RFA is mute on the maximum award available per CBC.
24	1.2	page 4	Are the funds listed in the RFA being used to renew applicants awarded in 2019 or are these allocated dollars for new applicants only?	See section 1.2, Mandatory Qualifications.
25	Section 1.1	page 4	Will the CBC(s) managing these grants be responsible for tracking which funding source (CAPTA or CBCAP) supports the provision of individual services or will this grant be considered a single funding source for the purpose of cost allocation?	Yes, the Applicant will be responsible for tracking each funding source.
26	Section 1.2	page 4	May a CBC Lead Agency coordinate the provision of Home Visitation Services outside of their existing Circuit(s)? (i.e. In another CBC Lead Agency's service area.)	The RFA is mute on the limitations of the service area.
27	Section 1.2	page 4	If the CBC has internal capacity and experience providing Home Visitation services, must they subcontract with another	If the Applicant has an existing evidence-based program with a nurse component, they may

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			entity or may the CBC provide services directly to infants and their families?	provide services and not be required to subcontract. See Addendum #2
28	Section 1.2	page 4	Must the proposed provider have prior experience providing Home Visitation services?	The Department does not understand the question. What does the Applicant mean by proposed provider?
29	Section 1.2	page 4	Must the proposed provider have prior experience using the evidence-based intervention proposed in this application?	The Department does not understand the question. What does the Applicant mean by proposed provider?
30	Sections 1.2.6 and Section 1.5.11	pages 4 and 6	Section 1.5.11 describes the “Home Visitor” as being an RN, who modifies plans of safe care when required and facilitates referrals for substance use disorders to treatment providers. Once the initial screening is completed by an RN, is it the expectation the RN will take on a case management role and oversee the services being provided to the family as an expectation for any proposed family centered treatment model?	See sections 1.2.6. and 2.1.6.2
31	Section 1.4.3	page 5	Can Home Visitation be provided to infants and families as a primary prevention activity even if they are not currently involved with DCF Child Welfare services?	Yes. See section 1.4.1
32	Section 3.7.6.2	page 17	Will the subcontracted provided be responsible for developing and monitoring the Safe Plan of Care or will the CBC managing the grant be responsible for developing and monitoring the Plan?	See section 1.5.11, Home Visitor.
33	3.7.7	18	Can funds be used to develop the necessary capacity to provide services, for instance, the purchase of an evidence-based curriculum or staff training?	Yes, but subject to Department approval.
34	3.7.7	18	Does DCF have a limit as to how much of the grant funding can be used to support administrative or management activities?	The RFA is mute on this topic.