

ADDENDUM #001

RFA06H16GS1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Below are the inquiries and Department responses related to the above referenced ITN:

RFA Pg #/Section	Question
1 Page 5 Section 1.3.3	<p>Q: Program funding is contingent upon the availability of funds pursuant to an appropriation by the Legislature. There shall be no duplication of funding for those applicants who are awarded funding for a Central Receiving System (CRS) Grant.</p> <p>If an applicant has received a central receiving facility grant, and did not include jail diversion costs in the funding section of the CFR application submitted, would the applicant be able to include jail diversion costs in the funding section of the criminal justice reinvestment grant?</p> <p><i>A: Services included in the application submitted in response to this RFA may <u>not</u> be simultaneously funded by another SAMH contract, ME subcontract or DCF-funded grant award.</i></p> <p><i>All services and proposed costs included in a CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant application must meet the criteria specified in this RFA and must be clearly directly associated with the proposed Reinvestment Grant project.</i></p>
2 Page 1 Section 1.2 & Page 5 Section 1.6.1	<p>Q: Are local governments allowed to apply for this grant?</p> <p><i>A: Pursuant to section 394.656(5)(a), F.S., applicants may include a county, a not-for-profit community provider or managing entity designated by the county planning council or committee. This question was submitted by an agency in Jacksonville, which has a consolidated government with Duval County. The Department recommends this potential applicant consult with Duval and Jacksonville legal representatives regarding your agency's (county) structure to determine eligibility to apply.</i></p>
3 Page 14 Section 2.7.2	<p>Q: Subject to the availability of funds, the Department will pay Grantees upon satisfactory completion of services, terms, and conditions of the Grant Agreement. The Department intends to make quarterly payments, in fixed equal amounts, based upon each year's total funding. Funding in Years 2 and 3 are contingent upon compliance with the requirements of this Program and demonstration of performance towards meeting Program goals and objectives and the availability of funds.</p> <p>This seems like the grant would be awarded like a reimbursement paid after the 3 year period, since payment is made "upon satisfactory completion of services, terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement". Am I correct in interpreting it this way, or is payment made during the duration of the 3 year implementation/expansion grants?</p> <p><i>A: The final Grant Agreement between the Department and Grantees will outline the services to be provided and the terms and conditions to be satisfied for each year of the grant. The Department intends to pay Grantees on a quarterly basis, in fixed equal amounts, based upon the funding awarded for each fiscal year. In order for the Department to approve payment, Grantees must demonstrate the provision of services during the previous quarter and satisfactory completion of services and the terms and conditions outlined in the Grant Agreement.</i></p>

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4 Page 4 Section 1.2	<p>Q: States that “the Board of County Commissioners must designate the county Public Safety Coordinating Council established under 951.26 FS, or it must designate another criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council...”</p> <p>Additionally, states “If a council or committee other than the Public Safety Coordinating Council is used for this purpose, its membership must include all persons identified in 394.657(2)(a) FS.</p> <p>However, 394.657 3(a) states “If a public safety coordinating council established under s. 951.26 acts as the planning council, its membership must include all persons listed in paragraph [394.657] (2)(a).”</p> <p>The issue is – membership of the Public Safety Coordinating Council pursuant to 951.256 does not include all such members listed in 394.657 (2) (a). In fact, ten additional members would need to be added to our Public Safety Coordinating Council to satisfy the requirement stated in 394.657(3)(a). I have circled the additional members that would need to be added on attachment #2. Was this the intent of the solicitation? Can we use our existing Public Safety Coordinating Council that meets statutory requirements pursuant to 951.26 FS, or must we add ten additional members as shown in 394.657(2)(a)?</p> <p><i>A: Pursuant to section 394.657(3)(a), F.S., the designated planning council or committee must include all of the members listed in section 394.657(2)(a), F.S.</i></p>
5 Page 16 Section 3.4	<p>Q: If an entity completes the Notice of Intent to Submit an Application form, do they need to be the same party that applies for the grant.</p> <p>What if our planning council designates the final program following the intent? Is it allowable to have the council or the county submit the notice and then designate the program/entity that will submit?</p> <p><i>A: It is acceptable for a county to submit the Notice of Intent and subsequently designate another entity to submit an application on their behalf. Pursuant to Section 3.7.7 of the RFA, if the applicant is not a county, the application must include a letter certified by the county planning council or designated committee designating the not-for-profit community provider or managing entity to apply for the RFA on behalf of the county. If an application from an entity other than a county does not include the county designation letter, the application will be returned as nonresponsive.</i></p>

FAILURE TO FILE A PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 120.57(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, OR FAILURE TO POST THE BOND OR OTHER SECURITY REQUIRED BY LAW WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED FOR FILING A BOND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 120, FLORIDA STATUTES.