

**FY21 Supported Employment Request for Proposals  
Amendment 1- Written Inquiries  
January 17, 2020**

**Question 1:** *Does the Supported Employment grant have to serve adolescents (ages 16-18) or can applicants only serve the adult population?*

Answer 1: The purpose of the Supported Employment grant is to serve all Alaskans that are identified as the target population in section 1.05 of the RFP. You do not have to serve individuals under the age of 18 to be able to apply for these funds. Organizations can submit a proposal targeting a subset of the target population.

**Question 2:** *When are applicants able to submit a request for a Match Waiver for this solicitation?*

Answer 2: Per AS 47.30.4785 (Grant-In-Aid Program for Substance Abuse Programs) and AS 47.30.550 (Cost Sharing Formula for Mental Health Programs), grants shall be awarded in a ratio of 75% state money to 25% community money. The statutes also allow the Department to waive all or part of the requirement if the Department determines that sufficient funds from other sources are unavailable and a waiver for the requirement is in the best interest of the state.

If seeking to request a Match Waiver for this Supported Employment Request for Proposals please attach with your application a written explanation as to why sufficient funds from other sources are unavailable to your agency to fulfill the required match amount of 25%. There is no guarantee that this request will be approved.

**Question 3:** *The program we are considering this opportunity for is focused on Alaska Native Men. Can we continue the current focus or will be required to change our target population?*

Answer 3: The purpose of the Supported Employment grant is to serve all Alaskans that are identified as the target population in section 1.05 of the RFP. Organizations can submit a proposal targeting a subset of the target population.

**Question 4:** *Will the program be required to accept referrals from everywhere with no exclusion criteria (for example, the program does not accept women or those under 18)?*

Answer 4: Agencies can define their referral source.