

FY17 Medication Assisted Treatment Request for Proposals
Amendment 2- Written Inquiries
October 12, 2016

Question 1: *Can you provide clarification about administrative costs being limited to 15%?*

Answer 1: All applicants are required to limit administrative costs to 15% **EXCEPT** for those that have a current federally negotiated indirect rate.

Question 2: *Will we be able to use our full federally negotiated indirect rate?*

Answer 2: Yes, agencies will be able to use their full negotiated indirect rate.

Question 3: *Can we use infrastructure funds to purchase a vehicle?*

Answer 3: No, that is not an allowable infrastructure cost. Appropriate infrastructure costs would be for items such as dispensing medication machines, MAT software, physician's examination table, scrubs, etc.

Question 4: *What is meant by Juneau funding is set at \$350,000 with 30% for the first year start-up costs? Is that 30% included in the \$350,000 or in addition to it?*

Answer 4: Up to 30% of your budget can be attributed to start-up costs for things such as ordering medications, training medical staff, DEA waivers, new treatment materials, etc. That 30% is part of the \$350,000.

Question 5: *Can you clarify what is meant by "Participate in annual two day training conference with the Opioid Treatment Work Group with all treatment and clinical staff to the conference"?*

Answer 5: The annual two day training will be provided by the State of Alaska, Division of Behavioral Health. The awarded agency will choose a minimum of two staff to attend.

Question 6: *Can you clarify what criterion 4.04.1(c) is referring to?*

Answer 6: Criterion 4.04.1(c) states "Applicant clearly explains their plan for meeting the target number of MAT patients at the first and second year". This refers to the paragraph in section 1.02 that states "Anchorage applicants must explain how they will meet the target of 60 unduplicated individuals enrolled and receiving MAT services by the end of the first year and 130-150 in the subsequent years. Juneau applicants must explain how they will meet the target of 45 unduplicated individuals enrolled and receiving MAT services by the end of the first year and 75-100 in subsequent years."

Question 7: *In section 1.03 E) Behavioral Health Disparities Impact, number 2 appears to be incomplete.*

Answer 7: Number 2 should appear as follows; "Quality improvement plan for the use of program data on access, use and outcomes to support efforts to decrease the differences in access to use, and outcomes of service activities".

Question 8: *Is the Disparities Impact statement due at the time of the application or within 60 days of award?*

Answer 8: The Disparities Impact statement is due at the time of application and needs to be included in the applicant's plan for services.

Question 9: *Where will the yearly face to face meeting be held?*

Answer 9: At the agency's site.

Question 10: *Is the grantee obligated to pay for the reviewer to come make the yearly onsite review?*

Answer 10: The State of Alaska, Division of Behavioral Health, will provide all accommodations for the reviewer to make the yearly onsite review.

Question 11: *The annual SOA Opioid Treatment Conference is TBA. Should we budget for Anchorage?*

Answer 11: We assume it will be Anchorage, but it is still TBA.

Question 12: *Is Methadone Maintenance Treatment a requirement of this program or is it one of several acceptable medications?*

Answer 12: Methadone is one of three FDA approved medications that may be proposed. Applicants may propose to use one, two or all three medications in treating clients, but never more than one with the same client.

Question 13: *What is the start date of the timeline attachment?*

Answer 13: The timeline begins on the date your grant agreement is executed.

Question 14: *This grant appears to be 2.5 years, yet it is posted as a 3 year cycle. Can you clarify?*

Answer 14: FY17 is referred to as year one in the RFP. Due to this being a mid-year solicitations applicants should submit a 6 month budget for FY17. The budget submitted in subsequent years will be for a full year of service. However, the decision to continue funding in FY18 is dependent on conditions listed under subsection 3.05 of the RFP.