

## **Amendment 2 – Answers to Written Inquiries**

### **Alaska Youth Pathways to Behavioral Health**

**April 29th, 2026**

#### **Inquiry:**

Agency is seeking to support services previously funded through the Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) grant, which will support services through FY2027 but will not continue into FY2028. Could an agency in this situation request no or minimal funding for FY2027, then request full funding in FY2028? Would a proposal focused on sustaining established services rather than initiating new services be considered responsive to the intent of the RFP?

#### **Response:**

Applicants are required to propose and budget for a full first fiscal year (FY2027) of program implementation. The amount requested and awarded for FY2027 will establish the baseline for funding in subsequent years. Therefore, proposals that request no or minimal funding in FY2027 with the intent to request full funding in FY2028 are not consistent with the structure or intent of this RFP. Agencies who received CMHI funding through FY2027 and are wanting to apply for the Youth Pathways RFP should submit a complete budget for year one, as the budget carries into year 2. Ensure that no duplication or conflicts with funding from the CMHI grant are proposed.

#### **Inquiry:**

How should an agency determine which region they fall under? Is an organization expected to provide services throughout their entire designated region?

#### **Response:**

Applicants should select the region associated with the primary physical service location from which the proposed project will operate, using Attachment 1 (DBH Regions and Communities). If proposing services in multiple regions, a separate complete application must be submitted for each region.

Applicants are not required to provide services in every community within the designated region. However, proposals should clearly identify the specific communities to be served and describe how services will be made reasonably accessible within the proposed service

area, including use of telehealth, outreach, partnerships, referral management, or other strategies as applicable.