

FY24 Title X Clinical Family Planning Services Request for Proposals
Amendment 1- Written Inquiries
March 10, 2023

Question 1: *Our agency serves a specific portion of the general population. We are struggling with how to navigate office flow so that we can continue to serve our current clientele and integrate other members of the community without compromising confidentiality. Do you have advice?*

Answer 1: Navigating office flow is an interagency decision. Title X services are required to be client-centered, confidential, and non-discriminatory. Also, all people with reproductive capacity (i.e., able to get pregnant or “cause” a pregnancy) are eligible to receive Title X services. While the Title X-funded agency cannot restrict their client population to a specific sub-set of the eligible population, how this agency maintains a safe and confidential environment for both new and existing clients may be a matter of clinic flow to be decided by the applicant agency rather than a Title X matter.

Question 2: *The RFP requires the utilization of Medicaid first before using Title X funds. Also, Medicaid preventive services are now covered. Does this change Title X payment/coverage? Does any of this change the RFP at all?*

Answer 2: No; as Title X grant funds are not considered a “pay source” or “public insurance” like private insurance and Medicaid are. While Title X grantees are required to bill all third parties that are legally responsible for paying for some or all of Title X services and methods provided, as well as making reasonable efforts to collect any remaining balance due from the Title X client for those services after any applicable discounts have been applied, there may still remain unpaid costs to the agency for providing those services and methods. Title X funds can be used to fill the agency’s cost-losses associated with providing the required discounted fees for Title X services and methods. Title X grant funds can be used across the grantee’s Title X operating budget to support all (allowable) costs associated with implementing their Title X grant program. Changes in reimbursement structure, amount, or function of any responsible third party payor do not directly affect the use of Title X grant funds.

Question 3: *The RFP states \$350,000 is available per fiscal year. Is that the infrastructure support?*

Answer 3: That \$350,000 per year is for up to two anticipated awards from this solicitation. Section 1.06 of the RFP explains how funding will be allocated. This funding is meant to be used for program costs such as overhead, subcontracts, and personnel to support the agency, not fee for service reimbursement. (Also see Answer #2 above for more detail.)

Question 4: *Right now we don’t offer any type of contraceptives. Does the state help us with purchasing them for a reduced cost? Are Title X grantees eligible for any discounts for purchasing contraceptive methods?*

Answer 4: Yes, Title X-funded agencies are eligible and required to participate in the Office of Pharmacy Affairs’ 340B Prime Vendor Program, where they will be eligible to purchase FDA-approved contraceptive methods and other pharmaceuticals and supplies at sub-Prime (lowest market rate available) prices.

Question 5: *Title X has 2 training centers. If awarded is there training that our staff can attend?*

Answer 5: Yes; grantees will have access to the full range of trainings and other resources necessary to fully implement their Title X programs from both of the national Title X training centers (one clinical and one more administrative), as well as free technical assistance and ongoing support from the national training center staffs and AK DOH Title X staff.

Question 6: *We have been contemplating who we need to partner with to provide services we don't offer now, such as vasectomies. Do applicants need to name the actual partners with whom they will be working/contracting to provide Title X services that they don't provide onsite? Do you have guidance on that?*

Answer 6: Refer to the RFP attachment titled "SDY24 Title X Scope of Svcs FP Methods Worksheets FINAL" for a description of required services. Applicants must provide all services included in this section or partner with an agency that does. Applicants are not required to provide the actual names of other agencies or provider with which they propose to partner to assure the provision of required Title X services. However, it is recommended that the applicant detail those proposed plans and can name those partners as part of their application. Reminder: the required Title X Scope of Services list (in the attachment named above) includes both required and optional services; sterilization services (e.g., vasectomies) are not required services.

Question 7: *In the application, do we need to provide a proposed budget the first fiscal year only?*

Answer 7: Yes

Question 8: *Our agency is under the single audit threshold. Our last audit was performed in 2020. Will that be an issue if we apply?*

Answer 8: Per 7 AAC 78.230 at least once every two years, a grantee that is not subject to an audit under 2 AAC 45.010 shall ensure that a fiscal audit of the grantee's operations under the grant program is performed by an independent certified public accountant. This one criterion alone will not prevent an applicant from being awarded; it is one of many included in the pre-award risk assessment. However, every applicant must maintain compliance once awarded.

Question 9: *The RFP states that only 2 grants will be awarded under this RFP. Will this RFP award two additional sites to the two existing, or are there only 2 sites total?*

Answer 9: The grant duration that awarded the one current grantee ends June 30, 2023. As described in sections 1.06 and 3.05 of the RFP, this solicitation is open to all eligible applicants, with a total of 2 awards anticipated to be made for the new grant cycle beginning 7/1/23.