State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Behavioral Health

Request for Information
Residential Withdrawal Management
For FY2022 Through FY2023

Grants and Contracts

NOTICE: Proposals will ONLY be accepted through GEMS. Applicants are responsible for reviewing the GEMS homepage at https://gems.dhss.alaska.gov/ for details regarding agency registration and availability of technical assistance. Log into GEMS through myAlaska, https://my.alaska.gov/Welcome.aspx, to begin the application process. Once you are logged into GEMS, guidance and instruction are available in the Documents tab and from the film strip icon. Applicants are responsible for monitoring GEMS or the State Online Public Notices site for any changes or amendments that may be issued regarding this solicitation.

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PROJECT PERIOD BEGINS: February 4, 2022

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Amendment 1 Response to RFI inquires and extension of deadline date **Posted: 2/1/2022**

Explanation

This amendment serves to answer questions regarding the RFI and to extend the deadline date. Please refer to the posted solicitation for the new deadline date and the amendment text box for the questions and answers.

Additional Information

- Question1: Am I to assume that the RFI is an application opportunity circling out of the continuation model for 2022 OR would this be considered an additional opportunity that could be built upon other programs and/or the current CBHTR?
- Answer 1: This current RFI is to identify potential agencies who are interested in providing either/or 3.2 Withdrawal Management services or 3.7 withdrawal management services. This is a separate solicitation specific to this funding opportunity and not related to any other current grant program. This funding opportunity is to establish agencies to provide 3.2 or 3.7, whether as a new provider of the services or to expand current 3.2 or 3.7 services.

- Question 2: Is the service area statewide or specific to a region/locale?
- Answer 2: Ideally, an agency would accept referrals statewide, although the majority of referrals would likely be within or near to their community/area.

Amendment 2 Response 2 to RFI inquiries **Posted: 2/4/2022**

Explanation

This second amendment is provided to answer clarification to questions for this program.

Additional Information

Question 1: Is expansion defined to increase treatment beds through remodel of existing space?

Answer 1: Please refer to section 2.01 of the solicitation, funding is to provide either 3.2 or 3.7 ASAM services to individuals. Operating grants cannot be used to fund renovation or construction of facilities through this grant solicitation type.

Question 2: Given the short timelines for expansion and the current costs and demands for construction materials will contracts for remodel be approved if not able to be completed?

Answer 2: As above, Operating grants cannot be used to fund renovation or construction of facilitates through this grant solicitation type.

Section 1 Request for Information

1.01 Notice

This Request for Information (RFI) will evaluate the level of interest in providing grant program services. If responses from eligible applicants do not exceed the available program resources, the division may issue a Non-Competitive Request for Proposals to eligible respondent(s). If responses exceed the available program resources, a competitive Request for Proposals may be issued. This RFI may be withdrawn and any further solicitation for services cancelled at the discretion of the Division of Behavioral Health.

Section 2 Grant Program Information

2.01 Introduction and Program Description

The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS or Department), Behavioral Health, is requesting information from eligible applicants who are interested in providing Residential Withdrawal Management services for the State of Alaska.

Program Services: Program Services: DBH will fund new or expansion of existing ASAM Criteria 3 (American Society of Addiction Medicine, Third Edition) Level 3.7: Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management or Level 3.2; Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management programs.

Level 3.7 is Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management which entails services delivered by medical and nursing professionals under a defined set of physician-monitored procedures or clinical protocols.

Level 3.2 is Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management which is sometimes referred to as "social detox" and may be delivered by appropriately trained staff who provide 24-hour supervision, observation, and support for individuals who are intoxicated or experiencing withdrawal. Although this level is characterized by its emphasis on peer and social support, medical evaluation and consultation must be available 24 hours a day as needed.

Program Requirements: Responses can be for one of the two levels of withdrawal management (WM) services and must align with the standards contained in ASAM Criteria 3 Level 3.7-WM or Level 3.2-WM.

Duration of Grant Program: 3/1/2022 through 6/30/2022 of Fiscal Year 22 with the possibility of a full year continuation in FY23 (7/1/22 through 6/30/23).

Target Population: The target population for these services is individuals with substance use disorders and/or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

Service Areas and Communities: The service areas and communities requested for the services solicited are state wide.

2.02 Program Funding

Anticipated Total Funding Available: Federal funding for this program consists of $600,000 to fund up to two awards during the remaining four months of FY22. If a continuation grant is offered in FY23, funding is anticipated to be $1,000,000 for up to two successful applicants.

Methodology for Allocation of Funds: Resources will be allocated to fund up to two agencies.

Section 3 Submission Requirements/ Criteria for Response

3.01 Eligibility

Applicants must be eligible to apply under 7 AAC 78.030 (Eligible Applicants). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations; municipalities, Regional Educational Attendance Areas, and other political subdivisions of the state; other State agencies; and Alaska Native entities.

Applicants that fail to meet the minimum responsiveness requirements below will be eliminated from consideration per 7 AAC 78.090(b)(2).

Responses will not be accepted after 4:00pm prevailing local time on the due date identified on the cover page.

3.02 Evaluation Criteria

1 Applicant is eligible per Alaska Administrative Code 7 AAC 78.030

Evaluation/Review Criteria		Review	Points
a	Applicant is eligible per Alaska Administrative Code 7 AAC 78.030.	☑	

2 If applying as a non-profit organization, confirm non-profit status is documented.

Evaluation/Review Criteria		Review	Points
a	The agency is listed as a non-profit in good standing on the State's corporation database, confirmed at State's Corporation Database and/or	☑	
b	The agency's current 501(c)3 status is confirmed on the Exempt Organization's page, accessible at IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search.	☑	
c	If a non-profit subsidiary of a non-profit corporation, a verifying letter from the parent non-profit agency is uploaded to the applicant's agency GEMS record (under General in the Agency Administration tab). The parent corporation must meet criteria a and/or b.	☑	

3 If applying as a Federally recognized tribal entity, confirm the following criteria are met.

Evaluation/Review Criteria	Review	Points

a	The applicant is a recognized Alaska Native entity as verified by the Federal Register at US Federal Register If a tribal consortium, all members are recognized Alaska Native entities.	☑	

4 In the text box below, provide the estimated annual cost to your agency for providing the services identified in Section 2.01. Identify the targeted population and area to be served.

Evaluation/Review Criteria		Review	Points
a	Estimate of cost to provide services for four months of FY22 is clearly outlined.	☑	
b	Estimated annual cost to provide services if a continuation is offered in FY23 is clearly outlined	☑	
c	Target population and service area is clearly identified	☑	

5 In the text box below, provide a description of your proposed project including the level of service and indicate if the project is new or expansion of existing services

Evaluation/Review Criteria		Review	Points
a	The applicant's description demonstrates an understanding and ability to implement services in alignment with the ASAM's standards for withdrawal management	☑	
b	The applicant's description identifies the level of services proposed and if the project is new or an expansion of existing services	☑	