**BrSTATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**



**RFA AMENDMENT # 1****AND**

**RFA SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

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| **RFA NUMBER AND TITLE:** | 202305112 Residential Expansion of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Grant Funding Opportunity |
| **RFA ISSUED BY:** | Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | June 9, 2023, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time |
| **AMENDMENT AND QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | June 15, 2023 |
| **APPLICATION DUE DATE:** | June 23, 2023, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time |
| **APPLICATIONS DUE TO:** | [proposals@maine.gov](mailto:proposals@maine.gov) |
| **Unless specifically addressed below, all other provisions and clauses of the RFA remain unchanged.** | |
| **DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES IN RFA:**   1. Application Evaluation and Selection, A. Scoring Weights is revised. | |
| **REVISED LANGUAGE IN RFA:**   1. Application Evaluation and Selection, A. Scoring Weight is amended to read: 2. **Scoring Weights:** The score will be based on a 100-point scale and will measure the degree to which each application meets the following criteria.  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Scoring Criteria** | **Points Available** | | Part I – Application Submission Requirements | Pass/Fail | | Part II – Priority Populations  Adolescent Populations  Priority Counties | 10  10 | | Part III – Activities and Requirements | 55 | | Part IV – Budget Form | 25 | | **Total Points** | **100 points** | | |

**Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answers**

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| **1** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Not provided | It states that a requirement for application is to “Have a current or *forthcoming* MaineCare Provider Agreement.” That wording is slightly different than in previous RFA’s.   1. Does this mean that if we explain how and when we intend to procure a MaineCare Agreement that our application will at least be considered?  We are currently in discussions to either lease or purchase a building to house our treatment facility.   We have a business plan in place and have experience in operating residential treatment centers.   1. If we explain this in our application and demonstrate that we understand how to acquire a MaineCare Agreement, will our application be considered? |
| **Answer** | |
| 1. Yes. 2. Yes. | |

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| **2** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Budget Form | Do we show total Project Revenue, including pending grant requests from other sources? |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes, all project revenue, including pending grant requests and any other sources must be included in the Budget Form. | |

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| **3** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Not provided | Can pending grant requests from other sources serve as all or part of the ten percent (10%) match? |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes. However, if the grant funding requests are denied, awarded Applicants must have and demonstrate the ability to meet the ten percent (10%) match to the Department. | |

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| **4** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Not provided | Can the ten percent (10%) match be used for non-allowable costs? |
| **Answer** | |
| No. | |

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| **5** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Page 3 | Can you define matching funds? Do matching funds need to be cash only? |
| **Answer** | |
| Matching funds must be cash or liquid assets. | |

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| **6** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Page 4 | If the Applicant is requesting a partial award based on prior estimates, and upon construction, the estimates are higher than expected, will additional funds be considered? |
| **Answer** | |
| The Department will negotiate on a case-by-case basis. | |

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| **7** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Priority scoring for geographical locations | On page 4 of the RFA it says that the Department intends to apply priority scoring to applications “**serving** geographical locations within the State where SUD resources and services are currently limited” and on the application form itself, Section II. Priority Populations, Question 2. it states: “Does the Applicant intend to provide Residential SUD Treatment Services **within** the priority counties…”  Does the priority scoring apply if the facility location is in the priority geographic locations, or if patients are served from the geographic locations? |
| **Answer** | |
| Priority scoring will be based on the geographical location of the facility within the identified counties. | |

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| **8** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Page 11 | Can a facility based in a non-priority county, but serving SUD patients from priority counties receive the ten (10) full points in the application evaluation score? |
| **Answer** | |
| No. | |

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| **9** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Not provided | Can grant funds be distributed to a for-profit organization? |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes. | |

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| **10** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Not provided | Are indirect costs an allowable budget line item? |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes, the Department and awarded Applicants will negotiate the indirect costs. | |

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| **11** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Not provided | We currently offer outpatient SUD treatment for both PHP (ASAM Level 2.5) and IOP (ASAM Level 2.1). Additionally, we are actively enrolled as a MaineCare provider of SUD services. While we do not currently offer residential levels of care, we are actively seeking opportunities to expand our services so that we may include a residential competent of SUD treatment (inpatient medical detoxification services and/or inpatient clinical stabilization services) within our scope of services. The physical site of this residential component is still to be determined.  Are we still eligible to apply for the Grant Funding Opportunity without having a physical location for proposed residential services? Although we do not have a physical location for residential SUD services, we are actively exploring potential locations throughout the state of Maine and are motivated to acquire such a location by the end of the fiscal year. The goal is to offer up to thirty (30) residential treatment beds at such a location. |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes. However, if the application is conditionally awarded, a contract will not be executed until the physical location is determined and subsequently approved by the Department. | |

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| **12** | **RFA Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Not provided | Is there a specific day the awards will be announced? |
| **Answer** | |
| No, the Department anticipates conditional award notifications to be released in Summer 2023. | |