

**Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
Request for Proposals Q&A**

RFP for Treatment and Intervention for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

January 25, 2017

1.) Would you consider proposals that would provide residential programming for a total of five females, or is six the required census?

Yes, we will consider Proposals that will provide residential programming for five females.

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2.) A provider would charge insurance companies or Medicaid, but would the County reimburse for money a provider would lose?

We are unable to supplement Medicaid for differences. We would pay only when Medicaid or third party insurance has been denied.

3.) Until some clients get on Medicaid, there will be costs for therapy. Will there be reimbursement for these services?

See question 2.

4.) Part of the work and support for clients will be case management, however, is case management billable?

Yes.

5.) If a provider submits for the outpatient piece only, should they address substance abuse services given the move in Allegheny County for co-occurring therapy?

While co-occurring treatment is best, Proposers should focus on the specified CSEC intervention and treatment services requested in the RFP. Proposers have the option to partner with outside organizations if substance use treatment is necessary.

6.) May a full-time therapist be funded under the \$200,000 budget?

Yes.

7.) If an agency has both an 1) outpatient program; and 2) a substance abuse counseling program (and we understand that an outpatient counselor cannot provide substance abuse therapy) - would the agency have the go ahead for an outpatient therapist to get their credentials in substance abuse, and provide this needed service to the victim, when needed, while working under the agency's substance abuse counseling program umbrella -- ultimately, this is so a client does not have more than one therapist in their fragile state.

While not the primary focus of the RFP and not required, an outpatient therapist may have substance use credentials.

8.) Is indirect allowed as part of the \$200,000 budget?

Yes, a Proposer may propose indirect costs as part of the \$200,000 budget for outpatient services.

9.) What is the cap on indirect?

The cap on indirect costs will be defined in the Agreement.

10.) May a provider use their federally approved indirect rate?

No.

11.) If a victim, age 13, presents, how do you handle consent to serve?

We will handle consent to serve on a case by case basis.

12.) Regarding the \$200,000 budget, can this include personnel?

Yes.

13.) Regarding the budget language, define reimbursement costs related to this specific proposal.

Reimbursement costs are expenses associated with delivering the service.

14.) Do reimbursement costs cover salaries, assessment time, administrative items, therapy not covered by managed care or private insurers, etc.

Yes.

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15.) On the Application Form under "Attachments" it states "Inpatient program and outpatient services budgets, as necessary" --- does this mean the grant project budget for whatever an organization is proposing, or the grant project budget, plus the organization's general program budget for inpatient and/or outpatient?

This is referring to the inpatient program and outpatient services budgets. You may provide budgets for the inpatient program and outpatient services as attachments or in the space provided in question 14 of sections B and C.

16.) Allegheny County put out an RFP in May 2016 titled "Training of Trainers about Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children" --- what organization received this award and does funding for this continue in the County?

Pittsburgh Action Against Rape received the award for the RFP for Training of Trainers about Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. The proposal and award details are available in our [RFP Archive](#). We are currently funding that project throughout the next year. We expect there may be some collaboration between the Successful Proposer and PAAR.

Amendments

January 31, 2017

Section 6.1, Minority, Women or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE) Requirements, was updated. The following text replaced the original text:

- a. All Proposals must include either of the following:
 1. If your organization is able to meet the MWDBE contract goals, a completed MWDBE Participation Statement and MWDBE Contact Information form is required. You must also attach the MWDBE certifications of the firms you intend to use with the Participation Statement.
 2. If your organization will request a waiver from participating in the MWDBE contract goals, a completed MWDBE Participation Statement, MWDBE Contact Information form and MWDBE Waiver Request are required.
- b. Proposers may be registered and certified with the Allegheny County Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. If so, please indicate registration on the MWDBE Participation Statement. Registered Proposers are still required to submit the applicable MWDBE forms.
- c. MWDBE forms and resources can be found at www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/solicitations:
 1. MWDBE Forms
 - [MWDBE Participation Statement](#)
 - [MWDBE Waiver Request](#)
 - [MWDBE Contact Information form](#)
 2. MWDBE Resources
 - [MWDBE Contract Specifications Manual](#)
 - [MWDBE Response Checklist](#)
 - [Guide for completing the MWDBE Participation Statement](#)
 - [Sample Diversity Policy](#)
- d. For more information about MWDBEs, including a list of MWDBEs that have been certified by Allegheny County and the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program, can be found at the [Allegheny County MWDBE website](#).

The following text was replaced:

- a. Proposers may be registered and certified with the Allegheny County Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. If so, please indicate registration on the Response Form.
- b. Regardless of registration status, Proposals must include either of the following:

1. If your organization is able to meet the MWDBE contract goals, an MWDBE Participation Statement is REQUIRED.
 2. If your organization will request a waiver from participating in the MWDBE contract goals, an MWDBE Participation Statement and a Waiver Statement are REQUIRED. Please attach the required explanations with the Waiver Statement.
- c. MWDBE statements and resources can be found at:
- [MWDBE Participation Statement](#)
 - [MWDBE Waiver Request](#)
 - A list of MWDBEs that have been certified by Allegheny County and the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program can be found at <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/mwdbbe/index.aspx>
- d. For more information about MWDBEs, please review the following: [MWDBE Contract Specifications Manual](#)