

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

RFP for Provider for the RESPOND (Residential Enhancement Service, Planning Opportunities for New Directions) Program

November 29, 2016

1. We are a provider that has IDD residential programs for adults as well as Therapeutic Foster Care programs for youths. Would we be an eligible provider for the proposal given the following proposal criteria from page 6 of the RFP, "The Successful Proposer should have a currently operating residential program that will complement the existing RESPOND Program by providing placements for two individuals at any given time. The Proposer also must provide living arrangements along with a range of step-down services and supports to the target population."

Yes, you are eligible.

December 13, 2016

2. How are providers compensated for days when there is a vacant bed? Is this a program funded project, or is it fee for service?

RESPOND is program funded, not fee-for-service. There is usually a wait list for entry and no vacant beds.

3. In year one, can funds be used for start-up, such as for a down payment on a house? Is there are restriction on the amount of money that can be used for startup purposes?

There are no startup funds.

4. What has been the average age of youth served in the RESPOND program?

The average age of youth served is 12 to 16. Participants must be admitted prior to their 18th birthday and can be as young as four years old.

5. Does the no-subcontracting requirement preclude a provider from using temporary staff to fill direct support shifts?

With the population served through RESPOND, we prefer that temporary staff are not used to fill direct support shifts. However, you may include it in your Proposal.