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

RFP for Allegheny County Jail Collaborative Reentry Services

March 10, 2015

5.) Can NON re-entry clients attend GED class at the CRC (day reporting center)? Will these GED classes be available to everyone in the county both people on probation and people NOT on probation?

The estimates for all education classes are based on reentry clients only. The classes can be open to NON-reentry clients but the priority for this funding is to ensure that reentry clients are served. If the proposed model is intended to serve additional clients, please include specifics in the proposal and budget narrative. Also, please indicate if you have other funds to support extending the program to non-reentry clients or if you will be serving additional clients with the requested funds from DHS.

March 9, 2015

4.) Is the funding amount listed under each service (i.e. Drug and Alcohol Evaluation Estimated Funding \$60,000-\$95,000) an annual allocation or a three-year total allocation allotted for each service?

It is an Annual Allocation.

3.) If I were considering submitting a proposal that targeted Drug Court clients and provided residential D&A services with a step down to a halfway house setting where the focus would be on hooking the client up with community supports/services, job/educational training and employment, would this be in line with the RFP? Also, could the funds be used for program start up?

Currently, Drug Court clients are separate from Reentry participants. The services solicited are for the Reentry Program participants. The Reentry Program targets a subset of all of the men and women who are in the ACJ and alternative housing. This target group has the highest priority for receiving reentry classes and services in the ACJ. It is composed of those who are:

- Serving a sentence of 90 days or more
- At medium-to-high risk of re-offending
- Assigned to probation/parole supervision post-release

2.) Could the funds be used for program start up?

We will consider funding program startup costs so long as the costs are identified in the Proposer's budget and supported with budget narrative that describes what the funding will be used for and the duration of the startup period. Following the startup period (or if no startup funding is needed) the County's payment for each reentry service will be based upon the number of individuals served and the relevant performance outcomes for each service. The exact terms of the payment structure will be determined in partnership with the Successful Proposer(s).

1.) Under the category, "Housing Units": can this be recovery housing? Or does it have to be an actual apartment?

This category of funding is for housing with supportive services, including assistance in finding permanent housing and, for a subset of those served, case management as well. If these are components of the recovery housing being proposed, then this falls within the requirements of this RFP.