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RFP 2027-04 Opioid Settlement Grant (Round 4) Q&A

Prevention Category (Q:1-4):

1. **Certification:** Our Association is not currently certified by ADMH as a Prevention provider. We understand the RFP to allow an organization that is not certified at the time of application to apply and complete the applicable certification process after an award and before contract execution. Is our understanding correct, and what would that process involve?

Correct. Certification must be completed prior to execution of the contract. Further information can be found on the Certification Administration webpage for ADMH <https://mh.alabama.gov/division-of-administration/certification-administration/>.

2. **Existing program infrastructure:** May existing childcare, afterschool, teen, mentoring, youth leadership, and family engagement programs serve as the infrastructure for new or expanded evidence-based or evidence-informed opioid and polysubstance-use prevention strategies, provided the funding supplements rather than replaces existing programming?

An agency must demonstrate experience in providing the services for which they are applying. This funding is intended to address opioid and polysubstance prevention efforts with the expectation it does not supplant existing efforts.

3. **Multiple applications and awards:** The Association is one legal nonprofit association operating multiple locations across Montgomery, Elmore, and Coffee counties. May the Association submit separate Prevention applications for distinct Association locations or geographic service areas, with each application eligible for a separate award of up to \$75,000?

Yes. There can be applications submitted for each county.

4. **Future funding rounds:** The current solicitation is identified as Round 4. Does ADMH anticipate additional competitive Opioid Settlement Grant Program funding rounds after Round 4, or is this expected to be the final round?

That information is unknown at the time of this RFP publication.

5. I wanted to check and verify that I could possibly be eligible for some of the Opioid Grant funds. I contract with the Alabama Office of Courts to work with clients that have drug and/or alcohol charges in our court system. We evaluate and monitor clients, help with



finding appropriate educational and treatment needs for the clients. We could use help with finding appropriate treatment, transportation, and possible additional staffing to better serve our community. I am an Alabama 501c 3 organization. Before I wasted anyone's time, I wanted to check and see if we possibly could qualify.

[Organizations registered as 501c.3 may apply.](#)

6. Can you please remind us how the Department has typically approached funding successful programs that receive opioid settlement funds?
 - Can those programs apply for an addition year of funding? We know it is a competitive process, but I seem to remember there was some opportunity for programs that are doing well to apply for continuation funding. Is that correct?

[Agencies previously awarded grants for use of ADMH allocated Opioid Settlement Funds may submit a Continuation proposal for the scope previously funded.](#)

7. The RFP requires that the applicant organization have documented experience providing the proposed services. Given that PsychPlus Foundation Inc is a nonprofit affiliate whose clinical services would be delivered through PsychPlus, would this structure meet ADMH's applicant eligibility and certification requirements under 580-9-44, or would the operating entity itself need to be the named applicant?
 - If not currently certified, what is the process and typical timeline to obtain certification under 580-9-44, and which level(s) of care (e.g., Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Opioid Maintenance Therapy) would be most appropriate given our proposed services?

[Services must be consistent with the Administrative Code Substance Use treatment services guidelines. See Becoming a Community Provider for information regarding certification.](#)

8. The RFP states that agencies not currently certified must complete certification prior to contract execution, and that services must begin within 120 days of contract execution. Given this timeline, is it realistic for a new applicant to complete certification under 580-9-44 within that window?
 - Are there specific documentation, staffing (e.g., Qualified Substance Abuse Professional credentialing), or site-readiness requirements under 580-9-44 that we should begin preparing now to support a timely certification process, should we be awarded funding?

[Yes.](#)

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9. Eligibility requires that an applicant be an ADMH-certified prevention provider or become certified within four months of award. Can an out-of-state nonprofit organization that delivers school-based youth prevention education realistically complete prevention provider certification within the four-month post-award window, and what does that certification process require?

Yes.

10. Under the Strategic Prevention Framework requirement, is a school-based, evidence-informed youth prevention education program (storytelling assemblies, stigma reduction, help-seeking education, and connection to care) an allowable Prevention model, provided all five SPF steps (Assessment, Capacity, Planning, Implementation, Evaluation) are addressed in the proposal?

Evidence-based curricula are required for school-based programs. The SPF steps are required for all prevention proposals regardless of the intended CSAP Strategy.

11. The RFP references a maximum indirect cost rate of 10 percent in one section and 15 percent in another. Please confirm the correct maximum allowable indirect cost rate for Prevention category proposals.

Indirect cost is 15% or less.

12. May an applicant partner with or subcontract to a currently certified Alabama prevention provider for delivery of portions of the proposed program, and if so, how does that affect the certification requirement?

Subcontracting must be described in full in the RFP. Post award, the awardee may not enter any subcontract for more than 10% percent of the amount of the award.

13. Will a budget template be provided?
- If no, what is the preferred format for the budget?

Yes. A budget template will be provided to all awardees.

14. Are capital assets the only unallowable cost?
- If no, what are other unallowable costs?

Yes, capital assets are not allowed. Other allowable costs vary (i.e., food) depending on the nature of the service. If awarded, programmatic staff can provide further clarity.

15. Is the indirect rate a maximum of 15%?

Yes.

16. Can services be regional?

Yes. Services area descriptions are required for all proposals.

17. Is the expectation that services are statewide?

No.

18. Please confirm that Phase 2 of the orientation must be complete prior to submitting an application.

An application can be submitted prior to Phase 2 of the orientation.

19. Can we submit an application while we are in the process of becoming certified with DMH?

Yes.

20. We do not have ADMH certification currently, but we have been encouraged to apply. Would we be able to complete the requirements in time to apply?

All applicants will have four months to complete the certification process.

21. We received funding last year and want to apply again for Recovery funding. Should we complete the continuation RFP or the new project RFP, even though we opened a new location?

Continuation Awards are based on scopes and locations remaining the same as the previous award. A new project proposal/application is required for any new service, area, or location.

22. Since receiving approval of funding in RFP 3. We have opened an additional facility for Women and Children. Both are currently underneath the umbrella of Bump in the Road ministries.

- Question 1: Do we file a brand new response for Sheena's Hope? Or Do we add it to Ryan's Refuge as a continuation response to the RFP 4?

This is the definition of a new scope of work and location. This requires a new proposal.

23. We are a Birmingham-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth through mentorship, leadership development, life skills, conflict resolution, and prevention-focused programming. Our goal is to provide evidence-based prevention programming that helps youth build resilience, make healthy decisions, and avoid substance misuse before it begins. We want to ensure we meet all ADMH requirements before submitting an application.

- Would we be eligible to apply under the **Prevention Services** category?

Yes. See Eligibility Guidelines in the RFP and requirements for being a Prevention Provider.

- If we are not currently ADMH-certified, what certification or approval would we need to obtain?

Certification with ADMH as a community provider is required to provide Prevention or Treatment services.

- Does the provision allowing organizations to become certified within four months of an award apply to a nonprofit like ours?

Yes.

- What steps should we take now to begin the certification process?

Guidance is offered in the RFP. Further information can be found on the Certification Administration webpage for ADMH <https://mh.alabama.gov/division-of-administration/certification-administration/>.

24. For continuation proposals, must the target population remain the same as originally approved, or may an agency modify or expand the target population while continuing the same program and services?

Any change in scope, population, or location requires completion of a New Proposal.

25. For continuation proposals, may the budget and scope of work be modified to reflect lessons learned or changing program needs, provided the overall purpose of the previously funded project remains the same?

Scopes may not change for a Continuation proposal. Budgets may be modified to address program needs.

26. Our agency received three separate Round 2 awards for different programs. The financial reports we receive appear to combine all Round 2 funding into one total. When determining eligibility based on the requirement that less than 50% of Round 2 funds remain, will ADMH evaluate each individual award separately, or will the combined balance of all Round 2 awards be used?

Each award is considered separately.

27. The continuation proposal instructions state that applicants must provide answers to the evaluation questions listed in "item E of Section IV below." However, Section IV – Evaluation contains only questions (a) through (d). Is this a typographical error, and should applicants respond only to questions (a) through (d)?

Section IV – Evaluation requires the agency respond to and provide measures requested in subitems a) through d). The page requirements allow for further narrative to support evaluation measures and outcomes.

28. The RFP states that Opioid Settlement funds may not supplant existing funding. If a client's original funding source is exhausted or becomes unavailable during treatment, may Opioid

Settlement funds be used to continue services for that client, provided all other grant requirements are met, or would this be considered supplanting?

This would have to be a discussion with ADMH staff.

29. Our agency provide resources and services for child victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and other forms of trauma, their non-offending, supportive caregivers, and the community through a multidisciplinary team approach while empowering all toward child abuse prevention.

- We are not currently certified or approved by ADMH to provide prevention, treatment, or recovery support services. We would like to know if this would be possible and appropriate for our agency, and if so, the approval process details.

Services must be in treatment, prevention or recovery support, and address substance use disorders or substance misuse. Soley providing the above services would not qualify.

30. Can we use prevention funding to fulfill a “state/local match” obligation requirement in an existing state contract with the Department of Human Resources?

No.

31. If our agency has not yet been certified and approved prior to submitting the grant, will we have time to obtain certification to meet the application requirements?

Yes.

32. Can an agency receive funding to serve multiple counties simultaneously? For example, if our agency is awarded continuation funding for services in one county, would we also be eligible to submit a separate application for new funding to serve a neighboring county?

Yes.