

Frequently Asked Questions: AFA 07-2014-AMH Projects for Assistance and Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

- What are the eligible regions for funding? Can an organization serving clients outside of the region apply for the funding?
 - Funding for this project is designated for Regions 2 and 4. Eligible applicants must agree to provide services in the designated regions.
- Can the funding opportunity be tailored to serve a specific target population or portion of the region?
 - Successful proposals must meet all the requirements of the AFA, including geography and target population.
- Will results of the funding opportunities be made available to the public?
 - Yes. Agency proposals selected for award will be made available to the public in order to maintain compliance with the intent of The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA).
- May an applicant use the same match dollars for the PATH proposal and other grants?
 - Generally, the same dollars cannot be used as match for multiple programs. Please refer to 45CFR 92.24 (<http://www.ecfr.gov>) for specific guidance related to the rules governing matching and in-kind contributions for Federal Funding.

General

- Is funding by region or statewide?
 - Please refer to the AFA for geographic scope of funding awards.
- Will another AFA be issued to extend funding beyond six months?
 - It is the intent of the Bureau to provide ongoing annual funding for these programs for multiple years; however, any future renewals of these awards will be contingent on vendor performance and the availability of funds for the Bureau to award to providers.
- Are applicants to submit a grant proposal and supporting budget that reflect the grant period (6 or 9 months, varies for certain projects) or a full 12 month period?
 - For the current AFA's, the Bureau is asking that applicants prepare a budget that reflects one full year (12 months). Actual grant award will be for a prorated budget period based on the number of months for the award. [Example; \$75,000 annual budget X six months (.5) = \$37,500 budget submitted]

- Do applicants need a Central Contract Registration (SAM contract) with an expiration date that occurs after the start date of the grant or the application deadline date for grant?
 - The Central Contract Registration (CCR) granted through the System for Award Management (SAM) must be valid for thirty (30) days after the grant begins. For example, if a grant agreement has a beginning date of October 1, 2013, the CCR registration must not have an expiration date before November 1, 2013. CCR registrations usually expire 1 year after registration or after any changes have been made. Note that grant beginning date is not the date of AFA submission, but the date of grant completion and signature by the DHHR Secretary.

- Will the applicant be allowed to hire BA/MA level staff or will we be required to hire licensed staff?
 - AFAs note specific hiring requirements, if any. Otherwise, be aware of all available funding streams and reimbursement requirements as they relate to staff providing specific services (e.g., Medicaid, private insurance).

- Is the grant money paid quarterly or monthly?
 - All grants issued through the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities (BBHFF) are on a **cost reimbursement** basis. The grantee is to submit an invoice to the BBHFF for costs incurred. Invoices to the BBHFF must be submitted at least monthly for all costs incurred for that invoice period. **At least one** invoice must be submitted **every** month from the grantee even if the costs incurred are deemed to be \$ 0.00 for that month.

- Is there a limit on attachments or can applicants attach supporting documents of our choice, of any length and number?
 - Each AFA specifies the number of allowable pages for budget and attachments.

- Are start-up funds available in addition to the total amount of funding available through the grant?
 - There is no separate, additional funding for start-up costs. If an applicant chooses to request portion of funding available through an AFA for start-up expenses, a separate Targeted Fund Budget (TFB) must be submitted.

- How can an applicant meet the requirement for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) if the providers who are required to serve the proposed project's residents refuse to sign an MOU or refuse to sign in a timely manner?
 - Letters of Support are required when submitting a proposal. These are precursors to any MOUs you might be attempting to establish. If an applicant is

unable to obtain a Letter of Support and/or subsequent MOU, please be specific in documenting all attempts and results within the proposal.

- Is a Letter of Intent required for all proposals?
 - Per the AFAs related to services for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, “All organizations planning to submit an application for an Announcement of Funding Availability (AFA) **must** submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) by August 30, 2013 close of business (5:00pm) to the email address: DHHRBHHFAnnouncement@wv.gov prior to submission of the AFA.”

- Is there a standard format for the Letter of intent?
 - The format for a Letter of Intent (LOI) is flexible. A potential applicant can either submit a formal letter or send an email notification to the DHHRBHHFAnnouncement@wv.gov email address describing the specific AFA project for which they intend to submit a grant proposal. The LOI will not be considered binding until documented receipt of the grant proposal.