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ADDENDUM #1

RFP #: 7597678

Title: Behavioral Healthcare Recovery Community Centers (RCC)

Submission Deadline: January 3, 2019 at 11:30 AM ET

Notice to Vendors

**ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE
RESPONSES.**

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted.

State Response to Vendor Questions for RFP #7597678 Behavioral Healthcare Recovery Community Center

Question 1: Will you consider serving Providence?

Answer to question 1: No. Funding for a Recovery Community Center serving the Providence metropolitan area has already been provided through other funding streams. The goal of this solicitation is to expand access to Recovery Community Centers in the East Bay, Northern Rhode Island and Washington (South) County regions of the state. Any proposal for a Recovery Community Center in located regions other than those listed will be considered non-responsive and will be not be scored.

Question 2: Could proposals to this program focus on support for expanding existing Recovery Community Centers?

Answer to question 2: Yes, if it augments or enhances services (for example, expands hours or increases staffing levels) that are not paid for through other funding sources **and** that the existing Recovery Center is in the priority areas/regions specified above in question 1 and on page 8 of the RFP.

Question 3: Could proposals to this program focus on providing recovery support services to a particular age group as long as services and supports are made broadly available to the age group population?

Answer to question 3: The source of funding for this initiative is the U.S. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration’s State Opioid Response grant. The goal of this solicitation is to expand access to Recovery Community Centers in the East Bay, Northern Rhode Island and Washington (South) County regions of the state and reduce fatal and non-fatal opioid overdose. The services must be available to all ages but if data indicates a particular age group is disproportionately at risk for or experiencing opioid overdose and a gap in culturally and linguistically appropriate services for that group exists, please describe the data supporting that need and how services will be customized to address that need.

Question 4: Are facility renovations an allowable expense in this program? If yes, where should they be included in the cost proposal?

Answer to question 4: Renovations are not an allowable cost.

Question 5: **Section 3: Scope of Work and Requirements/ Task 5 – Special Enhancement Activities as Needed (Pg. 12)**

Should the applicant add special enhancement activities that applicant believes will support the primary activities or is this stating that add-ons may be able to occur **if** additional funding becomes available?

Are the enhanced activities to be part of the core budget for the recovery center operating expenses? Or additional projected monies?

Answer to question 5:

No. The special enhancement activities will be initiated by the state subject to procedures set forth by the Division of Purchases for initiating the special enhancement task. The proposal submitted should address the tasks and activities described in the scope of work and the cost proposal should capture the costs of delivering the core scope of work only. The key word listed in the enhanced activities section is “if additional funding becomes available.”

Question 6: **Section 4: Proposal; Technical Proposal, Item 4 Workplan (Pg. 14)**

Is there a specific format for the workplan?

Answer to question 6:

No specific format is required. Whether the workplan is narrative, graphic representation (such as a table) or a combination of both, please be sure to include all required tasks and activities described in the scope of work. A more detailed workplan referenced in the body of the proposal can be included as an appendix in the interest of keeping to page limitations for the proposal.

Question 7: **Section 4: Proposal; Cost Proposal (Pg. 15)**

Must the applicant already have a designated location, or can the applicant include projected rent for a property to use if awarded the grant monies?

Answer to question 7: The Request for Proposals does not require that the location of the Recovery Community be secured at the time of application. However, the duration of funding is extremely short (less than 2 years) and the length of start-up time required will be considered by the state in reviewing the feasibility of the approach and will be considered in scoring the approach proposed.