

Access and Visitation Program Request for Proposals

Questions and Answers

Q: Part C: Forms to Upload—there are 13 forms. Where do we find these templates to fill out? The icons on pages 34 and 35 are not clickable. Where in the application do we upload these?

A: The templates have been uploaded as attachments and confirmed as available.

Q: Some of the Program-Specific Questions have a 2000-character limit and others do not. Does this mean that our answers can be more than 2000 characters in the ones we upload?

A: Yes, attachments can exceed 2,000 characters.

Q: Funding available is \$486233/year. Is there a maximum amount any bidder can apply for?

A: There is no set limit on the amount any bidder can apply for. Awards may be allocated proportionately at a level below the amount requested by an applicant to ensure the availability of funds statewide.

Q: Are there defined geographical regions that an organization has to apply for?

A: Geographical regions are not pre-determined. Awards will be made to include the largest number of geographical areas possible.

Q: Is the total funding that is available for the entire state for this RFP \$486,233?

A: Yes.

Q: Can an organization use funding they receive from a contract with their local Department of Social Services for a supervised visitation program that serves families with children in foster care?

A: Since funding provided through this RFP may not include services for visitation with children in foster care placements, other funds may be used to provide these services. Funds for services provide outside the scope of this RFP should not be included in the budget for this program.

Q: If an organization bids on a geographic region and they will offer different services in different counties, is that acceptable? For example, an organization bids on 8 counties and provides supervised visitation services in three of those counties and mediation in seven of those counties?

A: Yes.

Q: What data are you requiring be part of the community needs assessment?

A: There no specific data being requested. Any data that documents the need within the need for services within the bidder's community, including disparities in access to said services, will be assessed.

Q: How many programs do you expect to fund in the RFP for Access & Visitation?

A: The number of programs will be determined by the quality of the proposals, the amounts requested, and the geographical locations represented.