

FY2019-RFGA-HV-904

Response to Questions

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(Questions may have been paraphrased to preserve the identity of the organization asking the question)

Question #1: At the very top of page 3 of the RFGA, it states, “EC funding will be awarded only to Ryan White Part B Base awardees that are located in an area designated as an EC and applied for EC funding.” The wording implies only Part B base grantees can receive an EC award. In order to be eligible for EC funding, do we have to have a Part B Base grant?

Answer #1: All applicants responding to the RFGA-HV-904 must apply for RW Part B Base funds. If an applicant is located in an EC designated area and is interested in also receiving Emerging Communities funding, they may also apply for EC funds by completing IV. INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT/SCORING CRITERIA, Section G, which is the EC portion of the application.

All Ryan White Part B applications in response to this RFGA will be reviewed and RW Part B award determinations will be made. Then, if an organization who has been awarded Base funds is located in the EC designated area and completed the EC application part of the RFGA (IV. INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT/SCORING CRITERIA, Section G starting on page 26), the EC application part of the RFGA will be reviewed for awarding EC funding.

Question #2: If an applicant has an intention to apply for multiple funding streams does SCDHEC anticipate submission of numerous grants from one applicant?

Answer #2: No, all applicants must apply for Part B Base funding. If an applicant intends to apply for EC and/or MAI funding, they must complete those sections in the application. For example, if applying for Base and EC, an applicant would complete the application for Base and answer the EC questions in Section G, starting on page 26 of the RFGA.

Only if an applicant is applying for multiple service areas are multiple applications required.

Question #3: Where in the grant are the scope of services? On page 3 it states that the scope of services are located in attachment (I) however, Attachment I is the SCSN not the Scope of Services.

Answer #3: The Scope of Work in the draft contract references Attachment 1 of the contract, which is a link to the RFGA. The RFGA Section III SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS becomes the Scope of Work in the contract.

Question #4: Is there a page limit for the grant submission?

Answer #4: There is no set page limit. Please be mindful that the review panel will be reviewing many applications. Submit the requested information succinctly.

Question #5: If, for example, a service area is comprised of multiple counties and there are other known RW Part B provider(s) serving all counties, would we be required to serve/be awarded for all counties in the service area?

Answer #5: DHEC is responsible for ensuring Ryan White Part B services are available to people living with HIV in each county of South Carolina. By submitting an application, you are agreeing to provide Ryan White Part B services to eligible residents of each county in the service area defined in the RFGA.

In your application you may demonstrate that another Ryan White Part B agency is addressing the needs in a particular county **and** an award of RW Part B funds to your agency would be duplication of services. When reviewing applications, DHEC may determine that funding multiple agencies is not duplication and the award is contingent upon providing services to eligible residents to all counties in the service area. Systems to reduce de-duplication of services should be coordinated among agencies.

Question #6: In the proposal, we are asked to describe our experience in providing AIDS drug assistance program treatment. Can you clarify what you mean by treatment? We have enrolled clients in the drug assistance program and we did provide case management as a follow up, but I'm not sure that qualifies as "treatment."

Answer #6: HRSA's Ryan White service definitions for all allowable Ryan White eligible services can be found through the link in Attachment #2 of the RFGA, which is:

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