

Request for Proposal S-10000-00016630
Questions and Answers
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Question: Personnel Costs: Section 2.4 identifies Outreach and Enrollment and Referrals as allowable activities, but the funding section only identifies Direct Financial Assistance and Administrative Costs. May personnel costs associated with outreach, eligibility determination, enrollment, payment processing, and referrals be budgeted as direct program costs, or must all staffing associated with these activities be included within the 15% administrative allowance?

Answer: All staffing associated with these grants must be included within the 15% administrative allowance.

Question: Allowable Activities: The HB 5204 Budget Report and Measure Summary prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Office states that the subcommittee approved \$2 million General Fund for one-time grants to refugee resettlement agencies and culturally specific community-based organizations to provide “financial assistance, case management, outreach, and navigation” to lawfully present immigrants and refugees affected by changes to federal SNAP and Medicaid eligibility. In addition, the RFGP provides legislative background referencing case management and navigation. However, the RFGP’s Allowable Activities section identifies outreach/enrollment, financial assistance, and referrals, but does not expressly authorize Recipients to provide case management or navigation services. May Recipients provide and budget for case management and navigation services under this grant, or is the intent that grant-funded activities be limited to financial assistance, outreach/enrollment, eligibility determination, and referrals?

Answer: Allowable activities are limited to outreach and enrollment, eligibility determination, financial assistance, and referral. For case management, individuals should be referred to agencies currently providing Extended Case Management services (ECM).

Question: Use of Financial Assistance: The RFGP defines Financial Assistance as "direct cash assistance or payments made to a third party." May financial assistance be used for essential household expenses such as rent and utilities, or is it intended only to offset the loss of SNAP purchasing power?

Answer: There aren't any restrictions on how individuals may use their financial assistance. Recipients/Agencies should not determine how the client's financial assistance will be spent.

Question: Grant Period and Carryforward: The RFGP provides for an initial one-year agreement with renewal options of up to five years. Does ODHS expect Recipients to fully expend all awarded funds during the initial one-year term, or may unexpended funds be carried forward into a renewal period if additional grant terms are executed?

Answer: All funds must be spent during the initial term of the grant agreement.

Question: Payment Structure: Section 2.4.2.5 states that "The Recipient shall issue Financial Assistance as one single payment." If a Recipient is providing assistance through an existing rental assistance program, may a single approved award be disbursed in multiple installments over several months (provided the total award does not exceed the maximum allowable assistance), and the client is communicated of the total award upon approval? Alternatively, does ODHS require that the entire award be disbursed in one transaction? Many property management companies and landlords do not allow for advanced payments of rent or account credits.

Answer: Financial assistance shall be issued as a single payment according to Section 2.4.2.5.