

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – 2010 COUNTY RFP

Question 1:

Would it be possible to use some of the monies for mentoring and non-school hours recreation/support activities in the same grant?

Answer:

An agency can only use the county funds for the priority area in which they apply. If you are interested in more than one priority area listed on the RFP, please submit a separate proposal for each.

Please read the sections under payments, and RFP evaluation, review, and selection process on page 8 of the RFP.

Question 2:

We serve youth 16 to 24; therefore our 16 to 18 year olds would fall under the secondary prevention priority. Is this acceptable, or does the organization have to serve the entire 12 to 18 population?

Answer:

Yes, you do serve a portion of the population, but our secondary prevention category targets youth **12 to 18** years of age. Please read the section RFP evaluation, review, and selection process on page 8 of the RFP. In addition, before making the decision to respond by way of written proposal, consider the specifications listed in the "services" section on pages 16 through 19.

Question 3:

I have two questions in regard to the Youth Services RFP.

a. Would this grant fund both growth of new clients (in our cases matches) and the maintaining of existing matches?

b. If we were to provide a mentor to a 13 year old child, who lived in a socially and economically depressed area, with one parent, who has never been involved with the juvenile justice system, would this child fall under the secondary prevention area?

Answer:

a. All proposals submitted should include a level of service stating the number of unduplicated youth that the agency/provider will serve during the contract period and not existing clients. Please refer to the levels of service/units section on page 22 of the RFP.

b. Yes, the 13 year-old described above fits into the secondary prevention category (target population 12 to 18). The general requirements section on page 15 of the RFP discusses how to refer a youth.

Question 4:

My question is the Primary Prevention area; I do not see anywhere in the RFP a maximum amount to request for funding. Can you address this?

Answer: We have attached the approximate amount available for each funding category on the County RFP. If an agency would like to provide program services in all priority areas within a category such as Primary Prevention, the proposal cannot exceed the amount of the funds available (as noted on pages 16, 17 & 19).

Question 5:

Is one organization allowed to submit two proposals - one for primary prevention and one for secondary prevention, but both proposals are for the same priority area (non-school hour's recreation/support activities)?

Answer: Yes, an agency/provider can apply in more than **(1) different** priority area. For more information, please read the first paragraph under the RFP EVALUATION, REVIEW, AND SELECTION PROCESS section listed on page 8 of the RFP. In addition, please pay close attention to the target population under the Primary and Secondary prevention areas on pages 16 and 17.

Question 6:

Do existing after school and summer day camp programs qualify for this RFP? My organization currently has 2 programs that each serves 150 "at risk" children, ages 5-12 from Trenton. These programs do get "childcare" funding from the County, but are not fully funded by them, and I'm always looking for supplemental funding sources, but I'm not sure if this RFP is appropriate.

Answer: It appears from the information provided that you would be able to apply under the Primary Prevention category of the County RFP. However, an agency/provider can **only** use the funds to expand an existing program by increasing their current level of service, but not as a supplemental funding source (for an existing program).