

Homeless Youth Outreach

Questions and Answers

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1. Do we have to serve all counties in the respective regions?

Yes. Organizations are required to provide Homeless Youth Outreach (HYO) services in each of the counties outlined in the designated geographic areas.

2. In DCF Policy DCF.P6.01-2007 Match Requirements for Social Service Block Grant Service Contracts, it states that a 25% match is required for all SSBG service contracts. There is no mention of the required match in the RFP. Is a match required or not?

Matching funds are not required.

3. This question references the entire RFP but mentions the regions listed on the first page of the RFP: Does the respondent have to service all of the counties in each region or could they focus on just the counties with the highest concentration of homeless youth and/or most affected by Hurricane Sandy?

All the counties in each region identified in the RFP must be serviced.

- 4. Under “Services to be Funded,” on Page 3, the RFP states what services for which programs will be responsible. One of these is “Provide emergency shelter.” Would DCF please explain exactly what they mean by this? Is this RFP funding a physical shelter space as part of this program? Would we need to have the physical site ourselves, or could we connect the youth to an agency that provides emergency shelter?**

The agency would be responsible for identifying and linking youth to emergency shelter.

- 5. This question also refers to the “Services to be Funded” section on Page 3 of the RFP: Is it 24 hours a day 7 days per week, or can we have 24 hours on certain days only (such as weekends)?**

The agency is responsible for outlining how they will provide 24/7 access for youth. Please be creative with the funding provided. There are many alternatives and depending upon your program model and design, some of which may be nights in the community and days in a specific location. While our preference is to have staff in the community 24/7 you may provide the alternatives that work for your program and submit it for evaluation.

- 6. On page 5, Section D: Funding Information: the RFP does not seem to outline the payment schedule. Is this a cost-reimbursement contract or otherwise?**

This is expected to be a cost reimbursement contract. The timing of funding may be dependent upon a number of items and subject to SSBG requirements.

- 7. This question refers to Page 5, number 4 in the RFP: The RFP says that the organization is expected to “Build collaborative relationships with communities to develop “safe spots ” for youth in crisis, to provide immediate and concrete needs (food clothes, shelter, and health).” Would DCF please define “safe spots?” What would these places offer? What kind of place can serve as a “safe spot?” How is staffing/payment for staff for the “safe spots” expected to be accomplished?**

“Safe spots” are defined as locations that can keep a youth safe while necessary supports and resources are being identified with and for the youth. This does not imply housing or placement, rather, a community organization where a youth could go to and be safe while services and support are being coordinated. The creation and/or design of the safe spots shall be dependent upon the collaborative relationship built and

designed by your organization. Describe the collaborative relationships you can provide in the language you feel creates the best proposal for youth in need of services in the Region(s) you intend to bid upon.

- 8. What does DCF mean by this statement, found in the RFP on page 13 under “Program Approach: “A description of the strategies to promote community awareness training activities to prevent and address human trafficking.”**

This sentence means that the agency will be responsible for providing public awareness and resource materials, workshops, trainings, and/or events in the community in order to prevent and address human trafficking.

- 9. Would DCF please clarify the following statement, which occurs in the RFP on page 16 under “B. Program Design: “The provider shall operate within the area designated in their contract, as well as identify in the proposal specific locations for focused outreach.” What contract are they referring to?**

The contract in this sentence refers to the contract that is awarded to applicant in response to this RFP. This contract shall require data both by county and by region. The award shall be for a provider to cover the entire region, but reporting on the youth served and activities shall be by county. Your program design should take this into consideration.