

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Batterers' Intervention Program

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- 1. Can a portion of the funding be used to subsidize part or all of the participant enrollment and weekly fees?**

Yes.

- 2. This is a question about accessibility, specifically transportation. The RFP requires that the applicant make the BIP accessible to the population across the county. Can a portion of the funding be used to purchase a reasonably priced, pre-owned transportation vehicle? The vehicle (minivan type) would be insured and used for pick up and drop off of participants who lack transportation or perhaps a driver's license. If no, please share your thoughts about transportation if the bus does not come close enough to the facility.**

Yes.

- 3. Will DCF be amenable to providing space to providers for conducting intake and assessment if providers have secured space for program services and group activities?**

No, DCF will not be providing space to providers for intake and assessments.

**4. Section 1- General Information:
B. Background (page 2, bottom)**

Is there a charge for the DCF training provided?

No.

5. C. Services to be funded. (page 3, 1st paragraph)

Are there any stipulations on who our partners can be?

Applicants shall be specific about who they are proposing to partner with and why; and, demonstrate that the partner is positioned and committed to doing the scope of work that is being proposed.

6. (page 3, 2nd paragraph) What are the implications of not meeting the targeted unduplicated client goals and minimum of 75% who must complete the program?

Providers are expected to meet the targets outlined in the RFP. Implications may include corrective action plan and/or loss of funding. DCF plans to partner with providers to assist with meeting these targets to the extent appropriate.

7. (page 6) Accessibility: Could monies from the award be used for transportation funding? (ex: bus or train gift cards or travel vouchers?) Are there any limits to the amounts budgeted for such incentives?

Funds may be used to support transportation. Reasonable requests will be considered.

**8. D. Funding Information
(page 6) Operational start-up costs are permitted. Is that included in the \$135,000 or in addition to it? Is there a cap or maximum on start-up costs?**

It is included in the \$135,000 and assumes there would be accruals in year 1.

9. Exhibit C

Standards: (page 26) b. Procedural Guidelines

It states: “Programs will maintain regular contact with the referring court regarding each court-ordered participant’s compliance with court-ordered attendance and participation requirements, including fees.”

Please explain what the fees are. Should that be in our budget?

For this purpose of this RFP, applicants can disregard the first bullet under procedural guidelines outlined on page 26.

10. Are there any stipulations on the location of the program meeting place?

Providers should describe where services will take place.

11. When must the program be up and running by?

Applicants must provide a program implementation schedule (see page 17). Programs should be positioned to begin taking clients within 60 days following award.

12. Is there a preferred model of care?

Please see page 4 and 5 of the RFP regarding DCF parameters/preferences regarding program standards/models. Applicants should describe what their model or approach is and provide justification and rationale for utilization of that model or approach.