

CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HEALTH EQUITY RFA

SOLICITATION NUMBER: HE2015RK

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. **Question:** Should the certification of insurance show the City of Austin Contract number and all endorsements by number before submitting our response to the RFA?

Answer: Proof of insurance is not required to be submitted at the time an application is submitted.

2. **Question:** Should we be expected to fulfill each of the 5 issue areas outlined in the RFA only areas that we are qualified to provide? In other words, is the expected awardee responsible for each issue area or with there be multiple awards according to each issue area?

Answer: As outlined in Section 0500 – Scope of Work, Section 3 – Principal Objectives, Applicants are required to propose service strategy/strategies that are consistent with one or more of the issues areas and associated goals outlined in this section. Additionally, as outlined in Section 0500 – Scope of Work, Section 8 – Funding Information, the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department will award one or multiple contracts in each issue area until the maximum level of funding has been reached for the particular issue area:

- a. Maternal and Infant Health - \$390,000
 - b. African American Health Disparities - \$410,000
 - c. Services for the Elderly - \$50,000
 - d. LGBTQ People of Color Sexual Health and Wellness - \$100,000
 - e. Immigrant Mental Health - \$100,000
3. **Question:** When will the announcement be made to the awardee for the contract?
- Answer:** The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department has not identified a specific date that an Applicant will be notified of funding awarded through this RFA. As outlined in Section 0500 – Scope of Work, Section 8 – Funding Information, the initial 12-month contract funding period will begin on March 1, 2016, therefore a notice of award will be issued prior to this date.
4. **Question:** What would be the role and responsibility for us if we were the fiscal agent for 2 smaller non-profits, for this particular grant?
- Answer:** The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department has not defined the role and responsibility of a fiscal agent in this RFA. An applicant must define the role and responsibility of serving as a fiscal agent for funding awarded through this solicitation which will be sub-awarded to other non-profits.

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5. **Question:** The Health Equity RFA cites a “Health Inequities in Austin Travis County (August 2015). Can you send me a copy or a link to that report?”

Answer: The Health Inequities in Austin Travis County Report and Recommendations as well as the Austin City Council Resolution that resulted in the report can be found at the following link:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Health/Info_to_Post/Health_Inequities_in_Austin_Travis_County_Report.pdf

6. **Question:** In this RFA, there is no mention of the Asian population. Is there any particular reason why this group is not included in the health prevention and education programs?

Answer: On 8/3/15, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Austin City Council passed a recommendation to the full City Council to include \$1,050,000 in the fiscal year 2016 budget discussion to identify possible sources of funding for the programs identified in the Health Inequities Report. Subsequently, the Austin City Council allocated funding in fiscal year 2016 to implement the recommendations in the Health Inequities Report. Please see the link in Question #5 to the Health Inequities in Austin Travis County Report and Recommendations.