

CITY OF AUSTIN
AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Youth Development and Enrichment Services RFA
RFA# 2013-01-15: QUESTIONS, RESPONSES and CORRECTIONS #2
DATE: Friday, December 21, 2012, 1:00 P.M.

Note: Text that identifies organizations or individuals has been removed from the questions, if possible without changing the nature of the question.

QUESTION	RESPONSE
12/13/2012 What are the boundaries of the Holly Neighborhood for the RFA?	As described on pages 2 and 6 of the RFA document, the Holly Neighborhood is defined as bounded to the south by Lady Bird Lake, to the east by Shady Lane, to the north by East 7th Street, and to the west by the IH 35 access road.
12/17/2012 Is my organization eligible to apply if it receives child care funding through the City/County program?	No. The City/County Child Care program is partially funded with City social service (General) funds.
12/17/2012 Is my organization eligible to apply if it has a CYD (Community Youth Development) contract with HHSD?	Yes. CYD contracts are grant funds not City social service (General) funds.
12/17/2012 Am I correct that is ineligible to apply for this new opportunity since we are already grant recipients of social services funding through COA?	Yes, that is correct. See page 5, first bullet, of the RFA.
Clarification regarding eligibility.	Organizations that have contracts that are funded by City General Funds (including Sustainability Funds) for social services are not eligible to apply. Organizations that only have grant funded City contracts (state or federal pass through funds) such as CYD, CDBG, or ESG <u>may apply</u> if they also meet the other eligibility requirements.
12/20/2012 ... I see the question due date (1/2), the application due date (1/15), and the date the program would start (3/1), but not the date we would hear if we have received funding. When does the city make and announce their decisions?	The tentative goal is very early in February 2013. The actual date is subject to the number and complexity of applications, and the internal approval processes of the recommended successful applications.
12/20/2012 Insurance cost within the budget do you reimburse us for it?	Yes. The City will reimburse the costs because it is our requirement, and it can be a substantial cost.

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12/20/2012 Cash flow concerns (expressed related to insurance question).	The City reimburses for actual, eligible expenses, and that requires organizations to have enough cash flow funds on hand to pay expenses and wait for reimbursement. Example given: A bill is paid on March 1 st by the agency. The agency submits an invoice to the City for March expenses in April before the 15 th . The City payment processes typically take from 2 to 4 weeks. Mistakes or errors on invoices can delay that timeline.
12/20/2012 Can you provide information on city or private child care centers for children and infants in the Holly neighborhood?	The City does fund child care in the area. Organizations can research what child care centers or registered family homes are in the area on the state licensing website. Searches can be done by zip code and other criteria at: www.txchildcaresearch.org
12/20/2012 What is the spirit behind the proposal? Why all of sudden this area is the target?	The funding came from Austin Energy and was put in the HHSD budget. A fund was established for the Holly neighborhood as a result of the Holly power plant being in the neighborhood. It is intended to be used to benefit the area.
12/20/2012 Clarification	A document with the Federal Poverty Guidelines and the 200% of poverty level amounts by family size will be posted on the City RFA site: http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/maternal-and-child-health
12/20/2012 How are youth recruited? Does the City refer them?	The organization does the outreach and recruitment. The application needs to describe how the organization would find and recruit the youth. No.
Correction	On page 2, in the 4 th paragraph: The September date should be “September 30, 2013”, since there are not 31 days in September.
12/21/2012 Is there a limited amount of funding available for capital funds (ie equipment)?	There is no specific limit. Budget items should be reasonable and necessary.
12/21/2012 Is a matching amount looked on favorably? Must the grant be matched?	Matching funds are not required. The evaluation factors do not specifically address matching funds. Multiple funding sources can be seen as a positive indicator of agency stability.
12/21/2012 What is the average amount per child?	The applicant agency would determine the average cost per child.
12/21/2012 What if the child is 19?	The contracts resulting from this RFA will only serve children 0 through 18 years.

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12/21/2012 How does one know about the juvenile (justice) status of a child?	Typically, the applicant agency would only know if the child or parent disclosed that the child had been involved with the juvenile justice system.
12/21/2012 Is the one year of experience negotiable?	See, page 23, Section 600, item 4. Exceptions. The applicant can propose an exception to a requirement of the RFA. Include a full explanation of the exception on a separate attachment to the application, and it will be considered by the review team.
12/21/2012 Will this grant be every year?	Contingent on funding approval and contract performance, two 12-month contract renewals will be in the contract. The funding amount will be the same as the initial 7-month contract. Depending on the amount of the initial award, City Council approval may be required for the renewal contract.
12/21/2012 When was this program decided?	The funding was put in the HHSD budget that is approved by City Council in September 2012 for Fiscal Year 2013 that started October 1, 2012.
12/21/2012 What determined the amount?	The amount was determined by the available funds in the budget.