

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Peer to Peer

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Question 1

Is there a cap on any indirect/ admin rate? It looks like whatever that indirect cost is, it must come out of the \$74,380 amount on the top of page 4 of the RFP. Is that correct? Thank you!

Indirect costs (IDC) are limited to 10% of the “modified total direct costs” or MTDC* of the services provided. If providers have an approved federal indirect cost rate, they would apply that rate (a copy of their Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) will be needed).

*Modified total direct costs (MTDC) means all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and sub-awards and subcontracts up to the first \$25,000 of each sub-award or subcontract (regardless of the period of performance of the sub-awards and subcontracts under the award).

MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each sub-award and subcontract in excess of \$25,000.

Question 2

Where do you anticipate referrals will come from?

There is no restriction on where referrals can be received from.

Question 3

Does the facility need to be certified, or is it only the staff member providing the 1:1 service that requires certification?

The Peer Specialist must be certified and receive supervision in accordance with the Maryland Addiction and Behavioral Health Board guidelines. Please note that the supervisor's position is not funded through the award. Additionally, the selected organization does not need to be certified or licensed.

Question 4

Does the staff member have to be certified prior to proposal submission?

Yes, they need to be certified.

Question 5

There is a clogged pipeline in getting the license renewed with BHA. What should we do if that has not been completed in time for submission?

BHSB acknowledges the current backlog with MD licenses issued through BHA. If your organization is affected by this, we recommend submitting the letter from BHA confirming receipt and review of your application. Additionally, please provide a copy of your most recent license.

Question 6

Is the exclusion of participants enrolled in a type 50 SUD program because those services are billable? If so, are we able to credit those costs/billings against the grant to avoid duplication? I ask because I assume connecting people with SUD services may be a big need, and we may also be able to provide those services.

The selected organization can be either a COMAR 10.63 licensed organization or a non-licensed entity. If the organization is licensed or otherwise specified, it must comply with all Medicaid billing requirements. Please note that funds for this project must be used exclusively for Medicaid non-reimbursable services. TAY Peer to Peer programming is grant funded and can be provided along with SUD treatment billable through the Public behavioral health System.

End of Questions and Answers