**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**

**Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Services**

**RFA Questions and Answers**

**RFA #: DMH25-003**

**RFA Title:** Family and Caregiver Support Services Questions

**Addendum Number**: 1

**Questions Received Until Date**: August 29, 2024

**Questions and Responses**

1. **Question:** Would Atrium Health be able to apply for this grant?

**Answer:** Eligible applicants must be a 501c(3) non-profit organization, with demonstrated ability to provide support services to family and siblings of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, behavioral health and/or substance use diagnoses.

1. **Question:** I wanted to request either the link and/or form for question/application for the Family and Caregiver Support Services. It would be greatly appreciated.

**Answer:** The link is: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-use-services/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-use-services-grant-opportunities>.

1. **Question:** Could you please provide us with more information about the application process, any specific criteria or guidelines that we should be aware of, and any opportunities for technical assistance that may be available?

**Answer:** The process and criteria are stated within the RFA. While the state does not offer technical assistance, your application can include funding for outside technical assistance.

1. **Question:** The FUNDING section on Page 5 of the RFA states that project budgets up to $300,000 will be considered.  Is this amount for annual funding (up to $300,000 yearly) through the funding period or meant cover the duration of the funding period of December 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027 ($300,000 total to cover 2024-2027)?

**Answer:** TheFunding Period (duration of the grant) is from December 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027. Funding is annualized; thus, the project budget would reflect $300,000 for each year of funding. **Note:** funding for future years is dependent upon availability of funds.

1. **Question:**  Is The University of North Carolina at Greensboro eligible to apply for this grant?

**Answer:** Eligible applicants must be a non-profit organization. Note that the proposal will need to demonstrate the ability to provide respite support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, behavioral health and/or substance use diagnoses.

**Question:**  What is the F&A rate that we must charge for this grant?

**Answer:** Indirect costs are allowed on the portion of the sub-award funded by the Family and Caregiver Support Services: Peer Respite. The Family and Caregiver Support Services: Peer Respite award limits administrative cost to 40%.

Where the applicant has a Federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate (FNICR), the indirect cost rate requested may not exceed the award’s limit as defined above regardless of the applicant’s recognized rate. The total modified direct cost identified in the applicant’s FNICR shall be applied. A copy of the FNICR must be included with the applicant’s budget.

If the applicant does not have an FNICR, then the applicant may claim indirect cost up to the limit as defined above or the de minimis indirect cost rate of 10%, whichever is less with no additional documentation required, per the federal Uniform Guidance. The applicant may elect to claim a lesser portion of the allowed indirect cost rate. If claiming the de minimis or some portion thereof, it may not exceed the limit of the modified total direct costs in the proposed budget as defined by 2 CFR 200.1 “Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC)”. Applicants must indicate in the budget narrative that they wish to use the de minimis rate, or some part thereof. Applicants who do not wish to claim any indirect cost must enter “No indirect cost requested” in the indirect cost line item of the budget narrative.

1. **Question:**  The RFA indicates there are materials to be submitted which highlight organizational readiness and capacity. The only item mentioned is “1. Verification of non-profit status.”  Could you please confirm that list is complete?

**Answer:** This list is complete as the application itself requires a description of readiness and capacity. Verification of non-profit status is a specific administrative requirement for this grant.