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

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

**RFA Questions and Answers**

**RFA #:** DMH23-002CK-RFA

**RFA Title:** EMS Bridge MAT Program

**Addendum Number**: 3

**Bidder Conference Date**: Not applicable

**Questions Received Until Date**: 7/19/2022

**Questions and Responses**

1. **Question:** I see in the RFA references to Attachment A and Attachment C but the copy that was forwarded to our department only has Attachment B included. Could you please send me the complete RFA or a link where I can access it on the internet?

**Answer:** Attachment A (found [here](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/attachment-example-protocol-stanley-co/download?attachment)) and Attachment C (found [here](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/attachment-c-nc-otps/download?attachment)) have been added to our website. We apologize for this oversight.

1. **Question:** Is the maximum $350,000 award for the entire four years or is that a per year cost?

**Answer:** $350,000 is the maximum award for the entire four-year period. The General Assembly directed those eight (8) programs would be funded and designated a total of $2,800,000 from the Substance Abuse Block Grant, American Rescue Plan funds for this purpose.

1. **Question:** We seem to be missing ‘Appendix A’, ‘Attachment A’ and ‘Attachment C’ from the grant documentation. Could you provide any information on this matter?

**Answer:** Appendix A (with hyperlinks), Attachment A and Attachment C have been added to our website. We apologize for this oversight.

1. **Question:** The RFA Package refers to Appendix A. I am unable to locate Appendix A.

**Answer:** Appendix A with hyperlinks has been added to the website. We apologize for this oversight.

1. **Question:**  The application calls for a “Catchment Area # (see p.5): “, I am unable to find anything listing the catchment area numbers. Can you provide any guidance for this?

**Answer:** Catchment Area information is not required for this RFA. We apologize for the error.

1. **Question:**  With the salary capped at $190,300.00 for the timeline established in this RFA, does this also include the cost of FICA, Unemployment, Insurance, etc.?

**Answer:** Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SABG) Block Grant funds are prohibited to be used towards the annual salary of any contractor or subcontractor, provider, or contractor employee, consultant, or other individual that is in excess of Level I of the most current US Office of Personnel Management federal Executive Salary Schedule. This amount is currently designated for the calendar year effective January 2022 at an annual salary of $226,300.

1. **Question:**  Is September 1, 2022 a firm implementation date?

**Answer:** Applicants should submit a budget and project implementation timeline beginning Sept 1, but if awarded, we can discuss a more flexible start date.

1. **Question:**  Can the Waived Practitioner be someone other than the EMS/Program Medical Director, so long as the EMS/Program Medical Director approves it?

**Answer:** Yes. This is acceptable with documentation of Medical Director approval and clear delineation of roles and responsibilities of the waivered practitioner.

1. **Question:**  Since our Community Paramedics do not have a 24 hour schedule, can they respond as part of our established PORT within 24-72 hours of the actual overdose to initiate EMS Administered MAT?

**Answer:** We understand that most Community Paramedic programs do not provide 24-hour coverage. If response within 24-72 hours of the actual overdose is the best response that can be provided and approved by your waived practitioner, then it is appropriate. Obviously, the more immediate the interaction with the established PORT post overdose, the better chance of getting them on a successful path to break the cycle. In those incidents, developing a policy to address those situations in a more timely manner seems appropriate to start your PORT or enhance your program as the need arises.

**Question:**  The current request for applications does not contain information related to document submission formatting such as type of font, font size and line spacing. Please advise.

**Answer:** The font should be easy to read and no smaller than an 11-point font. Line spacing should be single-spaced with margins of 1”.

1. **Question:** Are existing Community Paramedic programs eligible for this grant?

**Answer**: Existing Community Paramedic programs are not precluded from applying for funding; however, the proposed program would need to address the requirements outlined in the EMS Bridge MAT Program RFA.

1. **Question**: We are requesting verification that an applicant must only reply to the questions in the EMS Bridge MAT Program RFA (and the required additional documents that are being asked for in the RFA) in order to submit this application.

**Answer**: Information required for a complete application are outlined on pages 9 through 11 (Item A. Cover Page through Item J. Supporting Documents) of the EMS Bridge MAT Program RFA found on the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services Grant Opportunities website located [here.](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse-services-grant-opportunities)

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