

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

RFA EmPATH-001

Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing: EmPATH Units

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| | RFA Section Reference | Question | Commission Response |
| 1 | IV Grant Funding | Can funds be used for Architecture & Engineering (A&E)? | <p>Yes. All costs must be directly related to supporting the EmPATH unit as outlined in the application. (Page 9, Section D.4.)</p> <p>The allowable costs list in the RFA was not intended to be all-inclusive.</p> <p>Applicants are responsible for ensuring all costs comply with the requirement.</p> |
| 2 | IV Grant Funding | Can funds be held over to accommodate timeline of A&E and HCAI work? | If by “held over” you mean funds pushed out to future grant years, the answer is Yes. Contracts will be executed once the procurement is complete and Grant funds last for 3 years |
| 3 | IV Grant Funding | Does Grant Y1 need to commence in 2023? | Yes. Contracts will be executed as soon as the procurement is completed and Grant Year 1 starts at that time |
| 4 | III Key Action Dates | Based on the depth and breadth of the application, is there any opportunity to extend the application due date? | Please see Addendum 1 for due date extension. |

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| 5 | IV Grant Funding | What percentage of the total grant is allowable for administration costs? | Administrative costs are limited to 15% of the total grant (Page 44, Attachment 7-1: Budget Worksheet Instructions) |
| 6 | Section III. Key Action Dates. B. Bidder's Conference | Will the presentation materials and/or Q/A from the Bidder's Conference be available to those who were not able to participate on January 4th? | The Bidder Conference was not recorded as verbal responses were non-binding. Any question asked during the Bidder conference was directed to be submitted in writing for a formal response. The Commission will respond to all questions submitted in writing and release the responses according to the RFA Key Action Dates |
| 7 | Section V. Grantee's Responsibilities. Item #10 of Section A. Scope of Work. | <p>The Grant Purpose seems to be to support the creation of EmPATH crisis stabilization units throughout California hospitals and 24-hour health care facilities that operate an emergency department treating mental health clients. The EmPATH Model Components seem to require State certification as a CSU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide all services onsite at a licensed 24-hour health care facility, as part of a hospital-based outpatient program, certified by the State as a Crisis Stabilization Unit • Comply with all contact, site, and staffing requirements for Crisis Stabilization Units described in California Code of | The RFA does not require that the EmPATH unit is designated by the County as a CSU. |

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| | | <p>Regulations Title 9, Sections 1840.338 and 1840.348, and Title 22 for “Crisis Stabilization – Emergency Room”</p> <p>Our hospital desires to create our own “CSU” without it being a designated as a County CSU. Does that disqualify us?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | |
| 8 | II. Purpose and Goals of Grant Opportunity | Are existing EmPATH units (looking to expand) eligible to apply or is this opportunity strictly supporting new units? | Existing EmPATH units (looking to expand) are eligible to apply |
| 9 | Page 4: Provide all services onsite at a licensed 24-hour health care facility, as part of a hospital-based outpatient program, certified by the State as a Crisis Stabilization Unit | <p>We are not currently certified by the state as a Crisis Stabilization Unit – does this certification need to be obtained prior to the application?</p> <p>Thank you</p> | A CSU certification is not required as part of the application. |