

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

RFA-MHSSA-004

Questions and Answers 3

	RFA Section Reference	Questions	Responses								
1	5. GRANT APPLICATION AND FUNDING F. Allowable Costs	Can we propose technology to be purchased as part of a student stipend, or should these be proposed as separate costs?	Technology can be purchased. It is up to the Applicant to properly classify and describe the proposed purchase based on its intended use.								
2	Intent to Apply	Was the Intent to Apply submission a mandatory component of the application, or will we still be allowed to submit an application by June 28th?	The Intent to Apply was not mandatory, but a way to ensure all procurement communications are received by the Applicant. You may submit an application without submitting an Intent to Apply.								
3	Intent to apply	In reading #9, does this mean that Sacramento County office of Education, who currently receives the grant through Sacramento DHS (BHS & Primary Care), can apply and receive the grant independently of Sacramento County DHS (BHS and Primary Care)? <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="width: 25%;">C. Intent to Apply</td> <td style="width: 40%;">If County Office of Ed is taking the lead on an application, can they be the signors of the Intent to Apply Attachment?</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Yes, any authorized member of the MHSSA partnership may sign.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td>5A. Eligibility</td> <td>We are a local healthcare district serving multiple</td> <td>The MHSSA requires that the Applicants consist of the</td> </tr> </table>	9	C. Intent to Apply	If County Office of Ed is taking the lead on an application, can they be the signors of the Intent to Apply Attachment?	Yes, any authorized member of the MHSSA partnership may sign.	10	5A. Eligibility	We are a local healthcare district serving multiple	The MHSSA requires that the Applicants consist of the	No, this is an MHSSA grant which requires that the grantee is the County Behavioral Health department. The Intent to Apply is a separate process from the actual application and subsequent contract.
9	C. Intent to Apply	If County Office of Ed is taking the lead on an application, can they be the signors of the Intent to Apply Attachment?	Yes, any authorized member of the MHSSA partnership may sign.								
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4	STD 204	We are putting together our packet for 004: DO we need to submit a newly signed STD 204?	Please submit the STD 204 to ensure there are no issues with the contract and/or payments if you were awarded a grant.								
5	Attachment 2-1: Grant Application Cover Sheet (Existing Grantees) for Universal Screening	Do we have to identify who our district and/or school and contracted partners will be in the proposal?	If you are an existing grantee and the partners have not changed, then you do not need to identify your district and/or school MHSSA partners.								
6	Attachment 4-7	Who should sign the Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Disclosure and Factsheet (STD 1000)? The County Mental Health Department or the designated lead agency, in this case the Office of Ed?	The STD 1000 can be signed by anyone authorized in your MHSSA partnership.								

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7	General	If we did receive a notice of intent to award do we need to execute the contract in a certain timeframe?	No, but executing a contract as soon as possible is preferred.
8	General	What is this MHSSA Grant award cycle (start/end date)?	The cycle begins when the contract is fully executed and will end June 30, 2027.
9	Universal Screening	Is there a particular screener/tool State requiring?	No, there is no particular screener/tool required by the Commission.
10	Universal Screening	Are there linkages being made to CYBHI fee schedule assessment-screening requirements? If not, could this be part of discussion/implementation?	This will be determined after discussion with the awardees.
11	Universal Screening	It sounds like the primary focus on learning collaborative/sharing screening tools. How does implementation fit in?	A guide or roadmap to implementation would be the end result of this opportunity.
12	Sustainability	Does the “Quality Improvement & Sustainability Coordinator” need to be a new hire?	<p>The Quality Improvement and Sustainability Coordinator does not need to be a new position.</p> <p>RFA 5.F.3. states, “Grant funds may be used to supplement, but not supplant existing financial and resource commitments of the county, city, or multicounty mental health or behavioral health departments, or a consortium of those entities, or educational entities that receive a grant.”</p>
13	Sustainability	Could this “QIS Coordinator” be hired as a consultant (acknowledging this funding itself is not sustainable)?	Yes, the QIS coordinator may be hired as a consultant.

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14	Sustainability	Could this “QIS Coordinator” support the building of infrastructure across multiple school Districts to integrate range of sustainable funding sources to fund a range of SBBH initiatives/programs (e.g. MHSSA, MHSA-PEI, CYBHI, etc.)	This is a MHSSA grant and the QIS needs to support the approved MHSSA program.
15	General/Other Priorities?	Does the Commission have a suggestion on which category would be most appropriate to focus on workforce development and in particular building more “school based behavioral health” pathways? This could include integration with Professional Development/training for “Wellness Coaches” as well as other School Based Behavioral Health providers.	Selecting a category is the responsibility of the Applicant. The only direction the Commission can give is if the proposed program does not fit into Categories 1 – 3, then Category 4 is the catch-all for anything else.