

# Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

## RFA Older Adults-001

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	RFA Section Reference	Question	Commission Response
1	General	Discretion to determine use of funds: do we need to hire new staff? Or Can we utilize existing team members?	Applicants have the discretion as to how to use funds. You can hire staff or use existing staff. As a reminder the RFA states, “Funds may be used to supplement, but not supplant, existing financial and resource commitments.”
2	General	For Age Wise, is there a limit of sessions/months to serve client?	There is no limit on sessions/months to serve clients.
3	General	Do we assist with applying to Medi-Cal as a requirement even if the patient doesn’t want to, but qualifies?	The RFA does not require applying to Medi-Cal. During the contract term you will be able to work with the Technical Assistance contractor on operational questions.
4	General	I am applying for a grant to offer a PEARLS program in Sonoma County CA. I am interested in speaking to someone who can answer questions I have regarding the program. This would be a deep dive. Please LMK if this is something I can set up	Refer to RFA Exhibit 2 – PEARLS for more information including a website URL.
5	General	We are in the County of Orange. My program is a mental health county operated clinic for older adults and my question is: Are we able/allowed to apply for this grant given that we have a contracted program in our county that currently utilizes PEARLS?	For the purposes of this RFA only, Exhibit 4 – Pearls Programs in California lists the existing PEARLS programs in California. If your county is on the list, you may not apply for a PEARLS program. Orange county is not on the list, therefore, you may apply for a PEARLS program.

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6	General	Can you send out a list of the current PEARL programs/provider, by county?	See Addendum 1, Exhibit 4 for the list of PEARLS Programs in California that will be used for this RFA in determining an existing program.
7	Attachment 4, c.6.	Would MHSOAC like our organization to list the contracted agencies for our county providing just mental health services that we refer and connect our patients to? If not just mental health support which service partnerships should we provide?	This is a grant related to mental health and your response should focus on your connections to mental health services in the county's continuum of care.