

**Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission**  
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	<b>RFA Section Reference</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Commission Response</b>
1	General	Are housing programs that serve children/youth/families eligible for this funding, i.e., not just drop-in centers?	Applicants may request funding for EBPs/CDEPs that are not specifically listed in the Request for Applications (RFA); however, in order to be considered for funding, the applicant must submit supporting documentation detailing the efficacy, equity, scalability, and sustainability of the practice.
2	General	Can one application include operational expansion (Track 2) at multiple agency locations?	As long as it is for the same youth-driven program, then yes.
3	General	Was there a Round 3 or did that get skipped?	The <a href="#">Round 3: Early Childhood Wraparound Services RFA</a> was released August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2023.
4	General	Is there an estimated amount of funding available per track?	This round of funding totals up to \$50 million overall. There is no specific allocation of funds available per track. However, as described in the RFA, there is a maximum funding amount for individual applications determined by track type and EBP/CDEP.
5	General	Will applications be scored against applications only in their respective track? Or will all applications be scored against each other?	All applications will be reviewed and scored together and not allocated by specific track.
6	Section E: Allowable Costs	Can we allocate the entire \$400K (expansion) to capital?	As long as your current program meets the requirements of the RFA, including but not limited to the implementation of the selected practice model and reporting of outcomes, there is no restriction for applying all of the grant funds towards capital outlay.

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7	Section E: Allowable Costs	Is this one-time funding? Or will there be an opportunity for renewal? If it is one-time, it will be extremely difficult to apply this for service expansion – this is why we are asking if we can allocate the entire funding amount to capital.	The grants are funded through a one-time budget allocation in the state general fund and there is no opportunity for renewal. As part of receiving a grant, the grantee agrees to work with the Commission, DHCS, TA vendors and the state’s TPA to develop a sustainability plan for the selected practice model.
8	APPENDIX 1:allcove Model Components	For the alcove Implementation Track (Start-Up), can we propose to use year a portion of year 1 to complete the exploration plan and steps and the remainder of year 1 as well as year 2 to launch the model?	Yes, as long as you commit to an allcove™ program. This should be described in your proposed plan.
9	General	... serves LGBTQ+ youth and we are the grant applicant for the consortium of nonprofits that service all our youth? Are we still eligible to apply or do we need to have a nonprofit that serves all of our youth be the applicant?	Yes, as described, you are eligible to apply for grant funding. The Commission (and DHCS) will only select applicants that meet the minimum qualifications and program requirements identified in the RFA.

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10	General	... intends to be the grant applicant, however the vision is for the consortium to select the organization that will implement allcove and operate the center. Can this be decided later through the consortium of nonprofits (over 10 on the coast) or do we need to identify the organization in this grant application?	As part of applying for the grant, there must be a commitment and intent to implement the allcove™ program. Identifying who will implement and operate the program helps in understanding that commitment, but is not a requirement. Please thoroughly explain in your proposed plan.
11	General	Can the grant deliverables be year one planning and beginning activities that allcove center would provide, and then year two implementation? And we would allocate the bulk of the funding into year two?	Yes, but you must explain in your proposed plan the activities that are going to occur each year.
12	Page 16, Attachment 1, Grant Application Cover Sheet	If an organization would like to develop Youth Driven Programs at more than one site (similar with the same EBP,) should separate proposals be submitted for each site or combined into one proposal?	Both are allowed. This is your decision

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13	Page 12. Grant Amounts	If an organization would like to develop similar Youth Driven Programs at more than one site, would the maximum funding be available for each site?	Only if an individual proposal is submitted for each site. Your proposed plan must show that you have the capacity and capability to manage all sites at the funding level requested.
14	Page 17, Implementation Expansion	Can services in a drop-in center be limited to youth in a specific clinical program or must drop-in centers be open to any youth?	A drop-in center may be limited to youth in a specific clinical program. Please detail the planned approach in your application.
15	Page 33, Attachment 3, Applicant Background.	Just to confirm, a vendor responding in Track 2B for “Expansion – Other Youth-Driven Program,” should skip questions 1-6 on page 32 for Track 1 and should instead respond to questions C.7 – C. 11 followed by all questions in Section D.	Correct
16	Page 40, Attachment 4, Proposed Plan	Just wanted to clarify, is the numbering on this page supposed to jump from D.6.b (and all Ds) back to C (like C.6.d. and C.6.e.?)	The reference to Section C, should be Section D. An amendment will be released to correct the numbering.
17	Appendix 1 page 62	Do all allcove Model services need to be implemented during the grant period for start-up programs?	Generally, yes, programs must be implemented during the grant period. The Commission will consider applications with a longer implementation timeline on a case-by-case basis depending on the applicant's proposed approach, timeline and milestones.

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18	APPENDIX 1 PAGE 62	Can our Coalition plan to explore two possible allcove drop-in center sites in two different regions of our County?	Yes
19	1C Technical Assistance	What is the timing of the release of the RFP for the Technical Assistance Provider?	There will not be a procurement to identify the technical assistance provider for this initiative. A technical assistance provider, with specific expertise in the allcove™ model has already been selected. For all other practice models, technical assistance will be provided by the state’s Third Party Grant Administrator (TPA).
20	Section 4b	We already have MHSA OAC allcove funding but have not opened yet, are we considered a Start-Up or Operational expansion. Our youth advisory group has been operating for 5 years. We have not started allcove services yet - should be opening in JAN 2024.	In this situation, you would be considered for Operational Expansion.
21	ATTACHMENT 2: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	Please confirm for profit organizations are eligible to apply.	Yes, confirmed.
22	4.E.B. Administration costs, limited to 15% of total grant amount.	Can operating income or surplus be included in Administration costs?	If this means paying for administration costs from an organization’s income or surplus, that is acceptable. Allowable costs are detailed in the RFA. Each applicant must describe their cost allocation structure in the proposed budget.

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23	Sections 1 and 2	<p>Would ... be eligible?</p> <p>... exposes youth to knowledge about the topics of mental health and suicide prevention by providing instructional tools to educators, educational resources to youth, and additional resources to further learning about the basic components of suicide prevention. From here, youth must apply suicide prevention knowledge to formulate and create their own unique message about suicide prevention for their peers by creating films or art. The creative process of filmmaking requires youth to synthesize their knowledge resulting in a deeper level of understanding. ... integrates sound pedagogical principles into the filmmaking process so that participants are engaged via all methods of the “learning spectrum”: to see, experience, discuss, and apply. Youth are challenged to critically analyze key components of suicide prevention and how best to communicate these in their films. Once created, films are</p>	<p>This grant is for youth drop-in centers and youth-driven programs that are EBP/CDEP models with documented evidence of effectiveness for the populations of focus. If your program meets the requirements of this RFA then you may apply. If not, there are other grants that may be more appropriate. See Section 1.D, Eligible Grant Recipients, and Section 2 in the RFA.</p>
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		<p>used in schools and communities to raise awareness and start conversations about these critical health topics, and to increase awareness of available crisis resources.</p> <p>... is implemented in schools across the state, reaching youth from a range of socioeconomic and racial backgrounds.</p>	
24	Sections 1 and 2	How is EBP being defined?	<p>EBPs are those with documented, empirical evidence (e.g., randomly controlled trials, peer-reviewed studies, and publications) of effectiveness in improving children and youth BH. These programs and practices have been clinically reviewed and codified, meaning the practices have been manualized to ensure the fidelity of implementation in a variety of settings.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf</a></p>
25	Sections 1 and 2	How is CDEP being defined? (And how is it distinct from EBP?)	<p>Community-Defined Evidence Practices are a set of practices that communities have used and found to yield positive results as determined by community consensus over time. These practices may or may not have been measured empirically but have reached a level of acceptance by the community. An eligible CDEP is a program or practice that aligns with the goals of this funding round.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf</a></p>

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26	P. 7 of RFP, List of EBPs & P. 60 – TIP description	We are purveyors of the TIP model. To be eligible, do providers need to be working on high fidelity TIP or achieving it?	Practice models must be implemented with fidelity to the model. Technical assistance will be provided to grantees throughout the implementation process.
27	P. 7 of RFA, Grant Tracks	If an existing program that uses TIP is requesting funding to support more TIP training and/or to bring it to a higher level of fidelity, would that be considered operational expansion and qualify for the grant under Track 2B?	Yes, this approach would be allowable under the operational expansion track.
28	A-1, D-1	Is there an estimated total amount of funding available per track?	This round of funding totals up to \$50 million overall. There is no specific allocation of funds available per track. However, as described in the RFA, there is an maximum funding amount for individual applications determined by track type and EBP/CDEP.
29	B-5	Will applications be scored only against applications in their respective track? Or will all applications be scored against each other?	All applications will be reviewed and scored together and not allocated by specific track.
30	Appendix 2	If we currently operate a drop-in center for homeless youth and want to add TIP, would it be considered a start-up or an expansion?	If there is no current TIP program, it would be considered a Start-Up.



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31	Attachment 7	Are we required to include collaboration partners in our application?	No, this is not required to apply for a grant. However, if the applicants intends to collaborate and funding will be distributed among the partners, this must be described in the grant application.
32	Appendix 2	We currently operate a drop-in center for homeless youth, but there's no YAB. If we write to this opportunity, we would add a YAB and include TIP programming. Would this be considered an expansion or a start-up?	This would be considered an expansion.
33	10. Application Scoring	<p>“Practices and programs not on the identified list of Round 4 EBPs and CDEPs will be evaluated for efficaciousness, equity, sustainability, scalability,..”</p> <p>Please provide more detail as to what evidence should be presented to show that a CDEP meets these 4 criteria, especially efficaciousness.</p>	<p>For EBPs, include mention of the scientific evidence base that supports key outcomes related to the RFA (e.g., RCTs, peer-reviewed journal articles) as well as the rating from relevant clearinghouses, if applicable (California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare, Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse, Federal Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center )</p> <p>For CDEPs or population-specific adaptations of EBPs, include findings from limited or informal evaluations, case studies and/or surveys or testimonies from program participants, family members, community members and/or other stakeholders as well as whether the CDEP is listed as an Innovative Practices in the National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health resource library</p>

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.34	Section 6.c.	<p>1. Describe the source of funds currently supporting the youth drop-in center or other youth-driven program:</p> <p>a. Medi-Cal</p> <p>1) How much is provided annually?</p> <p>Is there a preference that services are eligible for Medi-Cal funding? If an applying provider is not a Medi-Cal certified provider, is that a disadvantage?</p>	<p>There is no preference that services are eligible for Medi-Cal funding.</p> <p>Being a Medi-Cal certified provider is not a requirement in order to receive a grant.</p>
35	E Allowable Costs- 2	Is a new building allowed to be purchased for the teen drop-in center under equipment and capital improvements?	Yes
36	E Allowable Costs- 2	Can the funds be used to renovate a partner's building for a teen drop-in center under equipment and capital improvements?	If being used for the youth-drop in center or otherwise to implement an eligible EBP/CDEP practice model. Funds must be used, as approved, to implement the selected practice model. Please provide the details in your application.
37	E Allowable Costs- 2	Are we allowed to rent a space for the teen drop-in center under equipment and capital improvements?	If being used for the youth-drop in center or otherwise to implement an eligible EBP/CDEP practice model. Funds must be used, as approved, to implement the selected practice model. Please provide the details in your application.

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38	4.B. Grant Tracks, and E. Allowable costs	Does Track 2 – Operational Expansion, include capital improvements related to new construction to support practices and programs? I see that section E. “Allowable Costs” lists capital improvements (e.g., modifications to physical space to support practices and programs), but is unclear if this includes new construction.	Yes, capital improvements would include new construction.
39	Section 4-E, Pg.12	What is manual access for practices and programs?	Access to practice, support and programmatic information, such as specific program manuals issued by the practice model developer.
40	Section 6-E, Pg. 20	Can the award money be used for large medical equipment to be used in the allcove center? (Such as medication disbursement machine, exam room equipment and supplies)	Yes, but the equipment would need to be solely used for the allcove™ center. All purchases must directly support the approved program.
41	Section 6-F, Pg. 22	Can the award money be used to cover tenant improvement costs incurred as part of existing development of allcove site?	As long as this is not supplanting the tenant improvement costs. Please provide the details in your application.

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42	Section 6-F, Pg. 22	Can elected officials (County or City) provide Letters of Support for the application, instead of or in addition to the Community Collaboration Partners (Attachment 7) partners?	Yes, this would be acceptable.
43	Section 6-F, Pg. 22	If an elected official is supporting with a Letter of Support, do they also have to complete and be included in Attachment 7?	No
44	Section 5-A, Pg. 12	If an applicant is an existing allcove center grantee and in writing the application for Track 2- should the scope of work answers essentially mirror the allcove fidelity model documents?	Your application should represent your program and how you plan the spend the funds.
45	Section 6-F, Pg. 22	If we are a current allcove center grantee, do we need to submit Attachment 7 again, even if those partners have not changed and will continue to remain as collaborators? Do they also have to provide signatures? Or can we list without signatures?	This is a separate procurement and all requirements included in this RFA need a new response.  Yes, signatures are needed, but electronic signatures are acceptable.

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46	Section 5-A, Pg. 12	What is the short-listed Evidence Based Practices (EBP) and Community Defined Evidence Based Practices (CDEP) programs that are eligible for operational expansion under Track 2 of the CYBHI grant opportunity?	Refer to Section 2, Purpose and Goals of Grant Opportunity. Page 7 includes the short-list.
47	Section 5-A, Pg. 12	How can an organization demonstrate that they are currently providing short-listed EBP and CDEP programs in order to be eligible for operational expansion under Track 2? If we are currently implementing allcove, does that cover this requirement?	Applicants may use discretion as to how they want to provide support for a short-listed EBP or CDEP program. Examples includes, but are not limited to, providing the grant contract if a current grant is paying for the program and the program is not yet operational. If operational a verifiable address, website or other verifiable support.

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48	Section 5-A, Pg. 12	What are the criteria for selecting organizations to receive funding for operational expansion under Track 2 of the CYBHI grant opportunity and how many will be awarded vs. the other tracks?	<p>The Application scoring is addressed in Section 10 of the RFA. There is no defined number of grants that will be awarded for each track.</p> <p>Funding decisions will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to: practice selections, demonstrated need and ability to meet outcome objectives for populations of focus, ability to provide culturally relevant and responsive services to populations of focus, overall estimated impact of potential award, geographic distribution of applicants, and populations served.”</p> <p>Additionally, the Commission and DHCS reserve the right to prioritize applications that align with the aims of the broader CYBHI initiative (e.g., increasing care to populations of focus, mental health professional shortage areas). Practices and programs not on the identified list of Round Four EBPs and CDEPs will be evaluated for efficaciousness, equity, sustainability, scalability, and whether the practice model is supplementary to the BH landscape. No application is guaranteed funding and applications will be reviewed holistically across the defined evaluation criteria.</p>
49	Section 5-A, Pg. 12	If a current allcove center that is funded under MHSOAC funds but is not currently open, but in the process of opening, can they be considered for implementation expansion under Track 2A?	Yes, this would be considered an implementation expansion.

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50	Attachments 1-4 + Budget Narrative	Are there any word or character limits? If not, what is the suggested narrative response length?	There are no limits. Applicants are encouraged to be concise and to the point.
51	Grantee Responsibilities Page 14	Please describe youth advisory board role and responsibility, level of activity, any other details?	There is no requirement as to specific role and responsibility, level of activity, etc., of a youth advisory board. As this grant is for youth-driven programs designed with, by and for youth, the advisory board ensures their participation. Please describe the proposed approach in your organization's application.
52	Grantee Responsibilities	What is the age range for this opportunity? There is conflicting information between CYBHI overall strategy document and information from Bidders Conference. Is it 12-25 or 0-25?	Overall, the CYBHI covers age 0 -25. For this round of funding, the priority population of focus is 12 – 25.
53	Grantee Responsibilities	Are CDEP applicants required to have a drop in center?	No, but it must be a youth-driven program. Please see RFA Section 2 for additional information about identified practice models.
54	Grantee Responsibilities	Can CDEP programming be arts-based? Can funding partially fund arts-based capital improvements?	<p>Yes, as long it meets all of the requirements in the RFA. Applicants may request funding for EBPs/CDEPs that are not specifically listed in the Request for Applications (RFA); however, in order to be considered for funding, the applicant must submit supporting documentation detailing the efficacy, equity, scalability, and sustainability of the practice.</p> <p>Using funds for capital improvements is allowed.</p>

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55	Grantee Responsibilities	Should programming focus on prevention, early intervention, or treatment? A mix of all three?	DHCS aims to improve access to critical behavioral health interventions, including those focused on prevention, early intervention, and resiliency/recovery for children and youth, with a specific focus on children and youth who are from the populations of focus described in section B (“Equity driven approach”) of the RFA.
56	Budget	Are capital improvements an eligible cost? At what percentage of the total budget is eligible?	Capital improvements are an eligible cost. There is no required percentage of the total budget. Please described the proposed use of funding in the grant application.
57	Section 6 Part B (page 17)	What should school districts submit as a CA Secretary of State certification?	The Secretary of State certification would not apply for a school district. You may provide a letter or document from the California Department of Education (CDE), a screen print from the CDE school directory, or some other support for being able to conduct business in California.
58	Section 6 Part C	As a school district we’re planning on piloting a program at one of our high schools. Should the background information be about the school or the district?	Both
59	P. 12, Allowable Costs includes Training	If training of clinical staff in allcove, TIP, or other practice is part of our program, can the labor costs (staff time) of participating in training be covered by the grant? If staff are revenue producing, can the lost revenue while participating in training be covered by the grant?	If staff are funded by this grant, then all of their activities related to the program are covered by the grant. This includes training.  Only costs that are incurred are covered by this grant. Lost revenue is not covered.



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60	Pg. 14 B.2 – Data Collection	RFA states that grantees must report data & outcomes for a period of 1-2 years POST AWARD. Does it mean after each contract year? It reads like 2 years after the entire grant period, which is 6/30/25.	The expectation is 1-2 years after the funding is disseminated.
61	Pg. 19 D.8 – Proposed Plan	Is the referenced Community Planning Process the same as a Community Needs Assessment?	Yes, it could be the same.
62	P. 19 D – Proposed Plan	Our plan is to <u>integrate</u> a new EBP into our existing youth-driven programs (Other Implementation Track Start-Up \$750k), not expand a particular program. Is this acceptable?	Yes, as long as it meets all of the requirements stated in the RFA.
63	Key action dates	Can we assume a program start date of November 1 <sup>st</sup> for a 10-month year one grant period?	For Applications response purposes, that would be an acceptable assumption. Please note, within 60 days of grant award, the Grantees will work with the TA/TPA and provide an updated budget, implementation plan, and schedule.

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64	Section C. Applicant background Question 4	We are applying as a coalition of multiple community-based organization who will operate the program together. Should we provide the number of staff employed by our lead/applicant organization only or for the combined total staff of all coalition partners who will deliver services?	Provide the number of staff provided by all partners.

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65	Section D. proposed Plan Question7	<p>Should we simply list the populations and segments of the population to be served through our program, or should we provide data on the estimated % of the population served that would have this characteristic? For example, all of the youth we plan to serve will be low-income and refugees and approximately 15% of the youth will be homeless. Which of the following responses would you prefer in this situation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List that we will serve youth who are refugees, low-income and homeless youth</li> <li>• Provide an estimated % of how many youths will have each of these characteristics – 100% low income, 100% refugee, 15% homeless</li> </ul> <p>Not list homelessness as a population segment because not all of the youth to be served will be homeless</p>	<p>The response does not need the percent, but please provide as much specificity as possible as to the populations being served, such as refugees (ethnic population, if known), low-income, homeless.</p>
66	Budget Narrative Attachment 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For costs like program materials, curriculum, training etc. can we</li> </ul>	<p>For the Application response, an estimate is acceptable and should be explained in the budget narrative.</p>

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		provide an estimate based upon experience of similar programs? Until we have completed a community engagement and planning process to determine feasibility/design of an allcove model we will not know what exactly we will need to purchase.	For clarification, this is an implementation grant and a full award will only be considered if the model is implemented.
67	Section 2 – PURPOSE AND GOALS (p. 6-7), Section 10 – APPLICATION SCORING (p. 27), and APPENDIX 2: EXAMPLES – OTHER YOUTH-DRIVEN PROGRAMS (p. 64-67)	Would a WellSpace model with youth-led components be considered an eligible “Other Youth-Driven Program” if provided with supplementary material demonstrating how it aligns to the objectives noted in Section 10?	Yes, as long as it meets all of the requirements stated in the RFA.  Please note, Applicants may request funding for EBPs/CDEPs that are not specifically listed in the RFA; however, in order to be considered for funding, the applicant must submit supporting documentation detailing the efficacy, equity, scalability, and sustainability of the practice.
68	Section 8.b	Where does the required table of contents go? Before Attachment 1?	Placing the Table of Contents before Attachment 1 is acceptable.
69	Section 8.a	May we include a cover sheet of our own as the first page of the application (before the required Attachment 1)?	A cover sheet is acceptable

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70	General	<p>We are in process of a Wellness Center initiative in our county -- defined very similar to Allcove, with similar driving values, partnerships and goals, but all on high school campuses. Would the use of funds for on-campus allcoves run by school districts be considered, or is this model only applicable in an off-campus community setting?</p> <p>If not, is it appropriate to apply for funds to support a Wellness Center initiative separate and apart from the allcove model?</p>	<p>Applying for an allcove™ program grants means that the program will comply and follow all allcove™ model components. If a program is similar, but not allcove™, then this would fall under Other Youth-Driven Programs.</p>
71	Section 4.E	<p>Is new real estate an allowable cost, or are only capital improvements permitted?</p>	<p>The purchase of real estate is allowed only if it is solely used for the grant purpose.</p>
72	Section 2	<p>Are overnight and/or 24/hr services required, or is that determined by the specific EBP selected?</p>	<p>This would be defined by the specific EBP selected.</p>

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73	Section 2. Purpose and Goal of Grant Opportunity	If your program is not specifically identified in Section 2 what “supplementary material demonstrating how the program or practice aligns with the objectives of this RFA” is required? Do we simply need to clearly and effectively answer questions C.8.a.2)a and D.3.a. “If not, explain how this program is either an EBP or CDEP”?	<p>There is no specific information that is required, so the Applicant can best choose how they want to support that the program is EBP or CDEP. This can be done through narrative or reference to other supporting documents.</p> <p>Additionally, applicants may request funding for EBPs/CDEPs that are not specifically listed in the Request for Applications (RFA); however, in order to be considered for funding, the applicant must submit supporting documentation detailing the efficacy, equity, scalability, and sustainability of the practice.</p>
74	Section 4. E. Allowable Costs	If an organization wants to build a drop-in center, can the funding requested be for 100% capital for the new building?	All of the funds may be allowed for capital outlays, but the plan needs to address being able to provide program services, whether or not funded by this grant. In addition, all grantees are required to meet all requirements specified in the RFA, Scope of Work, including but not limited to implementing the practice model, participating in collaborative learning and mandatory meetings, collecting & submit data demonstrating program outcomes.

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75	General	<p>if another round of Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI): Youth-Driven Programs will be resolicited again in FY 2024.</p> <p>If so, would you happen to know the approximate solicitation release date and application due date?</p>	<p>These are one-time funds and there are no current plans to resolicit Youth-Driven Programs.</p>
76	Section 2	<p>What are the definitions of the terms Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) and Community-Defined Evidence Practices (CDEPs) and how do we determine our agency is using these?</p>	<p>EBPs are those with documented, empirical evidence (e.g., randomly controlled trials, peer-reviewed studies, and publications) of effectiveness in improving children and youth BH. These programs and practices have been clinically reviewed and codified, meaning the practices have been manualized to ensure the fidelity of implementation in a variety of settings.</p> <p>Community-Defined Evidence Practices are a set of practices that communities have used and found to yield positive results as determined by community consensus over time. These practices may or may not have been measured empirically but have reached a level of acceptance by the community. An eligible CDEP is a program or practice that aligns with the goals of this funding round.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf</a></p>

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77	Section 2	Please elaborate on your official definition of a "Youth-Driven Program". Please expand on what is stated in the RFA: "Youth-driven programs are designed with, by and for youth."	Please see the RFA, Section 2, Purpose and Goal of the Grant Opportunity, which outlines the state's aims in scaling youth-driven programs. This section also details eligible practice models, as identified through DHCS' stakeholder process. Please also see DHCS' CYBHI EBP/CDEP Grant Strategy for additional details. <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf</a>
78	Section 5-A	Is there a target range of program beneficiaries that should be served during this award period of Oct 27, 2023-June 30, 2025 (approx. 20 months)?	No, there is no set target range of program beneficiaries. However, the Commission (and DHCS) will take the impact of the award into consideration when making funding decision.
79	General	Will there be opportunities to renew this grant once it ends?	No, these grants are being awarded with one-time funding.
80	Section 1	Does a drop-in clubhouse center for youth (ages 13-25) who are suffering from drug addiction and going through the recovery process with Peer Recovery Coaches qualify for this grant?	Yes, if it meets all of the requirements in the RFA.
81	Section 5-A	Does our agency have to be MediCal Certified?	No
82	Section 4-E	Where does facility rent expenses belong in the budget?	Rent expenses should be listed in Other Costs. You may add lines to the budget to fully identify your costs.



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83	Section 5-A	If an organization determines they are for youth and designed by youth, is the Youth Advisory Board necessary?	A Youth Advisory Board is required for allcove™. For all other programs it is not a requirement, but your application must explain how youth are involved.
84	Section 5-A	What is the minimum or maximum required membership size of the Youth Advisory Board? Are there required leadership positions within the board to qualify? Must all members be beneficiaries of the program?	<p>There is no required minimum or maximum size for the Youth Advisory Board.</p> <p>The RFA does not require any specific leadership positions.</p> <p>The RFA does not require all members to be beneficiaries, but those who have experience are the best to provide input and guidance.</p>
85	Attachment 5	<p>Regarding the Budget Worksheet under "Line (1) Hire Staff". Is this only for Full Time Employed (FTE) staff that are getting an official paycheck and are paid wages plus benefits?</p> <p>If all our "Staff" are paid as "Contract Personnel" would Line 1 be blank (i.e. \$0) and all "Staffing" would be listed and itemized in the second section under "(7) Hire Contractors or other non-staff" line item?</p>	Yes.

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86	Section 4-E	Can part of the budget be used for marketing and strategic planning? If so, in what section and how would that be listed?	Yes.  Include in Other costs and provide and explanation in the narrative.
87	Background	DHCS is looking for centers/programs that are focused on prevention, early intervention and resiliency/recovery for children with a focus on Black and BIPOC communities + LGBTQIA+ - what if you don't currently have children from those communities enrolled, but you service those communities and have a current ongoing enrollment sheet? Will this mean that I don't qualify?	You still may apply. The populations of focus for this grant opportunity are detailed in Sections 1.B of the RFA. Please explain the populations that you serve and how you would reach those populations.

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88	Background	What kind of training would the (TA) (TPA) assist the grantees with?	<p>For the purposes of this grant, the TA will provide expertise on the allcove™ program model. DHCS’ TPA will provide awardees with support that includes technical assistance (e.g., grant management oversight, data collection assistance) and training (e.g., finding and obtaining specialized training) to ensure that awardees can achieve and maintain specific benchmarks (e.g., referral rates, initial assessment, providers trained).</p> <p>All grantees must participate in mandatory collaborative learning sessions (e.g., monthly calls with all grantees, training sessions on strategies for implementing practices with fidelity, small group learning/breakout sessions) to ensure adherence and fidelity to practice models, strengthen program participation, share best practices, and receive feedback from expert consultants.</p> <p>Depending upon your program, training may be program specific or at an organizational level to assist in starting and/or implementing programs.</p>
89	Purpose and Goals of Grant Opportunity	If we plan to expand and contractors/non-staff is needed – do we simply provide an estimated budget sheet or do we look for contractors ourselves by getting quotes and their information as if we’re looking to hire them?	The budget should reflect your best estimate of costs supporting your program, as we do not any grantee to have unspent funds that could have been used elsewhere to provides needed services.

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90	Key Action Dates	What information of ours should we look for when grant awards are posted?	The Commission will post on the Commission’s website ( <a href="http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov">www.mhsoac.ca.gov</a> ) the list of grant awards. DHCS will post information related to the grant awards on their website ( <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Pages/EBP-CDEP-Grants.aspx">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Pages/EBP-CDEP-Grants.aspx</a> )
91	Grant Funding	What is meant by “unspent accumulated interest?”	If grant award distributions are deposited into an interest-bearing account, the interest is deemed to be part of the grant award and must be spent or returned at the end of the grant term.
92	Grant Funding	During the monthly check-in meetings, we’re required to provide updates – are these updates pertaining to the operational expansion only or the business as a whole?	Mandatory monthly check-in meetings are an opportunity for grantees to provide status of their program implementation which may include operational (e.g., on schedule or not) and/or organizational/business items as well as coaching and technical assistance to ensure fidelity with the program model requirements. Additional details and instructions will be provided upon award.
93	Grantees Responsibilities	Is it mandatory to develop the sustainability plan to continue the program after the grant ends?	Yes, as that is a Grantee’s responsibility stated in the RFA. The TA/TPA will assist with this effort.
94	Grantees Responsibilities	What would be considered a community stakeholder?	Anyone locally that supports your program through providing services, funding, etc.
95	Information required in the Grant Application	I am currently on programs such as “Angels Child Care food Program” and “Child Care Resource Center” – would those qualify as community collaboration partners?	Without the context of knowing your program and how they interact, it is difficult to respond. If they are local and provide support to your program, then they may be considered a Community Collaboration Partner.
96	Administration	If we are awarded the grant, do we have to include it in our taxes?	This is best answered by your organization’s accounting/tax professional as every organization is in a different situation.

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97	Attachment 7	<b>Attachment 7</b> requires a statement of support from collaborators. Could we submit statements of support at a later date, if partners aren't finalized yet?	Application scoring will occur following the submission of the applications, which includes Attachment 7. It is highly encouraged to have this information included in your application, but if this is not possible, please provide an explanation in your application.
98	Section 5	Under <b>Grantee Responsibilities</b> , it states that organizations must provide treatment for substance use disorders. Does this refer to therapy, or are there other treatments that are considered applicable?	This is a program goal and not a requirement. This can include therapy or other treatments.
99	Section 2	Would Youth Drop-In Centers include after-school day programs? For example, learning centers	Yes, as long as it meets all of the requirements in the RFA.
100	Section 5	Are we allowed to collaborate with other non-profits on this grant project? Additionally, can new partners join the project at a later date, if approved by the grantor?	Yes, you may collaborate with others, but one organization needs to be identified as a lead.  If there are proposed changes to your collaboration partners during the term of the grant, this would need to be approved by the Commission and/or DHCS.
101	Section 4	Is this a matching program?	No, there is no matching required.

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102	Section 4	What are requirements related to admin?	If this question relates to Administration costs, these are costs that support the program, but are not related to directly providing services. Applicants may propose funding to cover costs associated with indirect, administrative costs. In the provided budget template, the applicant must indicate total proposed costs by category, including administrative costs, as well as provide a detailed description of the associated costs. Eligible expenditures must be necessary, reasonable, and allocable to the activities proposed in the application.
103	Section 4	Regarding monthly meetings about the grant, will we be working directly with the same individual in each meeting?	The Commission will designate a grant program monitor, but the monthly check-in may be with the TA or TPA, and at this time is it not known if it will be the same individual.
104	General	Is this grant reimbursement-based—meaning that funding is received after submitting an invoice for reimbursement—or is all funding received up-front or on a set schedule?	Per RFA Section 4.C.1. funds will be allocated in quarterly payments in accordance with the budget worksheets.

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105	Section 2	<p>“OTHER EBP”: CISLA implements an Integrated Student Supports Program, which is an evidenced-based multi-tiered model designed to integrate community and student needs and voices into supports within K-12 schools. Within this structure, we prioritize the CASEL Social Emotional Learning framework, also an evidence-based SEL teaching model. Is this approach eligible? If so, is it competitive vs. the other short-listed EBPs?</p>	<p>If the program meets all of the requirements stated in the RFA, then it is eligible.</p> <p>This is a competitive procurement.</p> <p>Funding decisions will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to: practice selections, demonstrated need and ability to meet outcome objectives for populations of focus, ability to provide culturally relevant and responsive services to populations of focus, overall estimated impact of potential award, geographic distribution of applicants, and populations served.”</p> <p>Additionally, DHCS reserves the right to prioritize applications that align with the aims of the broader CYBHI initiative (e.g., increasing care to populations of focus, mental health professional shortage areas). Practices and programs not on the identified list of Round Four EBPs and CDEPs will be evaluated for efficaciousness, equity, sustainability, scalability, and whether the practice model is supplementary to the BH landscape. No application is guaranteed funding and applications will be reviewed holistically across the defined evaluation criteria.</p>

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106	Section 4.B	EXPANSION: How is the RFA defining “operational expansion” under Grant Track 2? Is it strictly defined as increasing the number of participants? Or, would deepening youth engagement (e.g., expansion/formalization of youth advisory boards or other youth leadership) within an existing program qualify?	Operational expansion means that you are building off an existing program. There is no specific requirement for the type of expansion.  An entity should select the operational expansion activity if the entity has already implemented the practice model and additional funding could allow the entity to expand operations to include additional program recipients, expand the service area, etc.
107	Section 5.B.2	What is the full list of standardized data we need to report on throughout the grant period and in the 1-2 years post-grant?	This will be shared with the Grantees once award notices are issued, as it depends on the type of programs that are awarded grants.



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108	Section 5.B.2	For the 1-2 year post grant requirement, do we need to report data from the same students that participated in the program during the grant period <u>OR</u> the current group of students after the grant period? CISLA is only able to track student outcomes 1-2 years post-grant if students remain on our caseload (in the case of K-10 <sup>th</sup> grade students) or if they joined our Alumni program and agreed to take our self-reporting assessments (current Juniors and Seniors).	This would apply to all program related data collected as part of this program during the 1-2 year post grant period.
109	Section 5B.3.c	What specific child outcomes would we need to be reported? CISLA collects student self-reported information and identifies student attributes and risk factors as part of our Student Needs Assessment process - would this suffice?	This will be shared with the grantees as it depends on the type of programs that are awarded grants

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110	Section 5.A.1.b	Will we need to report data on all the goals listed in Grantees Responsibilities/Scope of Work?	No, but the actual data to be collected will be shared with the grant awardees.
111	Appendix 1: alcove Model Components - Exploration phase and steps (Page 57)	RFA states: "By reviewing the timeline in table 1 you can plan the sequence and coordination of activities." However, there is no table 1 included in the RFA. Can this table be provided?	The reference to Table 1 has been removed through Addendum 1, as it is part of the process of the TA working with the grantee.

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112	General	<p>Our 501c3 organization served almost 5000 K-Postsecondary youth. We have an in-health mental health staff of seven clinical therapists. We have provided group and individual therapy on-site at our clubhouse locations for several years, although we have only expanded from two to seven therapists in the last year.</p> <p>Students feedback is integral to our program and we have teen staff who work at mental health awareness “ambassadors”</p> <p>Question: We do not yet have a formal youth advisory board but do receive similar input. We will build a formal Youth Advisory Board over the next year.</p> <p>Would our grant request fall under a start up or expansion implementation program.?</p>	<p>Based on your information, the program currently exists and therefore would be considered an expansion.</p>

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113	RFA Section Reference 2: Purpose and Goals of Grant Opportunity	Are early intervention services and stigma reduction activities both allowable within alcove model youth drop-in centers?	Yes, both are allowable. Early intervention services are required and built into the core service streams of the allcove™ model. Stigma reduction activities will be shaped by each allcove™ center through their Youth Advisory Group and Community Consortium
114	RFA Appendix 1: alcove™ model components	The target population for this model is defined (per linked website) as youth with mild to moderate mental illness. Can you please confirm that it is not a requirement that youth have or are given a diagnosis of a mental illness?	There is no requirement that youth have or are given a diagnosis of a mental illness (or SUD, as applicable).
115	RFA Appendix 1: alcove™ model components	Can activities that serve the wider community of youth who have experienced trauma but who may not identify as having a mental illness be included within allcove™ model youth drop-in center services?	Yes, allcove™ centers are designed to support the wider community of youth who may not identify as having a mental health diagnosis. While allcove™ centers focus on clinical mental health supports from a mild-moderate framework, services beyond the clinical programs, such as supported education and employment, peer support and others, are available to all age-appropriate youth, regardless of the severity of mental health support needs.

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116	Attachment 5, budget worksheet	When realistically should the budget term for Grant Year 1 begin? The budget worksheet says “from contract execution date” through June 2025. If decisions are made Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> , Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> (mentioned in the Bidder’s Conference) seems too soon. When would you recommend budgets begin for Grant Year 1? Jan. 2024?	<p>There is no recommendation as to when Grant Year 1 should start in your Application. Given that awards will not be announced until Oct 27, any date after Oct 27 would be acceptable for Application purposes.</p> <p>Please note, within 60 days of grant award, the Grantees will work with the TA/TPA and provide an updated budget, implementation plan, and schedule.</p>
117	P. 7 of RFA, Grant Tracks	If we currently have a Family Resource Center and we want to implement TIP, would that be considered a start-up since we don’t have that evidence-based practice or an expansion?	This would be considered a start-up since there is no existing TIP program.
118	Section 5C	What level of detail is required in the annual reporting?	The annual reporting is separate from the quarterly reporting and will include actual costs incurred. There may be other information needed or requested by the TA/TPA and that will be communicated to you in advance.
119	Section 5C	Are there additional reporting requirements quarterly or just annually?	No additional reporting requirements, unless the TA and/TPA identify anything as part of working with the Grantees. This will be specified in the grantee’s Terms and Conditions.

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120	P. 14, B. Data Collection	Will the MHSOAC require new/additional data collection and reporting that is not already a part of state/county mandates? I.e., may we share same data as we currently do for the programs with envisioned expansion or will we be asked to compile and submit separate reports to the MHSOAC?	The required data collection information will be shared with the Grantees as it depends on the type of programs that are awarded grants. This will be a separate report to the Commission, TA and/or TPA.

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121	P. 14, B. Data Collection	Data collection and reporting is well established for individuals enrolled in mental health treatment programs; however, if broader community access is part of an extension proposal, what data will be expected from general community members? We ask because general community members (who are not enrolling into MH services), often do not want to report much about themselves and we have less leverage to enforce data gathering. Other than counts/visits, perhaps basic demographic information, and satisfaction surveys, it is unlikely we will achieve much clinical or other outcome data from general community members.	The required data collection information will be shared with the Grantees as it depends on the type of programs that are awarded grants. This will be a separate report to the Commission, TA and/or TPA.

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122	Applicant Background – Track 2 – Implementation Expansion, C.7-C.11.d.4	<p>Since the Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County is submitting an Implementation Application for Youth Centers, then can we delete this section or leave in with the description “Not Applicable”?</p> <p>If leave in, place “Not Applicable” in every cell?</p>	<p>For any requirement that does not apply to your application, please state, “Not Applicable” and provide a reason. In this example, the reason is that you are applying for a Start-Up grant.</p>
123	8. B. REQUIRED APPLICATION FORMAT	<p>Are there any maximum question prompt responses?</p> <p>Are there any font, point size requirements?</p> <p>Can all attachments be combined into one .PDF or do you want a separate file for each .PDF?</p>	<p>There is no maximum limits for your response or font and font size. The font and font size need to be easily legible for a reader. You are encouraged to be concise and to the point.</p> <p>The application can be saved and submitted as one document.</p>



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124	Attachment 5: Budget Worksheet	<p>It states, "Complete the Budget Worksheet Excel workbook and attach it to the application." Do you wish this file to remain as an Excel or can it be a .PDF?</p> <p>As a public school district, we are to include <a href="#">Indirect Costs</a> (3.64%) to all grants. May we?</p>	<p>You may submit the budget worksheet in Excel, PDF, or both formats.</p> <p>Please include your Indirect Costs as part of your Administration Costs.</p>
125	Cover Page	May we include a cover page prior to the Table of Contents?	Yes.
126	ATTACHMENT 2: B1	What documentation of our location in the state of California should be provided?	There is no specific requirement as to the type of documentation. Examples include, but are not limited to, a verifiable address, business license, website with address included, etc.
127	ATTACHMENT 3: C4	In response to how many staff do you employ, is the expectation that this is the total of volunteers plus paid staff?	Yes.
128	ATTACHMENT 3: C6	Should types of funders be provided or specific individual funders (which could be quite an extensive list)? Should we provide dollar amounts? Percentage of funding?	Only list the individual funding sources.

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129	ATTACHMENT 3: C8a6	Is C8.a.6 the same as C4 or specific to staff for only the Drop-In project?	<p>Note C4 and C6 are 2 different sections. C4 is for Applicants applying for a Start-Up grant and C6 is for an Applicant applying for an expansion grant.</p> <p>This question applies to your organization.</p>
130	ATTACHMENT 3: C10a	Are we providing organizations that we cross-refer to or collaborate with in provision of services, such as through the regional Continuum of Care, or is this only partners who will be funded under this project?	Respond with organizations that we cross-refer to or collaborate with in provision of services.
131	RFA Section 9.10	For “Community support for the program.” Can we provide additional information in attachments, such as letters of support?	<p>Applicants must use the Attachments to respond to this RFA. Additional pages will be accepted, but need to be clearly referenced in the Attachment.</p> <p>Responses to the requirements should be concise and to the point</p>
132	RFA Section 8.A.	Can we provide appendices/attachments with additional documentation, such as outcomes reports?	<p>Applicants must use the Attachments to respond to this RFA. Additional pages will be accepted, but need to be clearly referenced in the Attachment.</p> <p>Responses to the requirements should be concise and to the point</p>

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133	RFA Section 8A	Is the expectation that we complete the application in the RFA word document and delete the instruction guidance at the beginning of the document or leave it?	Only the Attachments are required to be submitted.
134	RFA Section F	“d. Statement of support for the youth drop-in center. e. Signed and dated by the individual or entity authorized representative of the Community Collaboration Partner.” What are we to submit to meet this requirement?	A statement of support is usually a separate document from the Supporter, that includes a statement as to how they support the program and is signed by the Supporter. This should be referenced and attached to the application.
135	RFA Section 6	Are there length limits for responses?	There are no limits. You are encouraged to be concise and to the point.
136	RFA Section 3B	Will a recording of the Applicant Bidder Conference be posted?	No, as all responses provided that day are not binding, and the direction was to submit all questions in writing for a formal response.

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137	ATTACHMENT 3: APPLICANT BACKGROUND	Our non profit would like to add a new program that brings in a multi tier mental health services/resources that follows the allcove model in our youth drop in center. Our drop in center has been active for over ten years and we had collaborations on mental health resources (workshops, volunteer, paid services) in the past but never like this. Since this is a new program we wanted to see if we fall under track 1A or track 2A.	If it is a new program, this would be considered a Start-Up (Track 1). In addition, if applying for an allcove™ model program, you must comply with all of the components of an allcove™ model.
138	ATTACHMENT 3: APPLICANT BACKGROUND	Under a different executive director they had a therapist during covid come in where our organization paid out of pocket for the services for the center. This was not through a grant,contract or program . They did not provide data for us as well. Because we had this service in the past does this disqualify us from any tracks?	The question is not clear. As long as your program meets the RFA requirements, you may apply.

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139	ATTACHMENT 4 PROPOSED PLAN	Please elaborate on question C9 When you say linkages do you meaning collaboration and relationships with other public health systems ?	No. Linkage refers to direct referral to other programs and services.
140	Applicant Background – Track 2 – Implementation Expansion	Please elaborate on question C.8.a.2) When you state section 2 are you meaning appendix 2?	The reference is to RFA Section 2, Purpose and Goals of the Grant Opportunity, but Appendix 2 contains the same listing of youth-driven programs.
141	APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS	Do we have a point of contact or number to call if we were to have additional questions or concerns along the way?	No. Since this is a competitive procurement, all communications must be handled in writing and will be shared with all interested parties to this solicitation. Once awards are made, grantees will have a point of contact to support grant implementation.
142	General	Are there any guidelines on what percentage of a budget should or could be capital expenditures?	No
143	General	Within the \$50 million available, are there certain amounts allocated to each track?	No, there are not predetermined amounts for any track.
144	General	If the Commission decides to only fund a portion of the proposed project, will the applicant and partners have an opportunity to amend the budget and scope of work accordingly?	Yes, within 60 days of grant award, the Grantees will work with the TA/TPA and provide an updated budget, implementation plan, and schedule.

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145	Attachment 4	Under D. Proposed Plan (Attachment 4) 6., is it possible to include appendices, such as a Gantt chart or timeline?	Yes, they must be referenced in the attachment. You are encouraged to be concise and to the point.
146	General	Is there a rubric you can share for application review and scoring?	<p>No. The scoring process for this RFA is identified in the RFA and no further detail will be provided.</p> <p>Funding decisions will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to: practice selections, demonstrated need and ability to meet outcome objectives for populations of focus, ability to provide culturally relevant and responsive services to populations of focus, overall estimated impact of potential award, geographic distribution of applicants, and populations served.”</p> <p>Additionally, the Commission and DHCS reserve the right to prioritize applications that align with the aims of the broader CYBHI initiative (e.g., increasing care to populations of focus, mental health professional shortage areas). Practices and programs not on the identified list of Round Four EBPs and CDEPs will be evaluated for efficaciousness, equity, sustainability, scalability, and whether the practice model is supplementary to the BH landscape. No application is guaranteed funding and applications will be reviewed holistically across the defined evaluation criteria.</p>
147	General	Do the application components need to follow the template precisely or generally?	The templates must be precisely followed as they match the requirements.

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148	Attachment 4	In the template for Attachment 4 D.6 and D.6.a, is there a reason why those fields are shaded?	In general, shaded areas do not require a response. Requirement D.6.a. was inadvertently shaded and will be corrected through Addendum 1.
149	General	Can a lead organization subcontract to other organizations/partners?	Yes
150	General	If we are leasing a site, what kind of documentation do we need to show that we have the authority to do renovations/capital improvements?	We need to see that the lease covers the term of the grant contract and stipulates any renovations that can be done.
151	E. Allowable Costs 1.a.3	Can you describe the term “manual access” under allowable costs?	Access to practice, support and programmatic information, such as specific program manuals issued by the practice model developer.
152	E. Allowable Costs	Do administrative costs need to pertain directly to the proposed project, or can they be indirect expenditures, such as general overhead or indirect?	All costs, including administration cost need to have a direct connection to the project

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153	General	How will geography play into grant award decisions? If there are multiple proposals from the same county that are scored highly, will the close proximity affect the likelihood of them both being awarded?	<p>All applications will be scored following the process identified in the RFA.</p> <p>Funding decisions will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to: practice selections, demonstrated need and ability to meet outcome objectives for populations of focus, ability to provide culturally relevant and responsive services to populations of focus, overall estimated impact of potential award, geographic distribution of applicants, and populations served.”</p> <p>Additionally, the Commission and DHCS reserve the right to prioritize applications that align with the aims of the broader CYBHI initiative (e.g., increasing care to populations of focus, mental health professional shortage areas). Practices and programs not on the identified list of Round Four EBPs and CDEPs will be evaluated for efficaciousness, equity, sustainability, scalability, and whether the practice model is supplementary to the BH landscape. No application is guaranteed funding and applications will be reviewed holistically across the defined evaluation criteria.</p>



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154	Appendix 1. Exploration Phase and Steps. Activity 1. Page 56	<p>To what degree could we work to adapt/modify components of allcove to be appropriate for our ‘multi-tribal’ Native American/Indigenous community? As part of this question, how would we work with allcove staff to make this happen?</p> <p>Please see additional context regarding our question below:</p> <p>Branding, communications and environmental design The essence of allcove™ is expressed through its brand, co-designed through an extensive, iterative engagement with youth from across California and the United States. Maintaining brand integrity is fundamental to consistently reaching youth with the common messaging, vocabulary, styling, and touchpoints that resonate with and matter to them. allcove™ centers reflect a brand that has been informed by an intentional youth-designed process based on the optimal service flow that</p>	<p>The TA/Central allcove™ Team is committed to supporting the development of culturally appropriate models with indigenous community partners. The process would be a collaborative approach, considering strategies for ensuring the core aspects of allcove™ are implemented while directly addressing community service needs, cultural considerations, and access realities. allcove’s™ Youth Advisory Group and Community Consortium are critical partners in this process</p>
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		centers the youth experience. At the same time, the allcove™ brand maintains some flexibility to be adapted to reflect the local community’s context and culture.	
155	APPENDIX 1, Activity 5 (p. 62)	Can you please provide more specifics around support with sustainability planning for sites awarded allcove seed funding that is expected to help centers become sustainable upon the end of the grant’s timeline?	As part of receiving a grant, the grantee agrees to work with the Commission, DHCS, TA and/or TPA on developing a sustainability plan. For allcove™ the TA is an allcove™ expert and will work with the Grantee to develop a sustainability plan.
156	APPENDIX 1 (p. 54)	At the conclusion of the grant’s timeline, is there a requirement to maintain the allcove branding?	Yes, if you are continuing to maintain an allcove™ youth drop-in center, then you must continue with the branding.
157	Section 4, Grant Cycle (p. 11)	Is there the possibility of extending and/or rolling over funds beyond the designated grant cycle end of June 30, 2025?	The grants are funded through a one-time budget allocation in the state general fund with a specified end-date to expend the funding. Applicants are required to develop a sustainability plan for maintaining the practice model over time. Grantees requesting an extension of time beyond the designated grant cycle end may be considered by DHCS on a case-by-case basis.

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158	Data Collection (p. 15)	Can you provide additional detail on the data/outcomes submission expectations required by grantees for a period of 1-2 years post award?	<p>If awarded, data collected will include but is not limited to process and outcome data e.g. number of recipients served. Quantity and type of data will vary by track. Additional details will be determined by DHCS and/or its designee.</p> <p>The CYBHI statute (see W&amp;I Code 5961.5) requires grantees, as a condition of funding, to share standardized data, in a manner and form determined by DHCS. The RFA includes a high-level overview of monitoring/reporting requirements; however, additional and more specific reporting metrics will be defined upon award and prior to dissemination of funding. Awardees will be expected to sign a formal agreement, which will specify all reporting requirements. All CYBHI grantees must provide to the Commission, DHCS, or its designee (a TPA), data and/or formal reports on the identified metrics.</p>
159	Scope of Work (p. 13)	Can you provide additional detail on how grantees would “take direction from the Commission, DHCS, and/or their designees (i.e., TA or TPA contractors)” on critical implementation components such as hiring?	<p>All grantees must participate in mandatory grant monitoring and technical assistance activities conducted by the Commission, DHCS, or its designees. These activities include but are not limited to: participating in regular monitoring meetings and check-in calls, participating in mandatory collaborative learning sessions; collecting data and reporting via written progress reports and standardized data reporting templates.</p> <p>The TA and TPA will provide assistance to grantees in implementing a successful program. The specifics of what they would do are dependent upon each Grantee’s situation and need and will be addressed with each grantee.</p>

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160	Scope of Work (p. 14)	Is there a proposed cadence for the learning and training collaborative meetings?	This will be determined by the TA/TPA providers after contract award.
161	Scope of Work (p. 14)	Are there specific target numbers expected around program goals 3-7?	No, there are no specific target numbers
162	Branding, communications and environmental design (p. 57)	Is allcove branding expected to supplant existing grantee brand identity or be integrated and how?	If implementing an allcove™ model., the branding will only be allcove™
163	Branding, communications and environmental design (p. 57)	If a lead agency employs a partnership (subcontractor) model with some of its service providers, do the branding expectations extend to those entities as well?	This question is not entirely clear, but the program being implemented must be branded allcove™
164	Branding, communications and environmental design (p. 57)	How long do branding requirements remain in place post award period?	If you are continuing to maintain an allcove™ youth drop-in center, then you must continue with the branding
165	Section 1.B.	Can this application/grant be used for human trafficking and at risk youth only, or do we have to allow all youth to have access?	A program can be specific to certain mental health needs and does not need to provide services to all youth.

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166	Section 1.D.	Does a youth drop-in center require the facility to be licensed, if so, does the state licensing have to be in place at the time of application submission, or can it be in progress?	Licensing is not required at the time of application submission. The grantee will work with the TA/TPA on any licensing requirements, as applicable.
167	Appendix 1: allcove model components	Is there flexibility in the allcove Model when located on a school campus (as it relates to adult clients being on campus?)	allcove™ centers are intended to serve all youth 12-25 years old within the community in which they are located, with all core service components and appropriate confidentiality, even if located on a school campus setting. The entrance to allcove™ and its services would need to be easily accessible to this population and welcoming of the full range of ages.
168	Appendix 1: allcove model components	Can allcove focus on families not only on the youth	Yes, family support is one of the core service streams of allcove™. The model includes and requires both.
169	Section 1. Background, A. Grant Opportunity	Does the evidence for CDEP have to come from the community in which the program is located?	No
170	Appendix 1: allcove model components	Is providing direct housing navigation part of the allcove model or not? (conflicting information is presented in RFA)	Housing navigation is not a required core service within the allcove™ model but is an example of a connection to other community services that could happen in an allcove™ center to support the holistic needs of a young person.
171	Attachment 3: C.8.a.13	Is it required to be a Medi-Cal provider or Medi-Cal certified to be eligible for Implementation Expansion funding?	No, there is no requirement to be Medi-Cal provider or Medi-Cal certified.

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172	Section 10. Application Scoring	Can you provide an overview of the scoring rubric? Ex. How much will each section be worth	<p>All applications will be scored following the process identified in the RFA.</p> <p>Funding decisions will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to: practice selections, demonstrated need and ability to meet outcome objectives for populations of focus, ability to provide culturally relevant and responsive services to populations of focus, overall estimated impact of potential award, geographic distribution of applicants, and populations served.</p> <p>Additionally, DHCS reserves the right to prioritize applications that align with the aims of the broader CYBHI initiative (e.g., increasing care to populations of focus, mental health professional shortage areas). Practices and programs not on the identified list of Round Four EBPs and CDEPs will be evaluated for efficaciousness, equity, sustainability, scalability, and whether the practice model is supplementary to the BH landscape. No application is guaranteed funding and applications will be reviewed holistically across the defined evaluation criteria.</p>
173	Appendix 1	If an allcove™ program is operated at a school site, does it need to have an external entrance/exit that can be accessed from outside the school?	allcove™ centers are intended to serve all youth 12-25 years old within the community in which they are located, with all core service components and appropriate confidentiality, even if located on a school campus setting. The entrance to allcove™ and its services would need to be easily accessible to this population and welcoming of the full range of ages.

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174	Appendix 1	If an allcove™ program is operated at a school site, is it still required to serve young people between 18-25 years old?	allcove™ centers are intended to serve all youth 12-25 years old within the community in which they are located, with all core service components and appropriate confidentiality, even if located on a school campus setting. The entrance to allcove™ and its services would need to be easily accessible to this population and welcoming of the full range of ages.
175	Appendix 1	Will grantees be required to pay for any allcove™ branded materials, resources, or training?	Yes, all materials and supplies would be at the grantee's expense. Grantees have access to regular trainings and resources about the allcove™ model provided by the Central allcove™ Team as part of implementation technical assistance given to the allcove™ network of centers.
176	Background	Are there any character or word limits in responses?	No
177	Appendix 1	If an allcove™ program is operated at a school site, is it required to serve young people who do not attend that particular school?	Yes, allcove™ centers are intended to serve all youth 12-25 years old within the community in which they are located, with all core service components and appropriate confidentiality, even if located on a school campus setting. The entrance to allcove™ and its services would need to be easily accessible to this population and welcoming of the full range of ages.
178	Attachment 4	What are the current funding sources for your organization?*** For a medical provider clinic, what sort of funding sources would need to be reported?	Any source of funding that your clinic receives.

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179	Attachment 3	Can two organizations jointly apply for two allcove locations in different geographic areas within the state of CA/Orange County?	<p>One of the organizations needs to be the lead to receive all communications.</p> <p>The question is unclear as to if you are submitting one or more applications.</p> <p>You may only submit one application for a specific program, regardless of location.</p>
180	Page 69, Appendix 1	Could you please clarify the table attached and meaning of FTE, as well as the total number of 14.8?	On Page 62, FTE means Full Time Equivalent and the 14.8 represents the optimal staffing model would need 14.8 Full Time Equivalent positions. This does not mean that 14.8 staff are needed, but the hours that support the allcove™ model need the equivalent of 14.8 positions. This can be achieved using many more positions, including part-time.
181	Page 68, Appendix 1	For training medical staff (ie, Clinical psychologists, social workers, etc.), is the central allcove team responsible for such trainings or would it be someone else?	Clinical staff are expected to have core clinical skills and the ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary team. The Central allcove™ Team provides trainings through the Learning Community to enhance clinical team members' skills in assessment, short-term therapy models and additional clinical approaches.
182	Attachment 5	For facilities and related costs, are there certain requirements for the physical space? (Ie. Certain amount of square feet, occupancy, etc.)	This is based on the program being implemented and being able to implement a model up to fidelity.



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183	Section 2	<p>We qualify as a youth-driven program. However, per Section 2, <b><i>our organization provides drop in services</i></b> for homeless, center but our <b>youth-driven program for which we are applying is not truly drop-in.</b> Our therapists and staff meet with youth where they are, and set up appointments with them directly. We provide EBP trauma-informed care and mental health services. If our program does not match one of the six options in Section 2, what “supplementary material” must we provide, per below excerpt:  <i>Re: “Additional EBPs and CDEPs practices may be relevant to this grant round. As such, additional youth drop-in centers or youth-driven programs that are designed with, by, and for youth may be considered eligible for grant funding with the submission of supplementary material demonstrating how the program or practice aligns with the objectives of this RFA.”</i></p>	<p>Provide any information that will support that your program is EBP or CDEP and meets the requirements stated in the RFA.</p>
184	Section 4B Table D-1	<p>We have an established program. To qualify under track 2 – Expansion - will our funding</p>	<p>The RFA only classifies expansion as part of an existing program. There is no requirement for a specific type of expansion.</p>

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		proposal align if we are seeking to build capacity by BOTH increasing the population served as well as increasing the number of service providers? Or is “expansion” limited to creating more services or an additional location or space?	
185	Attachment 4.D.6.a-c	It looks like 4.D.6.a-c are things that are to be included in the Implementation Plan vs answered in narrative, correct?	The intent is for an implementation plan to be provided. This can be accomplished with an actual implementation plan of answering in narrative the specific requirements.
186	Attachment 4.D.6.a	Can we attach an Implementation Plan as a table that we place after the final page of Attachment 4?	Yes, that is acceptable, but please reference the Implementation Plan in the specific requirement.
187	Attachment 3.C.10	Will the partners we list here be the same as those we have Attachment 7s for?	If there are no changes between your existing Community Collaboration Partners and the partners that will be supporting the Youth-Driven Program being funded through this grant, then they would be the same.
188	Attachment 7	If we don’t have any community partners, do we include Attachment 7 with an “N/A” at the top or do we omit it altogether?	Please include all Attachments and state “Not Applicable” for any requirement that does not apply and provide a reason. In this case, the reason would be that you do not have any community partners.

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189	Section 7.H	This section states: “A cover letter (which shall be considered an integral part of the application), and any bid form requiring signature, must be signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the bidding organization contractually.” Where in our submission do we put the cover letter?	Attachment 1, Grant Application Cover Sheet is considered a Cover Letter.  You may supply a separate cover letter, but all Attachments needs to be completed and included in your submission.
190	Section 4., B., Numbers 2 & 3 page 10 of the RFA	May an agency submit more than one application per track as long as it is for different EBPs?	Yes, applicants may apply for funding for more than one EBP and/or CDEP. The state reserves the right to determine the number of awards granted to a single entity based on the selection criteria, which include but are not limited to statewide need and geographic distribution of funding (by practice, as applicable). Funding is not guaranteed (for a single or multiple application).

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191	General	We would like to infuse a youth workforce development program model into a benefit shop retail operation. Our aim is to offer in-house engagement with our TAY youth, the opportunity to gain job training, employment skills and necessary financial education that will help them in adulthood. Can part of this funding be used to expand the operational expansion of a benefit shop model, ie., hiring a tax consultant to help with infrastructure build-up?	<p>Any proposed program must meet all of the requirements in the RFA. The goal of this funding is to fund programs that, “Create and expand youth drop-in centers and/or other youth-driven programs designed with, by and for youth...”</p> <p>Applicants may request funding for EBPs/CDEPs that are not specifically listed in RFA; however, in order to be considered for funding, the applicant must submit supporting documentation detailing the efficacy, equity, scalability, and sustainability of the practice.</p>
192	General	Can the grant be used to create an infrastructure creation of a benefit shop that will be able to sustain youth jobs and programs?	<p>Any proposed program must meet all of the requirements in the RFA. The goal of this funding is to fund programs that, “Create and expand youth drop-in centers and/or other youth-driven programs designed with, by and for youth...”</p>
193	General	Can the grant combine social enterprise and workforce development for example a non-profit benefit shop and youth retail training and education in retail sales to support sustainability?	<p>Any proposed program must meet all of the requirements in the RFA. The goal of this funding is to fund programs that, “Create and expand youth drop-in centers and/or other youth-driven programs designed with, by and for youth...”</p>

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194	Section 3. Key Action Dates	What is the timeline or expected date for the execution of the grant agreement?	Grant awards are anticipated to be announced on October 27. Grant contracts will be executed at some time after that date.
195	Section 3. Key Action Dates	What is the timeline for program implementation?	Grant contracts end on June 30, 2025. The expectation is that these funds are awarded to provide services.
196	Section 3. Key Action Dates – B. Applicant Bidder Conference	Is there a recording of the webinar that we can access? If so, where/how can we access it?	No, as all responses provided that day are not binding and the direction was to submit all questions in writing for a formal response.
197	Section 4. Grant Funding – B. Grant Tracks	How many awards will be issued for Track 1. Start-up vs. Track 2. Operational expansion?	There is no predetermined number of awards per track or between Start-Up and Expansion.
198	Section 4. Grant Funding – B. Grant Tracks	How many awards will be issued for allcove program vs. Other Youth-Driven programs?	There is no predetermined number of grants for allcove™ or Other Youth-Driven Programs.
199	Section 4. Grant Funding – C. Grant Cycle	Can you please clarify how we should develop the budget for Year 1 since there is no program start date. How many months in Year 1 we should budget for?	For purposes of this RFA, you can assume that Grant Year 1 will start after October 27, which is the date grant awards are scheduled to be announced. Any date after October 27 is acceptable. During the first 6 months after grant award, grantees will work with the TA/TPA to develop an updated budget, implementation plan, and schedule.
200	Section 4. Grant Funding – D. Grant Award Amounts	Are the amounts listed in table D-1 per year?	The amounts listed in D-1 represent the total amount of the grant over the grant term.
201	Section 8.APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	1. Is there a preferred font to be used when providing our responses? 2. What font sizes are acceptable for answers?	There is no preferred font or font size. The font and font size need to be easily legible for a reader.

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202	Section 8.APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	No word maximum is given. Is there a word/length limit for answers?	There is no maximum word limit. You are encouraged to be concise and to the point.
203	Section 8.APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	Line spacing: Should line spacing be single, double, or multiple for responses?	There is no preference for line spacing. The application needs to be easily legible for a reader.
204	Page 11, C.1. : “The Grant contract term will end on June 30, 2025”	For preparing the application and budget, what should be considered the start of the contract term?	For purposes of this RFA, you can assume that Grant Year 1 will start after October 27, which is the date grant awards are scheduled to be announced. Any date after October 27 is acceptable. During the first 6 months after grant award, grantees will work with the TA/TPA to develop updated budget, implementation plan, and schedule.
205	Page 6: "Applications are limited to a single program or practice. Applicants may apply for funding for more than one program or practice by submitting separate applications for each program or practice."	What is meant by practice? Most of the guidance refers to different youth-driven programs.	This refers to the practice model (e.g., allcove, Clubhouse).

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206	Section D.6: Proposed Plan – Implementation Start-Up/Expansion	Must the Proposal Plan be written in this format (Attachment 4) or can we add an additional separate page to create a table to better organize the required information? If yes, are there any layout restrictions for this table such as needing it to be in landscape or portrait layout?	<p>Applicants must use the Attachments to respond to this RFA. Additional pages will be accepted, but need to be clearly referenced in the Attachment.</p> <p>Responses to the requirements should be concise and to the point.</p>
207	Attachment 10	Can our questions be about any part of the RFA? Is the procurement email ( <a href="mailto:procurements@mhsoac.ca.gov">procurements@mhsoac.ca.gov</a> ) the best point of contact to reach out to if further questions arise?	<p>Yes, any communication or questions related to this RFA needs to be submitted to <a href="mailto:procurements@mhsoac.ca.gov">procurements@mhsoac.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p>For general questions about the CYBHI or the EBP/CDEP grants, please email <a href="mailto:CYBHI@dhcs.ca.gov">CYBHI@dhcs.ca.gov</a>.</p>
208	Attachment 5	Can grantees receive partial funding if they are not awarded their full proposed budget?	Partial funding is a possibility. Actual grant awards will vary in size and not all applicants will receive the maximum award. Applicants must justify requested amounts as part of the application process.
209	Grantees responsibilities, attachment 4	Where can we find research and information to better understand CDEP vs. EBPs?	<a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI/Documents/DHCS-CYBHI-EBP-CDEP-Grant-Strategy-Overview-December-2022.pdf</a>
210	Section 5-1, Budget Worksheet	Are there minimum and maximum grant years? What are they?	<p>The grant contract will end on June 30, 2025.</p> <p>For purposes of this RFA only, Grant Year 1 is defined as contract execution date through June 30, 2024, and Grant Year 2 is defined as July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.</p>

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211	5-1, Budget Worksheet	What is the minimum amount of funding which prospective grantees can apply for? What is the ceiling?	The maximum funding for an application is listed on Table D-1: Grant Amounts by Track. You may apply for any amount under the maximum.
212	General	Do applicants need to choose which (CDEP or EBP) our our proposed plan better aligns with or can a grantee's program include CDEP & EBP?	You can choose one of the listed EBP or CDEPs or propose another program that qualifies as a EBP or CDEP and meets all of the requirements stated in the RFA.
213	Section 7C	What is a bid?	A "bid" is another term for the "application".



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214	Attachment 7	My organization doesn't have a youth advisory board. What effect will this have on our application?	<p>All applications will be scored following the process identified in the RFA. We cannot comment on any potential scoring impacts, based on specific scenarios. All information provided will be considered and funding decisions will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to: practice selections, demonstrated need and ability to meet outcome objectives for populations of focus, ability to provide culturally relevant and responsive services to populations of focus, overall estimated impact of potential award, geographic distribution of applicants, and populations served.</p> <p>Additionally, the Commission and DHCS reserve the right to prioritize applications that align with the aims of the broader CYBHI initiative (e.g., increasing care to populations of focus, mental health professional shortage areas). Practices and programs not on the identified list of Round Four EBPs and CDEPs will be evaluated for efficaciousness, equity, sustainability, scalability, and whether the practice model is supplementary to the BH landscape. No application is guaranteed funding and applications will be reviewed holistically across the defined evaluation criteria</p>
215	Drop In Center for LGBTQIA	The first sentence on page 66 is missing	The sentence is, "Drop-in centers for LGBTQIA+ youth are physical safe spaces..." and will be added in Addendum 1.

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216	Across Age	can housing be include	Allowable costs are detailed in section 4.E of the RFA. Applicants may propose other costs, at your discretion. Please detail the applicant’s approach and budget proposal in the templates provided. As part of the holistic review of applications, the Commission and DHCS will consider multiple factors when making award decisions. Funding is not guaranteed.
217	Foster Health Futures Preteen	can housing be include	Allowable costs are detailed in section 4.E of the RFA. Applicants may propose other costs, at your discretion. Please detail the applicant’s approach and budget proposal in the templates provided. As part of the holistic review of applications, the Commission and DHCS will consider multiple factors when making award decisions. Funding is not guaranteed.
218	Transition to Independence Process	18 months is the average time. Does the organization decide how long participants can participate in the program	Implementation decisions must adhere to the fidelity of the model. Please describe your organization’s proposed approach in your application narrative.
219	Drop In Center for homeless youth	Can emergency housing, warming and cooling center be included	Allowable costs are detailed in section 4.E of the RFA. Applicants may propose other costs, at your discretion. Please detail the applicant’s approach and budget proposal in the templates provided. As part of the holistic review of applications, the Commission and DHCS will consider multiple factors when making award decisions. Funding is not guaranteed.

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220	General	Can you provide me with the cost of the program and the outlines of the model?	<p>The cost of the program depends on many variables, such as available space, existing staff availability vs need to hire new staff, capacity for billing, and other components of model implementation. The start-up for new and developing allcove™ centers has varied quite a bit.</p> <p>For more information on the model, please refer to appendix 1 for a description of the core components and principles of allcove™ or through requesting the Exploring allcove™ resource:  <a href="https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86dXvZ9e7iYnx0q">https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86dXvZ9e7iYnx0q</a></p>
221	General	I would like information on the implementation of [allcove] and the cost of the start up. Can you provide that information?	<p>The cost of the program depends on many variables, such as available space, existing staff availability vs need to hire new staff, capacity for billing, and other components of model implementation. The start-up for new and developing allcove™ centers has varied quite a bit. For more information on implementation of the model, please refer to appendix 1 or request the Exploring allcove™ resource:  <a href="https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86dXvZ9e7iYnx0q">https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86dXvZ9e7iYnx0q</a></p>
222	General	We would like more information on what the guidelines are, things to make sure we have, and suggestions regarding this approach.	<p>Please refer to appendix 1 or request the Exploring allcove™ resource:  <a href="https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86dXvZ9e7iYnx0q">https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86dXvZ9e7iYnx0q</a></p>

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223	General	I'm wondering whether it is possible for allcove centers to be located on a high school-campus with the school district as a primary partner, or if the model is opposed to this idea. We are interested in the allcove model, and would like to align our design of school-based wellness centers to be a part of it -- but it is unclear to me whether philosophically, allcoves can only be located off a school campus.	allcove™ centers are intended to serve all youth 12-25 years old within the community in which they are located, with all core service components and appropriate confidentiality, even if located on a school campus setting. The entrance to allcove™ and its services would need to be easily accessible to this population and welcoming of the full range of ages.
224	General	Is there a recording or transcript to watch/read?	No, as all responses provided that day are not binding and the direction was to submit all questions in writing for a formal response.
225	APPENDIX 2: EXAMPLES – OTHER YOUTH-DRIVEN PROGRAMS	This section leads us to believe that you are treating youth drop-in centers as an EBP. Is that correct, or do we need to show other EBPs as part of the drop-in center?	No, the models could be either an EBP or CDEP with demonstrated evidence of efficacy.
226	General	Can we focus on serving the LGBTQIA+ youth subpopulation and still apply as an allcove model?	The allcove™ model is designed to serve all youth 12-25 years old within the community where a center is located, including, but not limited to, youth populations such as those who identify as Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, and young people experiencing homelessness.