

# Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

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1	General	Asking questions related to this RFA.	<p>Please follow the instructions in the RFA to submit a question. Due to the competitive nature of this procurement, the Commission takes no responsibility for any question that was not submitted through the proper channel.</p> <p>In addition, questions were due on August 16. Therefore, the Commission is under no obligation to respond to any question received after that date. For this RFA, the Commission has responded to questions received after that date, since they were deemed important for applicants and there was a reasonable amount of time left before the application due date.</p> <p>Any future questions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the time left before applications are due, before determining if there will be a response.</p>

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2	General	<p>If we feel we would like a three-year project performance period with year one to plan and develop the program, year two to ramp up, and year three to be full program launch and implementation, how would we address that in the budget form provided, which has only GY1 and GY2 columns?</p> <p>I understand that our request for an additional year to expend our funds would have to be approved case-by-case by the Commission, so should we just describe our idea in the narrative and create a two-year budget as formatted, and then if we are awarded a grant we negotiate and redo the budget for three years? this seems to me the most logical approach.</p>	<p>Please follow the instructions in the RFA when applying for a grant. Applications will be scored based on the requirements in the RFA. Grant contracts end on June 30, 2025.</p> <p>The second comment appears to be related to response to question 157 in Questions and Responses 1. The partial response was, “Grantees requesting an extension of time beyond the designated grant cycle end may be considered by DHCS on a case-by-case basis.”</p> <p>This will only be considered if an Applicant receives a grant and will include other considerations including, but not limited to, making a good faith effort in implementing/expanding your program by the contract end date of June 30, 2025.</p>
3	General	<p>Is it okay if we apply, but use a fiscal agent as we are a non-profit with no ability to receive the funds?</p>	<p>Yes, you may apply. Please clearly state in the application that you are applying but will be using a fiscal agent to receive the funds and provide the fiscal agent information (name and address). If you do receive a grant, there will be a follow-up inquiry to ensure the fiscal agent is correctly set-up to receive the payments.</p>

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4	7.H. Signature of Bid (Application)	Electronic signatures are accepted. As an example of all partners signing, will this be acceptable? Annie Kim, Executive Director; Jane Smith, CEO; Jane Doe, Coordinator. For each partner? No wet signatures required?	Anywhere a signature is required in the application, it may be fulfilled using an electronic signature. No wet signatures are required.
5	Attachment 6: Budget Narrative	I have 3 partners, do I submit this section 3 separate times since they each provide a different service? In my table of contents, do I have multiple Attachment 6 Budget Narratives?	The Budget Narrative should support the Budget Worksheet (Attachment 5) which supports the total amount of the grant request. As long as the Budget Narrative and Budget Worksheet clearly supports the grant amount request, there is no requirement as to the number of documents that may be submitted.
6	Attachment 7: Community Collaboration Partner	We are applying as an allcove start up. Is Attachment 7 considered the same as a letter of support? We have support from partners who intend to join the Community Consortium if we are awarded but they may not be “providing services, funding, goods, capital outlay “. We are wanting to clarify attachment 7 versus letters of support. Thank you.	<p>No, they are not the same. A Community Collaboration Partner is one who provides goods, services, or funding to the program. Typically, a Letter of Support can be submitted from an entity that does not provide goods, services, or funding to the program.</p> <p>For this RFA, a statement of support, such as a Letter of Support, is also required from your Community Collaboration Partner.</p>

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7	General	Do you offer consultation and/or guides to support [allcove™] model implementation?	Stanford's Central allcove™ Team provides ongoing technical assistance, including detailed model implementation support, as allcove™ centers are established and developed.
8	General	Are there any [TA] costs involved from your organization [allcove™] that may need to go in our budget?	Technical assistance from Stanford's Central allcove™ Team is provided at no cost to grantees. Other licensing fees such as the trademark license, use of the allcove™ data system, learning management system, and allcove.org are provided at no cost to the grantee but must follow the corresponding guidelines for branding and facility design. The brand's fonts will need to be purchased by each allcove™ center.
9	General	We are planning to create a youth drop-in center that will be designed specifically for LGBTQIA+ youths in our community. Our question pertains to serving sub-populations as an allcove. Can we focus on a sub-population such as the LGBTQIA+ and still be an allcove center?	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.
10	General	We are reviewing Round 4 funding for Youth Driven Programs and learned about allcove. We are very excited as we feel it matches many aspects of our current program and aligns with our values. Can we learn more about becoming an allcove?	For more information on implementation of the model, please refer to appendix 1 or request the Exploring allcove resource: <a href="#">Exploring allcove™</a>

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11	General	<p>We are a small rural district. We are considering applying for the Youth Driven Program grant through MHSOAC. I am trying to see if this is possible for us to do but it may not look the same as some of the example centers I am reviewing since we are significantly smaller in numbers but geographically larger than surrounding districts in our county. Is there a sample of a small rural district that is currently operating an allcove center? I just didn't know if there was one in existence in a small area. I appreciate the information on what has been done before.</p>	<p>The Central allcove™ Team is committed to supporting the development of culturally appropriate models in all communities, including rural districts. 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>
12	General	<p>We are a community based organization in XXX and we would like to apply to implement a TAY drop in center in XXX using the alcove model through the RFP released by the CYBHI round 4. Is it possible we could schedule a meeting with you next week or if you could send us some information regarding the implementation of allcove and the cost of implementation and oversight. I was not able to see the costs of implementation to add into the budget, is there a link to this ?</p>	<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 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="#">Exploring allcove™</a></p>

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13	General	We're a domestic violence organization in XXX with a youth program component. We're applying for a Children & Youth Behavioral Initiative Grant and are interested in starting an Allcove program in our service area. We have a few questions about the number of youth served through Allcove Palo Alto and would appreciate the opportunity to speak with the Center Manager or Program Manager to hopefully answer some questions and strengthen our application.	The Central allcove™ Team cannot assist in answering any questions related to the RFA. Please reach out to allcove™ centers directly.
14	General	I've reviewed all the materials from box.com, but I have not come across any fees for licensing [for allcove™]. I wanted to make sure these are factored in the budget if they are needed. Can you provide some guidance on this?	The cost for technical assistance is provided through this existing application process. Other licensing fees such as the trademark license, use of the allcove™ data system, learning management system, and allcove.org are provided at no cost to the grantee but must follow the corresponding guidelines for branding and facility design. The brand's fonts will need to be purchased by each allcove™ center.