

Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

RFP K-12-003

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	RFP Section Reference	Question	Commission Response
1	N/A	Does the lead entity need to have sites throughout the state or what is the definition of a “statewide agency”?	No. The lead entity does not need to have sites throughout the state. They will be responsible for delivering the services identified in the RFP throughout the state.
2	B. Contractor Responsibility, “Youth advocacy teams	Can you confirm that we will need 7 youth and 1 adult to make up the youth advocacy team in each region? Do the youth need to be from different grade levels or districts?	<p>Section 6.B.1.b. states that the regional youth advocacy teams shall: “Have at least seven (7) K-12 Student population members and at least one (1) adult member who is to facilitate youth advocacy team...”</p> <p>There is no requirement that the youth need to be from different grade levels or districts.</p>
3	B. Contractor Responsibility, “Youth advocacy teams	Is the money being given to the LEE and then to the student participants, or to the entirety overall? How much do youth and advocacy team members need to be compensated? Can this be via a stipend?	<p>The funds will be paid to the contractor who will then distribute the funds to the LLEs who will then be responsible for any payments to the youth advocacy team members. There is no requirement as to the amount the advocacy team members can be paid and stipends are allowed.</p> <p>All of this should be explained in your proposal.</p>
4	2	Please confirm: is the \$2,010,000 a total amount or an annual amount?	<p>The total contract is \$2,010,000.</p> <p>Section 2., states, “The amount available for the one (1) contract is \$2,010,000.”</p>

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5	7.B	If a prime applicant does not meet all minimum qualifications (pp. 19-20), can they fulfill the qualifications by partnering with a (non-LLE) subcontractor? For example, if a nonprofit training provider partners with an advocacy organization.	No. The prime applicant must meet all of the minimum qualifications individually.
6	7.H.	Similarly, can the references (p. 26) be fulfilled by a combination of a prime and (non-LLE) subcontractor? For example, if two of the references are for the prime applicant and one is for a (non-LLE) subcontractor partner.	All of the references must be for the prime applicant.
7	10.A.	The proposal requests information about the location of the Youth Advocacy Team (p. 41). Is the contractor required to have already established a new, or formed a relationship with an existing, Youth Advocacy Team?	There is no requirement that the Youth Advocacy Team already be in existence. Section 7.E. asks for a proposed workplan to establish the Youth Advocacy Teams, including their proposed location. The first 3 months of the contract allows for time to formalize the agreements with the LLEs and establish the Youth Advocacy Teams.

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8	Attachment 6: Local Level Entity (LLE)	IRC in San Jose would be a strong fit as a Local Level Entity (LLE) and is interested in exploring potential partnerships for this funding opportunity. Would you be able to share any public records or information on past applicants and recipients, particularly those with the most current data? This would help us identify relevant organizations that may be applying in this round and ensure we're engaging the right potential partners. Additionally, do you anticipate any specific organizations applying that we should consider reaching out to about serving as an LLE?	Previous K-12 Advocacy contracts were awarded to: Alameda County Office of Education (COE), Bring Change to Mind, California Coalition for Youth, El Dorado COE, Fresno COE, Generation UP, Gente Organizada, Humboldt COE, iFoster, Jakara Movement, Khmer Girls in Action, Mind Out Loud, Mixteco, National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI)-Justin Garza, NAMI- Riverside, Pro Youth and Families, Race and Gender Equity Project, Sacramento Youth Mental Health, SacKids First/Youth Forward, San Bernardino COE, Tehama COE, Two Feathers, Youth Leadership Institute (YLI)-Fresno, YLI-Merced, YLI-Riverside, Youth Alive, and Youth Move National.
9	5.A.1	Would it be possible to extend the planning period through the end of 2025, increasing the duration from three months to six months?	No. The duration of the Planning Phase will not change.
10	6.C.2	To what extent is the commission involved in day-to-day programmatic responsibilities? Do they primarily serve in an advisory capacity, or is their approval required before implementation?	The Commission provides general oversight for the contract and will provide approvals prior to implementation.
11	6.A.3	What are examples of engagement in local advocacy for students on both ends of the K-12 grade range?	The applicant should identify these activities in their proposal based on their experience with the populations.

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12		There is a reference to DVBE participation but not DVBE incentive for the evaluation process of bids in this RFP. Is there an incentive given to bidders who include DVBE participation?	<p>The Section that references DVBEs are the Commission's General Terms and Conditions, which is standard language for all contracts.</p> <p>For this RFP, there is no requirement or incentive for DVBE participation.</p>
13	7.B.1. Information Required in Proposals/Minimum Qualifications	We are a 501(c)(4) organization that has been in operation for over 20 years. We are currently applying for 501(c)(3) status. Can we apply with our provisional status, or do we need a fiscal lead?	<p>Section 7.b.1. states, "Be an established 501(c)(3) non-profit statewide organization which has been in operation for 2 years..."</p> <p>Besides being a 501(c)(3), there is a requirement of 2 years in operation as a 501(c)(3).</p>
14	Attachment 2 - Minimum Qualifications	The minimum qualifications state that proposers must be 501(c)(3) non-profits, can other not-for-profit organizations, such as those that are tax-exempt under section 115(1) of the internal revenue code, apply to this solicitation?	For this RFP, Applicants must be a 501(c)(3).

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15	B.2.b.e	I hope you are doing well. I am reaching out in hopes that you can clarify section B.2.b.e for me. It states that Proposers who have local-level affiliates, which are in other regions of the state, may contract with up to five (5) such affiliates as an LLE. Each of our proposed LLE's, which will be local Boys & Girls Clubs, have separate 501(c)3 statuses with their own Board of Directors. I would like to confirm if you would consider our proposed LLEs as local level affiliates or not?	<p>If your organization and your proposed LLEs are part of a larger (e.g. national) organization, then the LLEs would be considered an affiliate.</p> <p>If each organization is truly independent and not related to a larger (e.g. national) organization, then they would not be considered an affiliate.</p>