

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

RFP Stakeholder Immigrant and Refugee I-R_002

Local Program Contractor

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	RFP Section Reference	Question	MHSOAC Response
1	General	What type of provider are they looking for? Are they mainly looking for local Associations or Coalitions of Behavioral Health Providers which are made up of networks of providers and main purpose is advocacy?	<p>Although the question is not entirely clear, a partial response is provided.</p> <p>The term “provider” in the RFA refers to Mental Health or Peer Providers.</p> <p>In order to submit a proposal, a Proposer must meet the Minimum Qualifications (Section III.A.) to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been in existence for at least two years in providing direct outreach and engagement to the identified population; 2. Have experience and capacity to engage the identified immigrant and refugee population; 3. Be a non-profit organization, registered to do business in California; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This will be supported through the completion of Attachment 4, Secretary of State Registration 4. Have staff that have been employed by the organization for at least one year

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2	General	What about Community Based Behavioral Health Providers who also participate in advocacy efforts?	<p>Although the question is not entirely clear, a partial response is provided.</p> <p>The term “provider” in the RFA refers to Mental Health or Peer Providers</p> <p>In order to submit a proposal, a Proposer must meet the Minimum Qualifications (Section III.A.) to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been in existence for at least two years in providing direct outreach and engagement to the identified population; 2. Have experience and capacity to engage the identified immigrant and refugee population; 3. Be a non-profit organization, registered to do business in California; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This will be supported through the completion of Attachment 4, Secretary of State Registration 4. Have staff that have been employed by the organization for at least one year
3	General	Providing local advocacy for the identified populations – from the County?	This is referring to the Proposer’s identified populations that they serve.
4	General	How many proposal can a provider bid for?	Proposers may submit only one proposal for this RFP (Section I on P.5)

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5	General	Is it expected that the term advocacy be part of the CBO's mission or can another be in the mission statement?	The requirement states, "Provide organization's publicly available mission statement." (Section III.B.1.a. on P.14)
6	Introduction, Page 5	Does the RFP allow partnership or joint proposal between two or more organizations? Some organizations do not have expertise in all components requested in the RFP such as training, advocacy, and outreach. Is it allowed for one organization to lead and cover one component and the partner to cover a different component?	The RFP does not restrict partnerships or joint proposals. Whoever submits the proposal (e.g., partnership or lead organization) must meet all of the Minimum Qualifications
7	Section I, page 5	May more than 1 proposal be submitted by an individual applicant?	No. Proposers may submit only one proposal for this RFP (Section I on P.5)
8	Bidders' Conference, Page 9	I have a question about the RFP for Immigrant and Refugee Stakeholder Advocacy – Local Program Contractor. I was unable to attend the Bidders conference last week. I am hoping to apply for this RFP and was curious if the bidders conference was recorded for later distribution. If so how / when could this be accessed?	The Bidders' Conference was not recorded since we are in an active procurement. The Commission will publish responses to questions submitted on March 23, 2022

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9	Section III A, page 13	Are mental health service agencies that serve many immigrants and refugees eligible for this proposal? Or, must the applicant agency’s primary purpose be immigrant and refugee advocacy?	<p>A Proposer must meet the Minimum Qualifications (Section III.A.) to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been in existence for at least two years in providing direct outreach and engagement to the identified population; 2. Have experience and capacity to engage the identified immigrant and refugee population; 3. Be a non-profit organization, registered to do business in California; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This will be supported through the completion of Attachment 4, Secretary of State Registration 4. Have staff that have been employed by the organization for at least one year.
10	Section III.A.3.a., page 13	Please confirm that an organization with a California Secretary of State registration which operates within California but whose headquarters (and registration address) is located outside of California is eligible to apply.	Yes, you are eligible to apply
11	Section III.B.1.b., page 14	What level of information is expected to be written on the website?	The requirements states, “Mission statement will be validated by checking the organization’s website and/or other publicly available documents (e.g., IRS Form 990).” (Section III.B.1.b. on P. 14)

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12	Section III B.1, page 14	Are Community Based Organizations that provide behavioral health services to many immigrants and refugees and participate in various advocacy forums/projects, eligible for this proposal? Or, must the applicant agency's primary purpose be immigrant and refugee advocacy?	<p>A Proposer must meet the Minimum Qualifications (Section III.A.) to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been in existence for at least two years in providing direct outreach and engagement to the identified population; 2. Have experience and capacity to engage the identified immigrant and refugee population; 3. Be a non-profit organization, registered to do business in California; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This will be supported through the completion of Attachment 4, Secretary of State Registration 4. Have staff that have been employed by the organization for at least one year.
13	Attachment 9B	If we want to get a reference from a program participant who speaks a language other than English, we may need to translate the reference form. Can we ask our staff to translate? We can provide the completed form in the language other than English that was completed by the participant + a translation in English for the reviewers. Will you need anything else?	Translated references are acceptable as long as a statement is provided that it was translated, the translation is true and accurate, and signed by the person who performed the translation.