

Housing & Employment 2016 RFA Questions and Answers

September 16, 2015

1. Does the name and location of business of subcontractor(s) Sub grantee(s) need to be completed at time of the submission of this grant.

Answer: ADAMH, CMH Boards should identify who the housing agency or agency with distinct housing functions will be at time of application.

September 11, 2015

1. Can you clarify if a completed/signed copy of the assurances need to accompany the initial RFP application from Board areas or are assurances only completed post-award notification?

Answer: Assurances are required by the ADAMH/CMH Board. The board can attach the assurances they have already signed for FY16.

2. The telephone TA session on 9/3 was very helpful. Has a recording of the call been posted somewhere?

Answer: Apologize for the delay in posting: should be on the web under the RFP posting by Tuesday September 15th.

September 4th, 2015

1. When requesting funds for the grant, should we request the annualized amount for the new positions intended or the prorated amount for what the expenses will actually be for FY16. The issue becomes for the next year, if funding is continued. Will the second year grant be based on 75% of the annualized amount of the expenses or 75% of the actual expenses for FY16, which will only 7-8 months' worth.

Answer: Due to the late start for the grant, For FY 16 request what will be needed for the positions through June 30th, 2016. For the second year of the grant- FY 17 you can request 75% of the actual yearly salary. In FY 18 third and final year you can request 50% of the actual yearly salary. Yearly will be July 1 to June 30th.

August 28th, 2015

1. Can a ADAMH funded agency apply for this grant alone or does it need to apply for it jointly with their local ADAMH Board?

Answer: Applicants must be Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental health Services Boards (ADAMHS) or Community Mental health Boards (CMH), or combination of ADAMHS/CMH Boards and local partners that have a distinct housing function and capacity to assist individuals with lived experience obtain integrated competitive employment of their choosing in housing settings. Applicant must be the Board with an identified contract agency.

2. Can these funds be used to fund a development position within a shelter or transitional living program?

Answer: Not clear on the question regarding development position. The intent of the grant is to create positions for individuals with lived experience in housing agencies and divisions/sections/departments within mental health and recovery board contract agencies that will enhance resident or agency outcomes and increase the number of individuals with lived experience who are competitively employed and living independently in the community in order to help individuals achieve an enhanced quality of life.

August 27th, 2015

1. Is this the same grant that was released last year. I submitted a proposal and never heard anything back.

Answer: This is not the same grant as last year. This grant is focusing on hiring individuals with lived experience in competitively paid positions within the Board contract housing agency and divisions/sections/departments. All Boards who applied last year received an email explaining why those grants were not funded.

August 26th, 2015

1. Does the following mean that the competitive employment options listed in Section IV A have to be designated positions for peer specialists or that the open positions which are available in the organization are open to peer specialists, along with other applicants without lived experience as the need arises:

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Answer: All positions must be filled by individuals with lived experience who reside in permanent housing within the community. Although the agency may create peer specialist positions that will enhance resident or agency outcomes it is

not required to have certified peer specialist. Please see section IV. Of the RFP for examples of positions.