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NEVADA SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) (RELEASED MAY 1, 2025) PUBLIC MEETING

WEBINAR DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Time: 2 PM PST

This meeting was held using remote technology in compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241.023.

AGENDA

1. Call to order

Jennifer Tongol Lee, Substance Use Prevention Treatment Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Quality Assurance Specialist called the meeting to order at 2:00PM PST.

2. Introductions of Staff, Informational Only

Ms. Tongol Lee, SUPTRS Quality Assurance Specialist introduced the Bureau of Behavioral Health and, Wellness and Prevention staff present on the webinar.

3. Review of RFA Announcement and Application Requirements, Informational Only

Ms. Tongol Lee went over the RFA announcement and documents that can be found at https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BBHWP/SUPTRS/SUPTRS_RFA/.

Applicants will need to select a funding priority for the application that best suits the program. If there are multiple funding priorities, applicants need to submit a separate application for each. SMART goals should align with priority areas and identify which priority area the goal aligns with.

- a. Attachment #1: Application (required)

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Ms. Tongol Lee went over the application packet that is located on the RFA website and the Smartsheet application submission link that is linked to in the Application Packet. She advised keeping all documents in the file format that they are uploaded as on the website.

b. Attachment #2: Scope Template (required)

Ms. Tongol Lee went over the next link on the website, the Scope of Work Template.

c. Attachment #3: Budget Template (required)

Ms. Tongol Lee went over the third link under Documents and Resources on the website, the Budget Template. She noted this file is to be kept as an Excel file. The red text provides guidance as to what goes in each section.

d. Attachment #4: Funding Acknowledgement Form (required)

Ms. Tongol Lee went over the fourth link under Documents and Resources on the website, the Funding Acknowledgment Form. This form is used to identify what other funding the organization is receiving.

e. Attachment #5: Resumes of Key Personnel (required)

Jennifer Tongol Lee noted that the fifth bullet under Documents and Resources on the website, the Resumes of Key Personnel is required is required for the application.

f. Attachment #6: Organizational Chart (required)

Ms. Tongol Lee noted that the sixth bullet under Documents and Resources on the website, an Organizational Chart is required for the application.

4. Questions and Answers, Open Discussion

Ms. Tongol Lee reviewed Questions from the Q&A portal:

1. **Question:** Are academic institutions in Nevada eligible for this funding?

Answer: Yes, as we would refer to an academic institution as a Nevada-based government agency or community-based organization.

2. **Question:** If we have clients present for services from all over the state, but only have an office in a single county, would we select each county in the state?

Answer: Yes, if your target population you serve is Statewide, then please select Statewide. If the service area is concentrated on single counties, then please specify which counties. Since, your services reach Statewide, please select Statewide.

3. **Question:** When filling out the Funding Acknowledgement Form, the cells were automatically populating. Why?

Answer: The new Funding Acknowledgement Form has been uploaded to the website.
https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BBHWP/SUPTRS/SUPTRS_RFA/

4. **Question:** Will Transitional Housing funding requests be submitted under Recovery/Harm Reduction funding?

Answer: Yes, transitional housing can be submitted under Treatment or Recovery as mentioned in the Definitions of Application Type on page 3, Recovery includes Recovery Housing. Transitional Housing can also fit under Treatment depending on strategic goals aligning with treatment that is a non-Medicaid billable service. As page 7 states, Medicaid-reimbursable activities are not allowed activities.

5. **Question:** The application states we must include the objectives of "Enhancing Harm Reduction Strategies" and "Promoting and Disseminating of Standardized State Anti-Stigma Campaign" in one of the goals. But then it states only one application type per application. If we are required to use one of those two objectives, then our application type can only be Harm Reduction, correct?

Answer: Correct. There has been some discussion in where Harm Reduction fits in form of application type. Please select the application type that best suits your program to align to the Strategic Plan and after evaluation during the negotiations, the program specialists will discuss where the program best fits.

Questions asked during the webinar:

Rebecca DiMaggio asked:

6. **Question:** Where can the scoring rubric be found?

Answer: The Scoring Rubric is in the application. Section XII on page 10 through 12 of the application is where you will find the details of the Scoring Rubric.

Rebecca DiMaggio asked:

7. **Question:** If our funding is only for personnel do you need a resume for each person?

Answer: If they are all key personnel, then you would want to include one resume for each key personnel. Each line item personnel you would use would need a resume.

Rebecca DiMaggio asked:

8. **Question:** Does the applicant select the application type?

Answer: Initially you pick which application type you would like to apply for. During budget negotiations, if we believe it's targeted towards a different application type then we would discuss that with you.

Courtney Grahl – Nevada Department of Veterans Services, asked,

9. **Question:** Have the floor and ceiling had been identified?

Answer: It has not been identified at this time. That will happen during negotiations after application evaluation.

Courtney Grahl – Nevada Department of Veterans Services, asked:

10. **Question:** Do you happen to know a potential number of awardees or is that still open

Answer: That's still open simply because we haven't even gotten the letters of interest yet.

Courtney Grahl – Nevada Department of Veterans Services, asked:

11. **Question:** for providers, do you have a preference by chance of either contracted or sub granted providers if we were to outsource?

Answer: There is no preference as long as it aligns with your strategic goals and priority areas.

April Adams – Vegas Stronger, asked:

12. **Question:** How many applications are you allowed to submit

Answer: You can submit applications for each type. There is no limit to how many you can submit.

Shannon Mayfield-Porter - Comagine Health, asked:

13. **Question:** Can you please clarify whether the program type refers exclusively to the four categories listed on page 2, like primary prevention, or does the strategic plan objectives, such as integrating primary care, are also considered program types that would require separate applications?

Answer: They are not separate applications. The program application types and definitions are on page 3. The strategic priority area ties to your SMART goals for the programming. You would align your strategic priority area with your goals. An application would be one of those 4 types: primary prevention, secondary prevention, treatment services or recovery harm reduction.

Shannon Mayfield-Porter - Comagine Health, asked:

14. **Question:** Can you provide any guidance on the expected scale of implementation? Should we plan to engage with a single clinic, a regional network or multiple clinics statewide?

Answer: There are no expectations at this time. Focus on what you can encompass and what's realistic and time bound for you for that sub award period. Confirm that the scope is realistic and attainable during that time frame.

Shannon Mayfield-Porter - Comagine Health, asked:

15. **Question:** Is coaching, TA or Training allowable to implement SPURT using their own billing mechanisms rather than the applicant providing expert directly?

Answer: If it is a Medicaid billable service, as it says on page 7, it cannot be funded. If personnel are providing the training to providers it can be put into the programming as part of the Scope of Work and mention that it is not a Medicaid billable service on the application.

Erin Donohur – Acadia Healthcare, asked:

16. **Question:** Can existing Peer Recovery Support Specialists be reimbursed under the grant?

Answer: They cannot be reimbursed if it is a Medicaid reimbursable service under this grant.

Erin Donohur – Acadia Healthcare, asked:

17. **Question:** If services that are being billed by the peers are separate from the grant activities, could we still be reimbursed for the peer salary?

Answer: It is the applicant's responsibility is to understand the Medicaid reimbursable opportunities and models. If anything is Medicaid reimbursable, we won't be able to fund it.

Erin Donohur – Acadia Healthcare, asked:

18. **Question:** Is contingency management allowed under this programming?

Answer: You can put it into your programming if you if you feel that it's aligned with the strategic goals. At the time of negotiation, that would be when your program specialist would work with you to understand if it's allowable.

Ayla Babakitis- PACT Coalition, asked:

19. **Question:** Pact Coalition gets funded by the block grant and general funds. Do we then apply for the funding twice?

Answer: Applications will be submitted, without tied to a specific funding source. The Bureau will be responsible for parsing out the funded projects to the appropriate funding source. Do not apply separately.

Ayla Babakitis- PACT Coalition, asked:

20. **Question:** If awarded three different areas of prevention, would that mean that we're getting three grants instead of one as we have in the past?

Answer: Not necessarily. The Bureau will work to negotiate scopes of work to properly align with funding priorities within the various application types.

Ayla Babakitis- PACT Coalition, asked:

21. **Question:** Are we able to address other substance problems and prevention, other than alcohol or is alcohol the only substance we should focus on?

Answer: All submitted projects/programs must align with the Strategic Objective Priority Areas outlined in the RFA.

Ciarra Havon – Clark County Family Services, asked:

22. **Question:** Clark County is currently in the process of creating a new office, the Office of Clinical and Community Services, and we're taking pieces from Clark County social services, Clark County Family Services and Clark County Juvenile justice services, all of which have been in operation for several years. The reason that we're combining some of those services into one office is based on the DOJ audit findings for the state. Because the programs themselves have been running for more than two years, does it matter that the organization has changed a little bit with the new office?

Answer: As long as it has been up and running before 2 years before July 1st of 2024, you should be OK to apply. You would be eligible. Please refer to page 7 of the Informational Resource under Eligibility.

Ciarra Havon – Clark County Family Services, asked:

23. **Question:** Is there a cost sharing or match requirement for these grants?

Answer: No, there are not any match requirements.

Ciarra Havon – Clark County Family Services, asked:

24. **Question:** How much funding is being offered for the full state?

Answer: Program needs for funding should be included in your budget. Please put that amount in your application, and then upon negotiation, we will have a better idea of the funding available.

Megan Wong, asked:

25. **Question:** In terms of the submitting two budgets for the two periods, does that also mean we have to submit two scopes of works as well?

Answer: No, every scope of work will be aligned for each goal. You'll have a scope of work equal to one table per goal. If your scope of work doesn't change throughout the budget periods, then it should just be one scope of work for one application.

Mathew Dang – The Center, asked:

26. **Question:** For the application type we choose one of those and then we choose the strategic goals is that correct?

Answer: Correct, yes. Go with the majority of what application type the programming is for.

Mathew Dang – The Center, asked:

27. **Question:** In the strategic goal says that harm reduction must be included and must be addressed in one of the goals. In the goals that we have, we still need to mention harm reduction. Is that right?

Answer: Correct, yes.

Shannon Mayfield-Porter, asked:

28. **Question:** Are there any expectations regarding in person or on-site service delivery, particularly for rural outreach or integration in primary care like for example our virtual only services acceptable for some objectives or is physical presence in clinics preferred or required?

Answer: It's up to your programming in means of virtual, for example telehealth or if you're doing primary care in clinic.

Mathew Dang – The Center, asked:

29. **Question:** The RFA says that the sub recipient is required to regularly report treatment episode datasets data to the state of Nevada. If the applicant is focusing on a strategic objective that does not involve delivering SUD treatment, for example, integration of expert prevention services into primary care. Does this reporting requirement apply to them?

Answer: Not necessarily. TEDS data is required for episodic treatment services. If your program/project is not funding treatment services, you may not need to submit TEDS Data. However, the Bureau has data requirements on all projects/programs.

Paula Cassino, asked:

30. **Question:** What is the maximum indirect rate?

Answer: The current federally approved indirect rate is 15%. You can use something less than 15%, but anything more than 15% would require you to provide the federal letter for the federal indirect rate that you are using for the budgets.

Rebecca DiMaggio – DAS, Washoe County, asked:

31. **Question:** For enhanced harm reduction strategies distribution, if it is already in place and is given to every participant, should it just be listed?

Answer: Yes. You can list it in your in your scope of work as well as. It could be enhanced by enhancing the numbers by mean of how many are receiving treatment services. It refers to increasing the numbers in the service population. The enhancement would be in terms of the number of clients served.

Mathew Dang – The Center, asked:

32. **Question:** Is there amount of strategic plan objectives that need to be addressed?

Answer: You can list as many as you want. The ten that we listed are priority areas that our strategic plan is focusing on. The goals should tie back to the strategic areas.

Mathew Dang – The Center, asked:

33. **Question:** If we have more than one goal, do we need to have that many scopes of work for each goal?

Answer: In means of each table, one table will be equivalent to one goal in the scope of work. If your scope of work doesn't change throughout the two budget periods, then there would only be one scope of work. There will be two Budgets, one for each budget period per an application.

Mathew Dang – The Center, asked:

34. **Question:** What are the differences between secondary prevention, and harm reduction?

Answer: On page 3 of the informational resource, secondary prevention is defined as interventions aimed at early identification and intervention for individuals who exhibit early signs or symptoms of substance misuse or are at risk for developing substance use disorders. This level of prevention focuses on halting or slowing the progression of substance misuse and limiting potential negative consequences. For harm reduction, it's defined as a practical and transformative approach that incorporates community driven public health strategies, including prevention, risk reduction and health promotion to empower people who use drugs and their families with the choice to live healthier, self-directed and purpose filled lives.

Chris Murphey, asked:

35. **Question:** The last goal lists promoting and disseminating a standardized state anti-stigma campaign. Are those materials going to be provided by the State to us?

Answer: Yes, the State is currently in the process of creating an anti-stigma campaign.

Ms. Tongol Lee stated the questions asked will be posted on the website
https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BBHWP/SUPTRS/SUPTRS_RFA/.

5. Adjournment

Jennifer Tongol Lee, SUPTRS Quality Assurance Specialist adjourned the meeting at 2:57pm.