

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Office of Oral Health and Dentistry

Oral Health Access for Young Children Program

Response to Written Questions

Question 1: “We would like clarification of how the money will be divided. Is it \$80,000 divided among four communities at \$20,000 each or \$80,000 to one community in four increments of \$20,000?”

Answer 1: It is anticipated that a total of \$80,000 will be available to fund Nebraska’s Oral Health Access for Young Children Program. The Office of Oral Health and Dentistry plans to award up to four separate subgrants to four different agencies at approximately \$20,000 each.

Question 2: “Am I understanding right that it is only for 10 months? Is there a possibility for longer sustainability?”

Answer 2: Yes, the award period is for ten months. Subgrants will be from November 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015.

The Office of Oral Health and Dentistry is relatively confident future funding from the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) could be available for dental programming if the PHHSBG remains at current levels in next year’s Federal budget.

Question 3: “Because some of our key partners also serve a neighboring health district, I was wondering whether we should consider submitting a joint proposal with our neighboring health department, and if so, whether we could request up to \$40,000 for the project, since it would serve 2 health districts?”

Answer 3: The Office of Oral Health and Dentistry prefers individual applications from the eligible Health Departments for \$20,000 each.

Question 4: “With past HRSA grant, DHHS provided us with a standard fillable MOA agreement that they wanted us to use. Do you want us to use similar format. It did have at the bottom of the agreement the following:

*Requirement of HRSA funding, grant number T12HP14997, is limited to the time of the HRSA funding duration.

Do you have a similar requirement for this MOA statement/form, and wanting us to use similar standard form?”

Answer 4: Yes, the Office of Oral Health and Dentistry (OOHD) does have a standard MOA form to use to fulfill the Partnership Plan requirement of the RFA. The form is posted on the OOHD website at www.dhhs.ne.gov/dental and is being sent out via e-mail to eligible organizations.

Question 5: “Will there be a training session that we will need to budget for per last grant application process? Or can we just budget for our current expenses, and adjust accordingly when/if determined with greater details such as location.”

Answer 5: Agencies can budget the expenses without a training session. The training or technical assistance requirement in the RFA will be provided at no cost to the awarded agencies by the Office of Oral Health and Dentistry through an onsite visit during the first quarter of the award period.