

ADDENDUM 1 QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Date: 1/31/2025

To: All Applicants

From: Office of Procurement and Grants
Department of Health and Human Services

RE: Addendum for Request for Applications Number R-3320 SOAR, due February 5, 2025

Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted, and answers provided for the above-mentioned Request for Applications. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Applications. It is the Applicant's responsibility to check the DHHS website for all addenda or amendments.

Question Number	Question	DHHS Response
1	I am seeking clarification regarding the budget for SOAR services, specifically the difference in costs between including SOAR training and opting for a no-training approach. Could you please provide insights on how these two options impact the overall budget, and any potential advantages or drawbacks associated with each?	Training costs are those that are incurred in relation to completing any required SOAR training (online or in person). Non-training costs are those expenses incurred while providing SOAR-model services.
2	I wanted to follow up on the order from the President for all federal grants and loan disbursement is to be paused until further notice. I assume since R3320 25-26 SOAR is through Nebraska DHHS, we will continue on with business as usual for the proposal deadline, correct?	<p>The SOAR program utilizes state funds from the Nebraska Homeless Shelter Assistance Fund.</p> <p>At this time RFA 3320 SOAR 25-26 is unaffected by the federal grant pause. Should something change in the future, an announcement will be posted on the DHHS grants website here:</p> <p>https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Grant-Opportunities.aspx</p>

ADDENDUM 1 QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Question Number	Question	DHHS Response
3	What are the trends for current individuals served throughout each region?	<p>The goal is to increase access to the disability income benefit administered by the Social Security Administration for eligible adults who are homeless, or who are at risk of homelessness, and have a mental illness and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.</p> <p>From 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024, The SOAR program successfully assisted 76 individuals and provided an average of \$870.29 in SSI per applicant and \$1,392.38 in SSDI per applicant. It also provided an average of \$49,548.48 per individual in retroactive payments.</p> <p>The access to SSI/SSDI benefits aid in the financial stability of the individual reduce homelessness.</p>
4	What does it look like for an organization if the criteria of individuals served is not met in every service region?	<p>The expectation is for an agency to submit at least 25 applications per region and a minimum approval rate of 68%,</p> <p>Quarterly reporting is required from the awarded agency to document referrals, interactions, and other efforts made to ensure that every attempt is being made to support the SOAR model throughout Nebraska.</p> <p>DHHS understands that there are a number of external factors such as accuracy of information, participant and medical provider cooperation, as well as geography that can impact these measures. Should there be concerns regarding the failure to meet certain measures will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.</p>

**ADDENDUM 1
QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

Question Number	Question	DHHS Response
5	Do both parties have the option to not renew for the following two years, or is it just your party?	Renewals are optional and at DHHS's discretion, however if the partnership is not working out, either party can choose not to sign a renewal. Failure to sign a renewal agreement will end the grant award at the end of the initial period of performance.

This addendum will become part of the Application and should be acknowledged with the Request for Applications response.