ADDENDUM 1 QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Date: 11/18/2024

To: All Applicants

From: Office of Procurement and Grants

Department of Health and Human Services

RE: Addendum for Request for Applications Refugee Health Promotion FY 26, due

January 27, 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	Can you disclose who previous years' recipients were of this grant?	Previous grantees for this award include the Keren Society of Nebraska and Lutheran Family Services. Currently CHI Health has this grant.
2	What is the maximum amount of funding that can be applied for?	We do not have a set maximum award amount. The amount proposed (\$400,000) is the amount of funding the State of Nebraska expects to receive for this grant in FY26. This amount will be split among the applicants who are awarded this grant
3	What is the expected number of grants that may be awarded?	It is unknown at this time how many proposals will be submitted for this grant opportunity. The number of applicants selected will depend on the proposals submitted, the structure of the program, and the project scope.
4	Can we go longer than the boxes allow [in the word doc application forms] or should the entire narrative fit within the current box size and relative page numbers?	Applicants may exceed the limit on the word document. Boxes on the application serve as a guide, not a limit. Applicants are encouraged to submit detailed narratives.
5	Can dollars awarded through this opportunity be used to support refugees' concrete needs, including but not limited to the provision of financial assistance supporting housing, food, health care, or transportation needs and/or the provision of household items promoting health and safety (i.e. medication lockboxes, car seats, smoke detectors, first aid kits)?	This grant would not support rent, food, or health care costs directly. This grant covers work outlined in PL 22-06 like mental health literacy, coordinating mental health care, organizing wellness groups or support groups. Here are some examples of services (this list is not all inclusive): Identify and conduct outreach to mainstream mental health providers versed in trauma-informed services to determine potential partners for the program.

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6	Can awarded agencies utilize additional eligibility criteria, for example by offering services described in the RFA only to subpopulations to include refugee youth and refugee families with children under 18?	This grant may be used to focus on certain age groups in an eligible population
		 Develop a training curriculum for mainstream providers on refugee mental health and other trainings to respond to provider-specific needs; and/or partner with local refugee resettlement agencies and/or ethnic community-based organizations to provide such trainings. Increase the pool of Mental Health First Aid (MFHA) instructors in the resettlement network by sponsoring certification training fees; new MHFA instructors are expected to conduct trainings to build mental health capacity in refugee communities and refugee-serving providers. Conduct outreach and provide educational opportunities for refugees to learn about mental health and emotional wellness to decrease stigma about, and increase access to, services.

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

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