



RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES

December 22, 2015

ITN#2016-001-SA

1. Question: What would be the outcome if HOF fails to spend the allotted \$425,000 awarded for the 6 month period?

Answer: Per the CFCHS Funding Allocation and Reduction policy, provider spending reflects on provider performance and is one factor employed when determining future funding allocations.

2. Question: What is the daily rate for each client?

Answer: Rates for covered services are determined in accordance with 65E-14.021(6)(a), FAC.

3. Question: The criteria for homelessness appears to be a bit broad. We are interpreting it as a person that does not have a permanent address and may be living with friends, family members, or not in a stable housing in general. Is this correct?

Answer: The term "homeless individual" means an individual who lacks housing (without regard to whether the individual is a member of a family), including an individual whose primary residence during the night is a supervised public or private facility that provides temporary living accommodations and an individual who is a resident in transitional housing. (42 U.S. Code § 254b)

4. Question: There is always a chance that an individual is not "ready" to transition into an independent housing depending on behavioral/mental health needs. Would it be difficult to extend their care plan within this program? In other words, what happens if that person does not have a permanent address and needs more time in the program?

Answer: Extended length of stay in a program will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis. Maximum effort to stabilize the individual and prepare him/her for independent housing must be reflected in progress notes and treatment goals.

5. Question: Is there any restrictions in how this money can be spend? For example, cannot be used towards medical services, etc.

Answer: This ITN is funded by budget OCA MS000; therefore, the funds cannot be used for prevention services.

6. Question: What is the methodology of payment for funding in ITN #2016-001-SA? Please identify eligible OCAs/Cost Centers.

Answer: The payment methodology for this ITN funding is fee-for-service rate as defined in 65E-14.019(2)(a), FAC. The budget OCA is MS000. Final expenditure OCAs and Covered Services (formerly called Cost Centers) will be negotiated individually with providers during negotiations.

7. Question: Page 9 of 12 states, "Supportive Housing services and Incidental Expenses, as defined in 65E-14, FAC, can be used in conjunction for clients whose housing needs are community housing of their choice. If a client meets a Residential level of care, permanent housing must be a goal for discharge under this program." To that end, are residential services eligible under this ITN with a link/goal to discharge in permanent housing?

Answer: The goals of the Supportive Housing special project is to "permanently re-house consumers." Residential services that facilitate the goal may be funded through this ITN, but cannot be the focus of the proposal. Final expenditure OCAs and Covered Services (formerly called Cost Centers) will be negotiated individually with providers during negotiations.

8. Question: What are the incidental expenses eligible under this ITN?

Answer: Incidental Expenses are defined in 65E-14.021(4)(k), FAC.

9. Question: In 65E-14, FAC, under the Supportive Housing/Living section, it states, "5. Maximum Unit Cost Rate: \$51.99, or \$62.92 including rent and commodities." What falls under rent and commodities? How is this paid? What cost center?

Answer: 65E-14.021, FAC was amended 7/1/2014. The language quoted in this question is not part of the definition of Supportive Housing/Living as of 7/1/2014.

10. Question: Are the funds in the ITN for adults or adolescents?

Answer: The budget OCA MS000 allows for services to both adults and adolescents. Final target populations will be negotiated individually with providers during negotiations.

11. Question: Page 2, Introduction – The Supportive Housing project award period is listed as January 15th, 2016 through June 30th, 2016. If selected, are we required to expend 100% of the award funding by June 30th 2016?

Answer: Yes, all funds must be spent by June 30, 2016.

12. Question: Page 10, Section 8 – This section states that "The goal of this project is to permanently re-house consumers of DCF funded behavioral health services who are also experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness." Must the families/individuals benefiting from the proposed services already be receiving DCF services of some type? Please clarify eligibility criteria as it relates to DCF funded services.

Answer: The persons served under this ITN must meet (a) one or more of the priority populations outlined in 394.674(1), F.S.; and (b) meet financial eligibility requirements outlined in 65E-14, FAC; and (c) be experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness.

13. Question: Page 11-12, Budget – This section states “Applicants will submit a one (1) year, 12 month budget for related expenditures as outlined in this bid...” Please clarify whether a 6-month or a 12-month budget is still required, based on the proposed award period.

Answer: The budget must reflect 12 months, but the award will only be for 6 months. Budgets cannot be less than \$425,000 for a 6 month period.