

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY**

**COVERED CT OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
RFP# OHS22328**

Fourth Addendum

RELEASE DATE – 08-09-22

The deadline for additional follow up questions must be submitted by Friday, August 12, 2022 by 3:00 pm.

The application submission date has been extended to Monday, August 22, 2022 by 3:00 pm.

The Office of Health Strategy's official responses to additional follow up questions submitted as of 5:00 PM, July 27, 2022 are as follows:

Question 1: Please provide clarification on the Second Addendum that was released on 7.30.22 for question #6 about funding. If we apply for more than 1 region, can we apply for more than the \$75,000 that is stated in question 6?

Answer: Yes, each region/geographic service area may request up to \$75,000. As an example, if you have four regions that your organization covers, you may apply for up to \$75,000 per each region.

Question 2: Are we permitted to apply for more than 1 region (geographic service area) in our application OR if we must select 1 region and only include information for that 1 region in our application.

Answer: You may apply for more than one region/geographic service area. You can submit one application but each region/geographic service area that your organization covers and for which you are applying must each answer the questions in Section IV, C, 4.1 through 4.7 of the RFP.

Question 3: Is there a maximum dollar amount of funding we can request? Please clarify the total budget amount that each prospective bidder should assume in their

submissions. If 15 awards are anticipated and \$950,000 is available, would this mean \$63,333 per award?

Answer: There will be *no more than* 15 awards. If there are less than 15 awards, then the funding amount will be greater. All budgets will be negotiated during the contracting process.

Question 4: One of the requirements of the RFP is to provide audited financial statements. Our organization does not meet the federal or state threshold requiring us to conduct financial audits. Is it possible to provide another form of financial statement to be this eligibility requirement?

Answer: The RFP states that you must submit either two years of most recent annual audited financial statements; OR any financial statements prepared by a Certified Public Accountant for proposers whose organizations have been incorporated for less than two years. You may also submit a letter from a Certified Public Accountant verifying that the organization has not met the federal or state threshold requiring an audit.

Question 5: Would undocumented people be eligible for the Covered CT program?

Answer: Undocumented people are not eligible for Covered CT.

Question 6: It appears that as a new organization not having had funding of over 150,000.00, is our organization disqualified from applying. Is that correct or is there a mechanism by which I can apply having had funding of less than 150,000.

Answer: To be eligible, the applicant must be recognized as a single legal entity by the state where it is incorporated and must have a unique Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) designated to receive payment. Applications will be screened to determine eligibility for further review using criteria detailed in this RFP and in applicable law. Evidence of Qualified Entity: The Respondent shall provide written assurance to OHS from its legal counsel that it is qualified to conduct business in Connecticut and is not prohibited by its articles of incorporation, bylaws, or the law under which it is incorporated from performing the services required under any resultant contract. Sanction – Disclosure: The Respondent shall provide a statement that attests that no sanction, penalty or compliance action has been imposed on the Respondent within three years immediately preceding the date of this RFP. If the Respondent proposes the use of a subcontractor, each proposed subcontractor must provide the same statement. Minimum Qualifications of Proposers. To qualify for a contract award, a proposer must have the following minimum qualifications:

- Be a community and consumer focused organization
 - Have deep community connections and understand the needs of the community
 - Be knowledgeable about Medicaid, CHIP, CoveredCT, Public Health Emergency and the health insurance plans and subsidies offered through Access Health CT.
- There is no requirement that applicants have funding of over \$150,000.