

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Substance Use Disorder Residential Bed Expansion

Request for Proposal

RFP# DMHAS-CSD/SWS-SUD Residential Bed Expansion-2026

ADDENDUM #1

The state of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is issuing Addendum 1 to the Substance Use Disorder Residential Bed Expansion Request for Proposal.

Addendum 1 contains:

A. Questions and Answers - The following are DMHAS responses to the questions received before, during and after the Bidder's Conference.

1. **Question:** Do we need to have an identified site?

Answer: The expectation is that the program has completed all necessary steps to be open on or before January 1, 2027.

2. **Question:** If we are awarded but cannot open the facility by the 1/1/2027 open date, would a deferred opening be a possibility?

Answer: The expectation is that the program has completed all necessary steps to be open on January 1, 2027.

3. **Question:** Can you provide some insight into understanding why the number of pages increased from the last round of the RFP from five (5) pages to now eight (8) pages?

Answer: There is a maximum of eight pages, this is not a requirement.

4. **Question:** The first round of this Residential Bed Expansion RFP had a funded amount of about \$4 million. Obviously, awards were granted and now you are working with a \$1 million funding pool of money this round. Have all those contracts been executed? If there is a potential for some of those contracts not to come to fruition, will that funding come back into the pool?

Answer: The funding is for an annual maximum of \$2 million per year. The SUD Residential Bed Expansion RFP will continue to be released until all funding is allocated. Contracts for the first RFP release are in the process of being executed.

5. **Question:** This question is related to gender responsive programming for women and the curriculum for the trauma. I'm wondering if you think under this grant there would be a possibility to do more intensive training on some exposure therapy like EMDR or Accelerated Resolution Therapy which can be expensive to implement and to get staff trained in it. Maybe it is kind of unusual in that setting, but I think this could be impactful for women in the program. Would it be possible to use some of the funding for training in Accelerated Resolution Therapy or EMDR?

Answer: Yes, provided these costs are able to be met within the allocated funding, additional dollars cannot be provided by the department.

6. **Question:** These grant dollars are to fund the uninsured going into our programs, correct?

Answer: Correct.

7. **Question:** Is a provider permitted to include DMHAS year 1 contract grant funding for start-up costs in its proposed budget for Capital Expenditures such as renovations, furniture, etc. in addition to the minimum funding formula DMHAS contract grant funds? If yes, on what budget line does a provider include such start-up costs?

Answer: Capital expenditures are not allowed with this funding. One time start-up costs (e.g., furniture, linens, kitchenware) should be included on line 5806 and specify in the narrative the items and include these are one time start-up costs.

8. **Question:** Will successful grantees receive additional, prorated funding for beds that are online before 1/1/27? For reference, the Budget and Budget Narrative template indicates that it should be calculated with “**ANNUAL Costs**” (p. 28).

Answer: Yes, pro-rated funding will be available for beds/programs that open before 1/1/27.