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DMHA's Mobile Integrated Response Systems (MIRS) RFF

Questions & Answers:

1. While working on the application, our team noted that the Mobile Integrated Response Team Rate Sheet workbook Input 2 section only has space for 10 counties. Is it allowable for respondents to apply for more than 10 counties? If so, could the State post a version of the rate sheet with more counties or an editable version to allow respondents to estimate the total funding amount across all counties for which they are applying?

A: DMHA does not recommend more than a 10 county area for MIRS teams.

2. Is this only for people with opioid and stimulant use disorders? Can people with alcohol use disorders also be served under the grant. What is the target population to be served and/or who is excluded from service under this grant?

A: As this program will be funded by the State Opioid Response Grant, services must be targeted to people with/at risk of opioid or stimulant use disorder. If a MIRS team is to encounter a person in need of services that does not fall into the targeted category, resources may be used to connect the person to available resources; but ongoing services for people without or not at risk for OUD or StUD should not be provided.

3. Can you clarify how the funding shown on the RFF Rate sheet will be utilized in the funding. Should the Base Rate of \$600,000 and Performance Incentive of \$100,000 be built into the budget worksheets or will that be added at the State level?

A: Budgets can and should be built with the performance incentive included.

4. Is there a possibility of the RFF to be made into a PDF on eCivis?

A: No, there is no function in eCivis to download the application into a PDF.

5. I have started working on it but I was wondering if you could send me the guidelines to better guide my writing.

A: There is no grant guidelines document attached to this RFF. To view the application questions and required supporting documentation, click the "apply" button and log into Ecivis.

6. We are an emergency medical services, 911 ambulance provider in XXXXX County, Indiana looking to start a Mobile Integrated Health service to the citizens of XXXXX County. Our program will focus on (3) areas. Mental Health and Substance Abuse (dual-diagnosis program), Aging in Place, and Pre/Post Natal Mother and Child Care. In the eligibility criteria I saw "Other" listed as an eligible applicant. We would be able to fall into the "Other" category?



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A: As this program will be funded by the State Opioid Response Grant, services must be targeted to people with/at risk of opioid or stimulant use disorder. Your organization may be eligible. Please provide justification in your proposal.

7. On the scoring sheet, it states that “Two years of experience performing behavioral health services required by SOR 4 grant”. Would we technically qualify for that since we are dispatched and respond to behavioral health emergencies that we treat as needed and transport for additional care? We are also dispatched on overdoses of all kinds that we also treat and transport for further evaluation and care.

A: As this program will be funded by the State Opioid Response Grant, services must be targeted to people with/at risk of opioid or stimulant use disorder. Your organization may be eligible. Please provide justification in your proposal.

8. With this being the 5th year, how many more organizations do you plan on funding with this round?

A: DMHA is not limiting new programs or mandating new organizations to be funded. There are no weights in scoring for existing programs. The number of new programs will depend on the quality of proposals DMHA receives.

9. Is there a priority on the locations you would like to fund, within the state?

A: No, there are no priority locations for this RFF.

10. Regarding key personnel resumes - Can you tell me what a key position is? Our program has a number of peers which is central to our program, does DMHA want a resume for every position?

A: Key personnel are considered persons fulfilling a role that is integral for completing the project. DMHA requests resumes for each position matching that description, including peers.

11. I am not seeing any grant guidelines document such as a request for proposals on the eCivis site for the MIRS grant.

A: There is no grant guidelines document attached to this RFF. To view the application questions and required supporting documentation, click the “apply” button and log into Ecivis.

12. Is it okay to respond in the RFF that the same service is being provided in all 3 counties they service, but by 3 different partners?

A: This would be acceptable.

13. Should organizations keep their budget within the range of the rate estimator that was provided with the RFF?



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A: Budgets can and should be built within the range of the rate sheet, including Performance Incentives. The rates established in the RFF are subject to change and should be used for directional purposes only.

14. Is there an official RFF document that guides the complete grant process? I am able to see the other grant files attached to the eCivis site, however, I am not seeing any detailed RFF document.

A: There is no grant guidelines document attached to this RFF. To view the application questions and required supporting documentation, click the “apply” button and log into Ecivis.

15. I was wondering if 1) is this part of the 988 program and 2) will the recipient(s) be assigned a specific area for their program?

A: While MIRS is not officially a component of 988, there will be targeted technical assistance provided to MIRS programs in collaboration with 988 during the project period.

A: DMHA will not assign a specific area. Proposals must propose a service area.

16. Are we allowed to attach more than 2 letters of recommendation?

A: Yes, applicants can upload more than 2 letters of recommendation. However, Ecivis only has two uploads available in the application, so applicants will have to upload multiple letters in one document if they choose to include more than 2 letters of recommendations.

17. It looks like for base application a \$600,000 base rate is allowable even if the applicant only submits for one county. Was this intended?

A: Yes, the base rate is guaranteed funding regardless of how many counties are served. The base rate is subject to change based on the number of MIRS teams awarded through the SOR 4 grant.

18. Will reporting be submitted into Ecivis?

A: Yes, in addition to submitting claims through the FSSA claims department, agencies who are awarded will be required to submit financial reports in Ecivis. For additional information and resources for this process, visit this link:

<https://www.in.gov/sba/grants/grants-management-workshops/>

19. In addition to GPRA data, what other systems/data will DMHA require for capturing the seven listed KPIs?



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A: Third Horizon Strategies and DMHA's Data Coordinator, will be individually assisting teams who are awarded in setting up a reporting process that best supports each MIRS team.

20. In addition to the base rate a county factoring is provided that provides a smaller amount of additional funding per county added. Organization X is viewing this as...if Organization X adds additional counties, the base rate is considered structural and the additional per county amount is considered as additional staff support per county.

A: The base rate is factored per provider. The base rate remains the same regardless of how many counties are served. The rates established in the RFF are subject to change and should be used for directional purposes only. The per county rate is intended to be a data-driven, equitable way to assign funding for each county based upon need. DMHA does not mandate that any factor in funding formula be spent in a specific way, but budgets and proposals will be scored competitively for effectiveness and efficiency.

21. If we are not awarded a MIRS grant, as a DEBS designated agency, are we still able to bill DEBS/DMHA for SOR funding to provide medication and treatment to individuals without a 3rd party payer source?

A: Yes, regardless of MIRS award status, continuing SUD Treatment for people without a 3rd Party payer via the DEBS system will remain a key element of SOR moving forward.

22. Organization X is considering application for the MIRS award with a July 29, 2024 deadline. Provided information indicates the funding period begins in September 2024. X has received funding for mobile crisis services via RFF-2022-020 which runs through February 1, 2025. Is it problematic if X is awarded funding for MIRS under this RFF and the time frame overlaps with RFF-2022-020?

A: The activities for the mobile crisis team previously awarded would need to be different than your proposed MIRS team. Both funds cannot cover the same program.

Please provide the structure of your program and the use of funding within your proposal for consideration.