

December 2015 RFP Info Conference Q&A

General Questions for Both Services

Q: Will multiple awards be considered?

Yes, depending on the quality of submissions and the needs in each area, multiple applicants may be awarded.

Q: When does the funding start?

After vendorization, the service provider will be able to bill for authorized services that are provided to the individual monthly in arrears

Q: Is demographic information available for the people who could be referred?

We do not have these details at this time.

For FHA, however, we know that we have individuals who have a great deal of service needs.

For the Braided Day Services, it would be people who are able to progress toward employment.

Q: If the applicant is interested in multiple locations, how should s/he specify this?

You can specify counties and make a note on your submission that you are interested in more than one location and the specific areas.

Questions for the FHA RFP

Q: What type of rate would the FHA reimbursement be?

It would be a monthly rate.

Q: How would the home's level be determined?

It would be dependent on the needs of the individual, and we have had feedback that the need is for higher levels of service, so we would have that expectation.

Q: Are there specific areas that have a greater need for FHA's?

Currently, the Northern area office (SLO, Atascadero) have requested this service and development should include this territory, but all areas have the need for FHA's.

Q: Would Tri-Counties RC consider applications from private, for-profit agencies pending a process of public discussion and approval?

TCRC is unable to vendor for-profit agencies for FHA services.

Questions for the Braided Day Services RFP

Q: What is the median rate for this service?

The median rate is as follows: Service Code 055 has an individual hourly of \$23.25.

That being said, please note that in looking at feasibility, we believe that a sustainable program can be designed below this amount and in keeping with regulations. Rates are negotiated up to the median.

Q: What will the cost statement look like?

A template will be provided to capture your program's costs

Q: For the braided day services, if an individual is in multiple locations, say both day program and work crew for portions of the day, how would the vendor be reimbursed?

Rate is the same at an hourly rate, so reimbursement would be the same

Q: For the braided day services, is the rate paid for hours served directly?

Yes

Q: Can existing providers add braided services to their current day program

Yes, but it will be a separate service code/vendor number

Q: Is it possible to get a tour of the existing facility in Oxnard?

Yes, you can contact the owner, Otieno Okatch, at (562) 254-0487 or ookatch@palsworks.org and schedule a tour.

Q: Does this have to be site-based program?

No, but the service summary would need to specify how the applicant will offer services without access to a facility. Be aware with the expected weather pattern this winter, individuals need to be safe, dry and comfortable and not have their day program cancelled.

Q: Is transportation available for the braided day services?

Transportation may be provided through our transportation broker, R&D, dependent on availability of routes.

Transportation could also be provided by the braided day service as an additional transportation component (service code 880) under a separate vendorization. The vendor will be reimbursed for transportation separately. This is the preferred option.

Q: What is the expectation for specific bell times for the braided day services?

We are open to flexibility in bell time hours if it would meet the needs of the individual. Be aware that in order to have transportation provided through R & D, bell times that are not in conflict with other day programs are needed.

Q: Can an individual both attend a day program and do the braided services?

The Braided service allows for both day programming and employment activities.

Q: Is the braided model being used in other Regional Centers?

Yes, Golden Gate Regional Center is using this model

Q: Must individuals be out of the school system?

Yes. We do expect that many individuals may have just left school and are looking for a program that serves to find them employment.

Q: What are the components of the braided services?

The two components will be job development and job training coupled with day programming.