FAQ

Access to Oral Health through a dental Home Model

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Q  Are organizations that did not attend the information session allowed to apply?

A  Yes. Organization that could not attend information sessions can apply. Please check eligibility and qualification requirements on page 11 of the RFP.

Q  The RFP refers to “community clinics” (e.g. “The primary goal of this funding opportunity is to increase access to dental care for children ages 0-5 by establishing a Dental Home model in community clinics”). Does this include both FQHC and non-FQHC clinics?

A  Community Clinics for the purpose of this RFP refers, mainly, to FQHCs and FQHC Look-alikes.

While there are nonprofit dental clinics provide valuable dental services to underserved populations, they are not designated as FQHC or FQHC Look-alike as they do not provide medical primary care services. This poses a significant barrier for this project as it aims to develop a seamless integration between medical and dental services and promote the well-child visit as a gateway to the age one visit and to establishing a dental home.

Proposals should carefully consider existing barriers that prevent children’s access to dental care and address how those barriers will be overcome through this project.

Other challenges for non FQHC and FQHC Look-alikes relate to 1) self-sustainability and 2) being part of a strategic planning process with FQHCs and Look-alikes which may have different strategic scenarios.

Q  Do medical and dental services have to be co-located at participating clinics?

A  Ideally they should. When this is not feasible, or in cases where a clinic has a larger number of primary care sites than dental sites, proposals should address how primary care services will serve as a gateway to dental services and how patients will comply with referrals from primary care providers.
Q Can services for pregnant women be included and can funding be assigned to cover medically necessary treatment?

A Services for pregnant women may be included. Medically necessary treatments need to be defined as the statement does not specify what your proposal may consider medically necessary. Proposals must address financial needs and why dental coverage is not existent as to justify using First 5 LA funds to cover dental services. When services are covered by Denti-Cal, or other publicly-funded dental programs, First 5 LA funds may NOT be used. Doing so may be considered “supplanting” of existing programs, which is a violation of the law (California Revenue and Taxation Code).

Q Can funds be allocated toward the purchase of: pediatric dental chairs, reception area re-décor and oral health education materials?

A Proposals must clearly address why the purchase of equipment (dental chairs) is necessary, and how it will be utilized for the benefit of the project. Oral health education materials utilized under this project may be purchased with funds from this RFP. Re-décor or reception area may not be paid for by these funds.

Q Regarding Budget form Section 1. Personnel Fringe Benefits, our organization has more than one rate (faculty vs. staff) and rates will vary by individual enrollment. How should we reflect these two rates?

A A composite rate may be used. Composite rate must reflect both fringe benefit rates combined.

Q Please confirm if the (1) original and signed copy of the application cover letter, First 5 LA’s “Signature Authorization Form” and Agency Involvement in Litigation and/or Contract Compliance Difficulties forms are also due to First 5 by the 5pm electronic online submission deadline on August 19th, 2011 or if they may be received by First 5 on Monday the 22nd. Electronic copies would be uploaded with the online application of course by 5pm, August 19th.

A Both electronic and hard copies are due on August 19th by 5:00PM.
   i. Please notice there are 4 forms that require original signatures:

   1- Application (Proposal Package) checklist
   2- Budget Summary
   3- Signature authorization form
   4- Agency involvement in litigation
Q Page 17 of the RFP, indicates that along with the above materials that “all work samples” should be submitted. Please clarify the format and content of the required work samples.

A Applicants should use their judgment to determine if samples of their previous work may inform the funder when making a decision regarding the application. Work samples are not required. There is no specific format for work samples.

Q We understand per the RFP that the contract period is currently projected to begin on October 28th, 2011. Is it correct to assume then that since the SOW and budget forms refer to the FY period of July-June annually that the budgeting periods to be used on the Projected Budget Form (All Years combined) are as follows?

a. First Year is the period of Oct 28th, 2011-June 30th, 2012 (~8 months)
b. Second year period is the 12 month period of FY 2012-13 (7/1/12-6/30/13)
c. Third Year period is the 12 month period of FY 2013-14 (7/1/13-06/30/14) and
d. Forth budget period is the remaining period of 7/1/14-10/27/15 (~4 months)

This would add to a total project period of 36 months (3 years).

A Budget may be made based on both Fiscal and Calendar Year. First 5 LA will accept either option as the final budget will be determined during Contract negotiation.

Q Which documents require original signatures?

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1. Application (Proposal Package) checklist
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Q What is the allowed length for the proposal narrative?

A Proposal narrative should be limited to 20 pages.