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Questions and Answers for MassHealth DSRIP Competency-Based Training Program Grant RFQ

New questions listed in red

Budget

Q: I'm currently constructing our draft budget and was curious if the admin cap is 10%? I know we cannot collect indirect for general administrative support. Currently our draft budget lists salary to me for overseeing the administration of the grant and just wanted to make sure we are staying within the allowable limit.

A: Grantees will receive no more than \$4,500 per student/participant (assuming a full 18 months of support and competency based education training.) However, the Bidder may propose a lower per-participant fee based on their actual expenses. The budget narrative submitted as back up should include all expenses to show the reviewers how the Bidder arrived at their proposed per participant fee. The RFQ did not articulate a limit for Administrative costs included in the backup budget. However, the Administrative expenses should be relatively limited, and 10% seems like an appropriate proportion of overall training costs. Please note that the back-up budget is being used purely to help us understand how the Bidder got to their per participant amount.

Eligibility

Q: As I read from the RFP, you are looking for content in the following areas:

- Business writing and communication
- Understanding of the emerging healthcare environment, including value-based payment
- Medical terminology
- Understanding health care data sources and uses
- Team work and leadership skills
- Digital literacy
- Budgeting, including use of Microsoft Excel
- Regulatory compliance knowledge and ethics of patient care
- Problem solving, decision making and critical thinking
- Cultural and linguistic competence

I also understand that you would like to launch the curriculum in September of 2019. I'm wondering if there is any possibility through this grant opportunity to work with a subject matter expert to develop the content or are you looking to partner with academic institutions who already have this content developed?

A: It is the intent of the grant RFQ to solicit applications from education providers:

1. With an existing curricula that can show demonstrated success in delivering competency-based education to front line health care workers.

2. Who have delivered a competency-based education program with demonstrated success in providing academic “credits” that will “stack” and apply to an associate’s and/or bachelor’s degree.

For additional detail please see Narrative questions p.13 of RFQ.