

### ***Responses to Questions Pertaining to 2025 Request for Solicitation***

- 1) Our CEO is also interested in applying for those applications covering Tulsa, Ottawa and Creek counties. Do you think we would be eligible for those areas?

Agencies are encouraged to submit proposals for any solicitation for which they are eligible. Please note that eligibility includes having a physical location for which to provide services within the designated catchment area, unless stated otherwise in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

- 2) Can outreach team go to Cushing or other holding facilities to pick up the federal clients and bring them back to Tulsa?

Transportation by the provider is not included in the RFP; however, if the client is receiving additional services not referred or required by the US Probation Office, we would not have the authorization to approve or deny such travel.

- 3) Would the grant be able to pay for a vehicle for transport? Or vehicle mileage reimbursement?

Please note that we are soliciting for a Blanket Purchase Agreement. A Blanket Purchase Agreement is a “charge account” arrangement, between a buyer and a seller for recurring purchases of services. BPAs are not contracts and do not obligate government funds in any way. A contract occurs upon the placement of a call or referral from the Probation/Pretrial Services Office and the vendor’s acceptance of the referral. In the event the Government has awarded to more than one vendor on a BPA, referrals will be rotated among all the vendors on the BPA. BPAs are valid for a specific period of time, not to extend beyond the current fiscal year. The total duration of this BPA, including the exercise of four 12-month options, shall not exceed 60 months. BPAs will be issued to those vendors determined to be technically acceptable and offering the lowest cost to the Government, using the Evaluation Criteria established in Section M of the Request for Proposal. Therefore, a vehicle would not be authorized.

In order for vehicle mileage reimbursement, the Request for Proposals (RFP) would need to indicate that vendor local travel is authorized. Please review the RFP to see if vendor travel would be authorized under the contracted services.

- 4) Insurance breakdown – can the amount each month change based on the volume and need per client?

The vendor is responsible for determining a competitive unit rate in accordance with fair market pricing. The vendor should consult the Statement of Work to understand the work requirements when determining the amount to charge for project codes. The amount to

charge for each unit would not change, however, the number of units authorized could increase or decrease based on the need of the client.

- 5) Can the grant pay for positions since most of the clients will fall under Medicaid CCBHC billing at our agency? Positions will cover staff that will cannot bill Medicaid for services in the jail, outreach/transport team, and liaison positions.

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- 6) How to differentiate if someone falls under one or the other or if they need both Mental Health/Substance Use how to bill that. Can you bill a person under both Mental Health and Substance Use?

You can only bill for the services that are authorized by the probation office on the Program Plan (Prob 45). Substance use and mental health are two separate contracts so you would have to be awarded both contracts and the services would need to be authorized, but the billing would be separate for both contracts. The mental health contract does have integrated treatment for co-occurring disorders that would cover both mental health and substance use disorders.

- 7) Can we have a general idea of how many people are we talking about for Substance Use and how many for Mental Health?

The monthly volume will vary based on location. The Estimated Monthly Quantities (EMQs) represent the total monthly quantities to be ordered per Service item under the BPA. The historical monthly volume is considered when determining the EMQs; however, EMQs are estimates only and do not bind the government to meet these estimates. Each RFP has the EMQs provided.