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FY2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Expand Services within the System of Care for Children/Youth who meet criteria for Serious Emotional Disability and their families who are involved with Child Welfare

PURPOSE: In September 2019, the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities was awarded a four-year grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of up to \$3 million per year to support expansion and sustainability of Kentucky's System of Care for children and youth. The overarching goals of the System of Care FIVE (Families – Involved! Valued! Empowered!) grant are to (1) enhance interagency infrastructure to support the implementation, expansion, and integration of the System of Care approach for the population of focus; (2) improve availability of and access to high quality, culturally- and linguistically-competent, evidence-based/evidence-informed mental health services for the population of focus in the geographic catchments; and (3) implement strategies to promote and sustain the voice of children, youth, and their families with child welfare involvement at all levels of the system of care.

Grant funds have been allocated to support initial costs related to development and/or expansion of the following targeted high-need services for which need surpasses current capacity: 24/7 mobile crisis, intensive in-home services, respite care, and targeted case management via high fidelity wraparound. For this NOFO, providers will serve families residing within a portion of the SOC FIVE Cohort 1 geographic catchment area which includes the counties comprising the Cumberland DCBS Service Region as well as families residing within the SOC FIVE Cohort 2 geographic area which includes the counties comprising Salt River Trail and The Lakes DCBS service regions (see map). Dollars from this award must be used to serve the population of focus for the SOC FIVE grant.

POPULATION OF FOCUS: For the purposes of this grant, funds must be used to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth birth through age 21 who have child welfare involvement and meet criteria for Serious Emotional Disability (see attached definition). *Child welfare-involved families are those for whom a child abuse and/or neglect investigation results in a substantiation or services-needed finding and for whom DCBS does not have custody.*



FUNDER: Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (KDBHDID)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Applicant agency must:

- be or become enrolled as a Medicaid provider within six (6) months of award. Also, must have current or enter into contracts with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) contracts within six (6) months of award.
- be a nonprofit organization with verifiable 501(c)3 status;
- have two years of experience providing behavioral health services to children, youth, and families; and
- have two years of experience serving the child welfare-involved population.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- The SOC FIVE grant is implementing targeted high-need services in four DCBS Service Regions encompassing 69 counties of Kentucky. This NOFO focuses specifically on three of those four DCBS Service Regions. The eligible counties per region for this funding opportunity are: **Cumberland** (Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Rockcastle, Taylor, Wayne, and Whitley); **The Lakes** (Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Trigg); and **Salt River Trail** (Anderson, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Franklin, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Washington, and Woodford).

The targeted high-need services are as follows:

- Targeted Case Management via High Fidelity Wraparound.
- Intensive In-home Services.
- Respite Services.
- 24/7 Mobile Crisis.

AWARD INFORMATION:

- Funding Mechanism: Start-up grant from KDBHDID.
- Each agency may apply for the following amount per service (i.e., funding ceilings listed are per service, not per region):
 - Targeted Case Management via High Fidelity Wraparound: \$175,000
 - Intensive In-home: \$100,000
 - Respite: \$50,000
 - 24/7 Mobile Crisis: \$75,000
- Agencies may request to provide services in any number of the counties within a region (i.e., agencies do not have to apply to serve every county in a given region).
- Budget:
 - Submit State FY 2022 budget for February 1st, 2022 (anticipated start date) through June 30, 2022. This budget should include anticipated expenses for approximately 4 months.
 - Submit State FY 2023 budget for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- Cost Sharing/Match Requirement: The match requirement for SFY 2022 is \$3:\$1, and for SFY 2023 is \$1:\$1. That is, in SFY 2022, for every \$3 federal dollars, Kentucky must report \$1 of state/local match and in SFY 2023, for every \$1 federal dollar, Kentucky must report \$1 of state/local match. Match can be cash (e.g., private funds, local taxes, state funds) and/or in-kind (e.g., utilities, meeting space, staff time, supplies). Match cannot be federal funds or be counted as match for another grant. Local grant recipients will be expected to meet the same match requirement as the state. Instructions for match reporting will be shared upon award.
- Service Delivery Start Date: Service delivery shall begin within 90 days of contract execution. If start-up date is sooner, this should be reflected in the implementation timeline.

FUNDING PARAMETERS:

- Funds cannot be used to supplant current funding of existing activities. “Supplant” is defined as replacing funding of a recipient’s existing program with grant funds.
- While the budget is not scored, the review committee may request that budget modifications be made prior to award.
- Proposals should reflect the most effective use of funds as start-up monies and include plans for sustainability.
- KDBHDID has a departmental goal to protect the public behavioral health safety net. To that end, the CMHCs recognized as the behavioral health safety net in the geographical areas of this grant will receive five (5) safety net protection points for services that they propose to provide within their designated regions. Please note that a CMHC may respond to the NOFO to provide services in counties outside of its region, but will not be given safety net protection points. Additionally, CMHCs applying to provide services outside of their designated regions will be required to provide written documentation that demonstrates outreach to and discussion with the Chief Executive Officer of the CMHC that serves the geographic area, including an agreement to collaborate to best meet the needs of children, youth, and families served.

MULTI-TIERED REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS:

KDBHDID and SOC FIVE Grant Management and Implementation Team are taking a more participatory and proactive planning approach to this application process. Following the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement and an optional bidders’ call (August 13, 2021), interested parties will submit a letter of intent. Agencies providing a letter of intent are invited to attend Cohort 2 Kickoff Event between July 29th and August 12th, 2021. Agencies with an approved letter of intent will engage in a virtual discussion of their project proposal with the SOC FIVE NOFO Oversight Team. During the virtual discussion, the SOC FIVE NOFO Oversight Team and applicant agency will work collaboratively to refine the project proposal to ensure alignment with funding priorities and parameters.

Applications will be assessed by an independent review panel of experts from DCBS, DBHDID, and KPFC with expertise in services and supports for the population of focus. Award recommendations will be presented to SOC FIVE Grant Management and Implementation Team for final approval.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Optional Bidders’ Virtual Meeting	August 13 th , 2021, 1PM Eastern Time
Required Letter of Intent/Evidence of Eligibility	August 27 th , 2021
Virtual Discussions Window	September 1 st through September 10 th , 2021
Application Window	September 13 th through September 30 th , 2021
Application Due Date	September 30 th , 2021, 5PM Eastern Time
Award Decision	October 29 th , 2021
Contract Execution	February 1 st , 2022

OPTIONAL BIDDERS’ VIRTUAL MEETING:

An optional virtual meeting is scheduled for August 13th, 1PM Eastern Time for interested applicants to pose questions about the intent of the funding opportunity and the application process.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719982157?pwd=aWdRR1k1bGd2VVMwZ0ZtZDB1bkNJUT09>

Password: 285175

(Please contact deedee.ward@ky.gov for meeting invite and/or optional phone numbers if unable join by PC, Tablet, or Smartphone.)

LETTER OF INTENT/EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY:

Agencies interested in this funding opportunity must submit a letter of intent (5 pages or less) to apply that includes:

- (1) Brief description of need for the proposed services.
- (2) Description of proposed services and how this will fit the described need.
- (3) Proposed implementation timeline.
- (4) Anticipated budget request.

One letter of intent is required for each service.

Evidence of eligibility (will not count toward page limit): 501(c)3 documentation; attestation of experience requirements; Medicaid provider enrollment documentation or attestation of commitment to become enrolled within 6 months.

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL:

Eligible agencies whose letters of intent are approved will engage in a virtual discussion of their proposal with the SOC FIVE NOFO Oversight Team. During the virtual discussion, the SOC FIVE NOFO Oversight Team and applicant agency will work collaboratively to refine the project proposal to ensure alignment with funding priorities and parameters. Date, time, and virtual meeting log-in information will be sent to the agency point of contact named in the letter of intent. Upon approval of virtual discussion, agencies will be invited to submit an application for review.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Proposals may be submitted through Thursday, September 30th, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time. A **separate proposal packet** (i.e., cover letter, applicant information, project narrative, budget detail worksheet and summary, attachments, and optional information) must be submitted for **each** targeted-high need service for which the agency is applying. Materials for each service proposal packet must be submitted in a combined PDF titled with SOC FIVE, the service for which you applying, and the name of your agency (e.g., **SOC _FIVE _Respite _ Agency ABC**) to deedee.ward@ky.gov.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For more information about the NOFO process, please contact Dee Dee Ward at deedee.ward@ky.gov.