



RFA Number: RM0 DCOR 071219
Weekly Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Updated for August 2, 2019

Questions for Competition #1: Integrated Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Co-occurring Conditions (Integrated MAT)

Question	Does a provider need to provide BOTH HCV and HIV or can it be one or the other with a referral to the other treatment as long as it was combined with MAT?
Response	As noted in the FAQ document on 7/19/19 (here): Both are required. The applicant may partner with other organizations to fulfill this requirement.

Question	Can a provider be billing for these services provided while receiving grant funding?
Response	Yes. However, grant funds cannot be used for services that are billable to insurance companies.

Question	We submitted the interest form in person, however, it states that it must be emailed. Do we also need to submit an emailed copy?
Response	You do not need to email a copy of interest form, but if you would like to email it you can send it to dbh.grants@dc.gov .



Question	Is there a fillable PDF or word version? The only version we have is a printable PDF which means we need to hand write and limits our use of the work plan.
Response	Yes, there is a word version of the RFA on the website with the attachments: https://dbh.dc.gov/node/1420601

Question	With regards to competition #1, I was wondering about eligibility to participate in the program. The RFA states: “For the purposes of this RFA, the applicant should focus on individuals in the District who inject drugs (PWID) and have an OUD and another co-occurring physical condition, specifically HIV and/or HCV.” While it is clear that the program intends to integrate MAT with HIV/HCV care, I was wondering whether an individual who fits the requirement of having an OUD and either HIV/HCV but does not want MAT would be eligible to receive services under this program?
Response	The overarching goal of this work is to help individuals with OUD connect to treatment and recovery services. Further, as stated in the RFA (pg. 20), DBH will require awardees to track referrals and participation rates in MAT. However, participation in MAT is not required to serve an individual. As long as the individuals have an OUD they would be eligible to receive services under this program.



Competition #2: Certified Addiction Counselor Workforce Development Program (CAC Program)

Question	Based on the existing workforce shortage of Certified Addiction Counselors (CACs) there is not a significant population that meets the requirements of the target population as stipulated on page 30 of the scope of work. Will there be additional funding available to support eligible participants to receive additional training to meet the requirements of this RFP? Will DBH assist in that process?
Response	DBH is working through a separate process to provide funding to support training for CACs in the District. Also, once individuals are trained on the CAC curriculum, they will be notified about which agencies are taking interns.

Question	If it is the requirement that the grantee is to identify the eligible participants will there be additional funding for outreach, recruitment, screening and placement?
Response	As noted in the FAQ document posted on DBH's website on July 26, 2019 (here): Grant award amount is based on subsidized work experience for 15 interns at \$14.00/hour (DC minimum wage) for 500 hours for a total of \$105,000.00. The remaining \$15,000 can be used to subsidize the work experience, which includes administrative, supervision, and training and supply cost associated with these activities. Note, that the grant term runs until September 29, 2020. DC minimum wage will increase to \$15.00 on July 1, 2020. From July 1, 2020 - September 29, 2020, the grantee will need to pay the interns the increased \$15.00 minimum wage.



Question	Where should we include the cost of equipment over \$5000? It does not disqualify such items in the RFA but there seems to be no place within the budget worksheet and justification to place it.
Response	Costs of equipment over \$5000 should be entered into the "Other Direct Costs" section of the budget and justification.

Competition #3: DC Peer Organized Activities Supporting Individuals with Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) and Providing Awareness about Opioid Use and Misuse

There were no questions submitted for competition #3 this week.