

HBCI IDD Round 3 Reissue Questions and Answers

1. Our organization is a current recipient of an OMH HBCI grant which ends in 2027. We are interested in applying for this round of HBCI RFP and would like to know if we can apply for the grant, even though the current award is running until June 2027.

If we are allowed to overlap with the current HBCI grant, can we support the salary of existing staff with the new grant if awarded, after the conclusion of the current grant?

ANSWER – Please see p. 6 of the RFP for eligible agencies. In regard to using funding for one distinct HBCI program to fund another distinct HBCI program: no, program funding cannot support other programs.

2. Considering this is a reissue of a previous iteration of this RFP, can you please identify what the substantive changes are?

ANSWER – Please consider/review the RFP in its entirety and submit an application based on the parameters and requirements set forth within.

3. I cannot recall how to access the templates, e.g., the narrative proposal template, budget, etc. They are not on the OMH website. Where can I find them?

ANSWER – All applications must be submitted though the Statewide Financial System (SFS). Please refer to Section 2.9 of the RFP for available resources associated with submitting an application. OMH does not make application documents available on our website where the RFP is posted.

4. Grants awarded through this RFP are meant to support pilot HBCI teams serving youth with co-occurring Intellectual Disabilities and/or Developmental Disorders, but the RFP does not define what "pilot" means. Might you be able to provide more context on this.

ANSWER – This is a new HBCI program model to solely serve a dual-diagnosed population; OMH may adjust trainings provided or other program components after a period of gathering data and feedback from program providers.

5. Are not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies that already have an existing HBCI team eligible to apply for this RFP or is it just for not-for-profit 510(c)(3) agencies that have experience providing mental health services to persons with serious mental illness, but do not have an existing HBCI team, that are eligible to apply in order to create a pilot HBCI team?

ANSWER – Yes

6. Regarding physical space, do we need to provide office space just for program staff or will we be required to provide on-site services to youth at an office?

ANSWER – The program model allows for each individual agency to decide if they wish to provide space for on-site services at an office.

7. May an applicant propose on HBCI IDD team to serve 2 contiguous counties with a shared border if one county is classified as rural and the other as metro? Specifically, we operate traditional HBCI teams in contiguous Dutchess and Ulster counties, and LGU partners have encouraged expansion of IDD capacity for both counties, which could be achieved most efficiently through one team.

ANSWER – No; "Applicants may apply to cover up to two (2) contiguous counties within the rural tier; contiguous is defined as sharing a geographical border".

8. The RFP notes "Some of the funds will be from federal sources..." What percentage of total annual funding for an HBCI IDD team is from federal sources?

ANSWER – There are no federal funds in this round. Please disregard statement from RFP.

9. May an applicant propose one HBCI IDD team to serve two contiguous counties with a shared border if one county is classified as a rural county and the other a metro county?

ANSWER – Please see answer to # 7