



Office of Mental Health

Collaborative Care for Maternal Mental Health – Technical Assistance, Training, and Implementation Support RFP#MH253027 Questions & Answers

Q1. We noted in the RFP that only 501(c)3 entities are eligible to apply. However, as a state tax-exempt entity, we cannot submit under our affiliated foundation. Would we be able to apply under our current status, as a state tax-exempt entity?

A1. Yes, governmental and for profit agencies have been enabled to apply within SFS.

Q2. Our question is in regard to this eligibility requirement: "*Eligible applicants are not-for-profit agencies with 501(c) (3) incorporation that have experience providing mental health services to persons with serious mental illness.*"

We do not currently provide direct mental health services to individuals with serious mental illness (SMI). Instead, our experience lies in providing technical assistance and training to staff/agencies that *do* serve this population. Given this capacity, would our organization meet this eligibility requirement?

A2. Yes, this experience is sufficient.

Q3. We noticed that in 1.1 the purpose is to provide training and support to the awardees of the "Collaborative Care for Perinatal Mental Health In Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Family Medicine Practices." This looks to be seven practices for the project year. In addition, in 1.2 it lists support for up to 25 OBGYN/family practices per year. We are trying to get a sense for our budget the # of practices each year we would provide support to. Can you please clarify the number of practices we would support each year?

A3. The first cohort includes seven sites that have been identified. The second cohort will support up to seventeen sites. Both cohorts will comprise the first-year trainees for a total of twenty-four. Future years will have up to seventeen grantees per year.

Q4. "Notification of intent to apply was sent to local government unit and proof has been uploaded in SFS. A list of County Local Mental Hygiene Directors can be found here."

Our agency resides in the Washington State. To which New York State local government unit should we notify of our intent to apply?

A4. The LGU notification requirement for this RFP has been waived. Please disregard.