



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDING
RFS: 35910-14878
FOR
LIVED EXPERIENCE CONSULTANT**

QUESTION #	QUESTION	STATE RESPONSE
1.	<p>Do all criteria in Section A.2 under Scope of Service need to be met or if specific criteria is met will that be sufficient?</p> <p>For example if (k) is met do the requirements (a)-(j) also need to be met?</p>	<p>Criteria (b) –(h) would need to be met. Criteria (a) and (i) – (k) would be dependent upon the type of lived experience consultant the grantee is applying to provide.</p>
2.	<p>Under Section A.2 does the term "hire" include subcontractors or is this limited to an employee-employer relationship?</p>	<p>This could be a subcontractor hired by the grantee.</p>
3.	<p>Under Section A.2(a)(4) if a consultant's trafficking experience was more than 10 years ago but they are or have been actively engaged in providing services as a lived experience expert within the past 10 years would this meet the requirement?</p>	<p>Grantees may request an exception or state where services were received or number of years ago that service was received.</p>
4.	<p>Under Section A.2(c) is the consultant required to work 15-20 hours a week or do they need to be able to meet those hours as requested per the project they are working on?</p>	<p>Consultant should have availability to work 15 – 20 hours per week as needed, however, the actual work hours may vary depending on the current work project.</p>
5.	<p>The notice states the grantee will employ the consultant but also refers to the person as 'consultant' and 15-20 hours expectation. Does the State anticipate the consultants as employees or contractors?</p>	<p>Generally, the State anticipates an employee, however, is willing to consider the grantee using a subcontractor.</p>
6.	<p>Would the State see it as meeting grant goals if consultants were contracted on a project basis rather than ongoing? Examples could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project for HT identification in hospitals (medical, pediatrician training) • project for a youth HT council 	<p>This would be acceptable.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HT summit or conference planning <p>etc.. meaning one survivor might be well equipped for one or more of the stated scope goals, but not all of them. I'm also curious if organizations would be able to make the case for survivors out of the life for more than 10 years.</p>	
7.	<p>Section 6.D (Proposal and Expected Outcomes), page 9, requests that applicants “provide information on the number of children you propose to serve under this grant.” How does DCS define “number of children proposed to be served” for this funding opportunity (e.g., direct engagement only, indirect/system-level impact, or both)? Additionally, would DCS prefer conservative estimates focused on direct engagement, or broader estimates that also reflect system-level reach and influence?</p>	<p>This is a broad estimate for children or families that could be served/impacted directly or indirectly based off the proposed work of the grantee. This may be at a larger, system level service.</p>
8.	<p>Section 5 (Proposal Format and Content), page 8, outlines formatting requirements for the proposal but does not specify a page limit for the narrative sections. Is there a maximum page limit for the narrative portions of the response (including the Statement of Need and Proposal/Expected Outcomes), or may applicants determine length based on completeness and clarity?</p>	<p>There is no page limit.</p>
9.	<p>Attachment 7.1 (Face Sheet), page 11, requests the “Total pages in application.” When completing this field, should applicants include all attachments (e.g., cover letter, letters of support, budget forms, and other required attachments) in the total page count, or only the core narrative sections?</p>	<p>The total pages in the application would include everything.</p>
10.	<p>Section 1 (Scope of Service), page 3, notes that lived experience consultants “should be able to work fifteen (15) to twenty (20) hours each week.” Should this be interpreted as a required or preferred weekly range, or as a minimum expectation? Additionally, does this AOF permit applicants to propose full-time</p>	<p>Consultant should have availability to work 15 – 20 hours per week as needed, however, the actual work hours may vary depending on the current work project.</p> <p>Full time staff could be considered if they fall within the funding limits and the proposed work is relational to a full-time position.</p>

	<p>consultant positions, and if so, may salaries and associated benefits for full-time staff be included as allowable costs within the grant budget, provided they align with the scope of services and funding limits?</p>	
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