



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION # 34347-04526
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION ESSENCE RAPID
RESPONSE PLANS PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: June 2, 2026

RFA # 34347-04526 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFA Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFA dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT	TIME (Central Time)	DATE (all dates are state business days)
1. RFA issued		CONFIRMED
2. Pre-response Teleconference	2:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
3. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
4. State response to written "Questions and Comments"		June 2, 2026
5. Deadline for Applications	2:00 p.m.	June 12, 2026
6. Evaluation Notice released		June 22, 2026
7. Effective start date of contract		September 1, 2026

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFA.

Any restatement of RFA text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFA document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1 Was the teleconference recorded?	Yes, the link for the recording is: RFA #34347-04526 Teleconference-20260522 1935-1 - Webex
2 What are the limitations on the budget?	Per federal regulations on allowable costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantees may use funds only for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds may not be used to purchase food, refreshments, or beverages. • Funds may not be used for research. • Funds may not be used for clinical care.
3 Does the health council need to be a 501c3 or can a health council member organization be the fiscal agent?	It is not required for health councils to be a 501c3 for this funding opportunity. The health council can utilize a fiscal agent for this project if needed.
4 Is this a reimbursement grant?	Yes. Please refer to section "C. Payment Terms and Conditions" of the Sample Grant Contract for additional details.
5 What are the project deliverables?	<p>Deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development and implementation of a detailed community-level response plan for when an ESSENCE Alert is received for the county - Providing a minimum of 3 one-hour informational sessions on ESSENCE and Tennessee's Mental Health Parity Law to a minimum of 50 individuals. - Recruiting a minimum of 20 new subscribers to the ESSENCE Alert system. <p>Please refer to section "A.5. Service Description" of the Sample Grant Contract for the full scope of services.</p>
6 Will there be a monthly or quarterly report to complete?	Grantees shall submit quarterly progress reports per the requirements outlined in Section "A.6. Service Reporting" of the Sample Grant Contract.
7 Will this grant be for education programs or activities enhancement?	Please refer to section "A.5. Service Description" of the Sample Grant Contract for the complete scope of services.
8 What does recruiting ESSANCE Subscribers entail? How many subscribers are required to accomplish the goal for funding?	Per Section "A.5. Service Description" of the Grant Sample Contract: Grantees should recruit a minimum of 20 new subscribers annually to receive ESSENCE alerts. Grantee shall ensure that all new subscribers live/work in Rural Areas of Tennessee.
9 Is this funding for specific counties?	Yes, this funding opportunity is open to rural counties as defined by the Tennessee Department of Health (https://www.tn.gov/health/local.html). This includes all counties in Tennessee EXCEPT Hamilton, Davidson/Metro Nashville, Knox, Shelby, Madison, and Sullivan.
10 Does the lead organization have to be located in the county of the project?	This funding opportunity is for rural county health councils. Rural counties are defined by the Tennessee Department of Health and include all counties except Hamilton, Davidson/Metro Nashville, Knox, Shelby, Madison, and Sullivan. Each community health council is specific to a county. If the lead organization or fiscal agent is located outside of the county, the project would need to serve the county of the local county health council.
11 Can we use a fiscal agent for this funding?	Yes, a fiscal agent can be used for this funding opportunity if needed.

3. **RFA Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFA not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.