



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION # 34349-13522
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR DETECTION & MITIGATION OF COVID-19 IN
HOMELESS SERVICE SITES & OTHER
CONGREGATE SETTINGS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2023

RFA # 34349-13522 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	10:00 a.m.	CONFIRMED
3. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
4. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		February 15, 2023
5. Deadline for Applications	2:00 p.m.	March 1, 2023
6. Evaluation Notice Released		March 10, 2023
7. Effective Start Date of Contract		April 1, 2023

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 pre-response teleconference recorded?	Yes, please click on the following link: RFA 34349-13522-20230207 1600-1
2 We currently have a grant under this program to provide non-congregate emergency shelter to those experiencing homelessness. We have not spent all of our money as the grant doesn't end until 2024. We want to apply for another grant for a different activity. Is that possible?	It is not possible to apply for funding if you are already awarded. This is one time funding only.

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3 If an agency is currently receiving funding under RFA #34349-13522 that agency is not eligible to apply for funding under this next funding opportunity starting April 1, 2023. Is this correct?	That is correct, this is one time funding only.
4 Does this grant require that the contracted services address the entire State or can it be limited to smaller service areas like a few adjacent counties or a large city such as just the Nashville area?	The entity applying for funding can limit their services to a specific area within Tennessee. We do not expect all applicants to be able to provide services state-wide.
5 Activity 1-1 - Is the role of "full time homeless shelter and encampment COVID-19 mitigation coordinator" as described in Activity 1-1 the same person as defined in the contract at A.2.d. and D.8.? If so, can we assume this is meant to be the coordinator for the entire state and the position is already filled? If not, is there to be a coordinator for each separate shelter or encampment?	The Tennessee Department of Health does not have a homeless shelter/encampment coordinator. It is a position we will not fill now or in the future. Applicants can choose this activity for their individual agency/nonprofit/shelter to coordinate for their efforts.
6 Activity 1-1 - Can a city such as just Knoxville have a full time COVID-19 Mitigation Coordinator that works to service all of the homeless shelter and encampments in the Knoxville geographic area and not cover the entire state or are we required to cover the entire state?	Yes, a city can have a full-time coordinator. The position is not required to cover the entire state.
7 Activity 1-1 - If this role is not filled and can be limited to just a specific city's homeless shelters and encampments, what are the expected specific tasks along with the job and reporting responsibilities that are expected in coordinating resources, developing strategies, and supporting relationships in mitigating COVID-19 in our populations experiencing homelessness?	This would be the responsibility of the applicant to provide. The state does not have a job description or expectations. It is the responsibility of the applicant to justify the need for this position to receive funding.
8 Activity 5-1 and 5-2 - Are monthly COVID-19 disinfection and specialized cleanings by a third-party professional company in each of the homeless shelters considered "supporting sanitation and infectious prevention measures" along with the supplies/equipment used to support these "enhanced cleaning efforts"?	Yes.
9 Activity 5-1 and 5-2 - Are we allowed to utilize subcontractors to complete some of the professional work that such cleanings may require? If so, are we required to get the subcontractors pre-approved prior to application submission or what is involved with that process?	It is allowable to utilize subcontractors to complete professional work such as cleanings. All subcontractors, and the services they will be providing under this contract, must be submitted to the program for approval prior to beginning work.
10 Activity 5-1 and 5-2 - In definition A.2.j.(1) of the contract what is the definition of an "outbreak" in the context of "responding to outbreaks in homeless shelters, encampments, and other congregative living facilities, including supporting individual-level or location-based contact tracing."?	A confirmed COVID-19 cluster is two (2) or more confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 that are linked by the same location of exposure (e.g., workplace, long-term care facility, grocery store, etc.) or exposure event (e.g., work party, vacation, etc.) within a 14-day period that is not a household or school-associated exposure.

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11 As a regional office for TDH can we apply for this grant? How do we complete the competitive requirements?	Yes, a regional office is eligible to apply. A regional office would answer competitive requirements accordingly by answering no and NA where applicable.

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.