



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSAL # 34352-19924
AMENDMENT # 2
FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE FAMILY MEDICINE
STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FUNDING
OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2024

RFGP # 34352-19924 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFGP Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFGP 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. RFGP Issued		CONFIRMED
2. Notice of Intent to Propose Deadline	12:30 p.m.	CONFIRMED
3. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
4. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		October 17, 2024
5. Proposal Deadline	2:00 p.m.	October 25, 2024
6. State Completion of Organizational & Technical Grant Proposal Evaluations	2:30 p.m.	October 31, 2024
7. State Scoring of Grant Budgets	3:00 p.m.	October 31, 2024
8. Evaluation Notice Released		November 1, 2024
9. Contractor Contract Signature Deadline		November 20, 2024
10. Effective Start Date of Contract		December 1, 2024

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

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

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1 Was the teleconference recorded?	Yes. Please click on the following link: Webex meeting recording: RFGP #34352-19924 Teleconference
2 Can unused funds from this grant cycle (3-year proposal) roll over to the next grant cycle, whether that's a new 3-year cycle or the two, 1-year renewal options? If funds can be rolled over, can those funds be allocated to the "Other Non-Personnel" line item to use for loan repayment awards?	Yes, but dependent on renewal completion and amount of funding available.
3 Since this is a 3-year grant cycle proposal and the student loan repayment program is written to allow for loan repayment awards of "up to 5 years" per the statute from the legislation authorization, can funds be encumbered for each recipient to cover annual payments for up to 5 years? This would be based on total loan amount, not to exceed \$200,000.	Based on the contract language, this is a 3-year contract with 2 one (1) year renewal options built into the contract not to exceed a total of 60 months.
4 During the Pre-Proposal Tele-Conference, it was implied that the grant recipient's eligibility was not limited to just nonprofit entities as was mentioned when covering the Competitive Requirements document. However, recently enacted Tenn. Code §49-9-706, which establishes the FMSLRP and its funding eligibility, specifically states as follows: <i>(d) (1) The department of health shall administer the family medicine student loan repayment program or contract with a nonprofit organization for the nonprofit organization to administer some or all portions of the family medicine student loan repayment program; provided, that the nonprofit organization: (A) Is exempt from federal income taxation as a 501 (c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501 (c)(3)); (B) Maintains a principal office in this state; and (C) Is affiliated with a nonprofit membership organization composed of family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students in this state.</i> Based on this code section, it appears that potential grantees are limited to nonprofit organizations and based specifically on part (C) must be affiliated with a Tennessee physician membership organization.	Yes, it does have to be a 501C3 per recently enacted Tenn. Code §49-9-706.
5 Is the currently existing TSLRP, which provides educational loan repayment in exchange for a two-year service obligation in a federally designated HPSA, the only similar program now offered by TDH or the State of Tennessee? And will the new	There are federal and state loan repayment options available. The State also has a Dental Loan Repayment Program. The FMSLRP will not replace any other loan repayment program.

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FMSLRP be in addition to, or in place of, the TSLRP?	
6 In part A.5 c. of the proposed grant contract, it states, in addition to other described activities, that the Grantee shall: <i>“provide information to Physician candidates about FMSLRP’s policies and procedures including coordinating service agreements, monitoring eligibility, coordinating incentive payments, and addressing candidate questions through the entire life cycle of the program.”</i> Will the recipient of the grant be required to directly “market” this program to potential eligible applicants under the broader interpretation of <i>“provide information”</i> ? If so, what is the anticipated scope of this marketing effort and what goal(s) are considered a success?	The grant recipient will be primarily responsible for the promotion, recruitment, and retention of the program. Specific outcomes will be determined by program once contract has been established, but general measures could include number of placements, location, etc.
7 Part I.A. of the RFGP states that the grantee will <i>“be responsible for managing the program’s application process, selection of awardees, payment of loan reimbursements, and any necessary reporting, all in conjunction with counterparts at TDH.”</i> In that description, and in the proposed contract, it does not state an estimate of the annual total funds anticipated for the repayment of medical student loans nor what is the anticipated number of individual loan repayments to be administered. Please provide an estimate of the total funding for each of the three years plus how many individual recipients of loan repayments are also anticipated?	Distribution of funding and amounts will be determined by the grant recipient.
8 Will loan repayments be made directly to the eligible recipients or will the payments be made to their lenders directly on their behalf?	Proof of loan debt is required for eligibility. Funding distribution will be determined by the grant recipient.
9 Will these payments be made on a regularly scheduled basis, e.g., monthly, quarterly, annually?	Scheduling of payments is determined by the grant recipient.
10 What is the anticipated method of paying these loans, who will authorize each payment, and what is that process? It is understood that considering this is a new program, these processes may have yet to be determined and will be a part of the program’s development once the grantee is awarded.	Distribution of funding and amounts will be determined by the grant recipient.
11 Is it expected that loan repayment applicants will receive an “in office – face-to-face” interview or can it be by phone or video conference?	There is no requirement for face-to-face interviews.

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