

RPF for BH Covid-19 Needs - Question/Answer

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1. Does the MSHF have any limitations on collecting indirect costs? Our organization has a federally negotiated rate that we are to use absent a sponsor's documented cap.
The MSHF will negotiate the indirect rate upon the award of the RFP.
2. We understand this project to be focused on the effect of the workforce. Is the MSHF also seeking information about how the workforce perceives that their clients have been impacted?
The MSHF would like to understand workforce needs and how clients have been impacted. However, this is not the sole focus of the project. Other sectors can be found on page 2 of the RFP.
3. What is the anticipated frequency of in-person meetings during the contract period? Page 5 of the RFP indicates that the price proposal should include transportation and per diem costs for trips to the Mat-Su.
Due to the timeframe of this project and current public health conditions, there will be no in-person meetings, rather all meetings will be conducted virtually.
4. Page 4 of the RFP requests that, "For each person named, their employer, professional discipline and state residency should be identified, and three references listed." Do you need three references per person or per organization (if all the named staff are from the same organization)?
The MSHF requests only three references for the organization if all named staff are from the same organization.
5. Are you interested in knowing the behavioral health needs of the actual workforce and what staff need to care for themselves?
 - Both for primary trauma in caring for COVID-19 patients who are critically ill or have died and/or families who are becoming destitute?
 - For their own family struggles with the virus and economic challenges?**The MSHF would like to understand the behavioral needs of the workforce: as frontline workers, parents and community members.**
6. Do you want to know what the workforce needs to care for the community?
We would like to understand whether COVID-19 created barriers for providing services, and if there are any specific needs because of the pandemic.
7. The "Social Service Sectors" could include many organizations - which would mean numerous in-depth interviews and several versions of the survey - do you have a limit for the scope of this project or an upper limit for the budget?
The RFP has identified the social service sectors that does include many organizations; therefore, we expect no more than 5 interviews per sector. There is no established limit for the budget of this overall project.
8. Would you like MSRMC and their staff included in this work?
Yes, the MSHF would like to include the MSRMC staff in this work. The hospital staff are identified in areas 2, 4 and 7 of the sector definition on page 2 of the RFP.