

RFA Number 0912031110

New York State Department of Health

Office of Long Term Care

Enhancing Abilities and Life Experience Program (EnAbLE)

Questions and Answers – Posted 2010

Please note that the DOH Contact address has changed as follows:

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The due date for this application is May 12, 2010 4:00PM

Question 1:

What is the minimum amount of funding an operator can apply for?

Answer 1:

There is no minimum amount of funding for which an operator may apply.

Question 2:

Will you award the maximum amount to just one project?

Answer 2:

No. Applicants may propose as many projects as they deem appropriate, so long as the total amount of money applied does not exceed \$300,000. Please refer to Section I Introduction, Page 4 of the RFA.

Question 3:

Will you partially fund a project request?

Answer 3:

Yes

Question 4:

We are considering developing a safety program to include a safety assessment to identify risk and a subsequent educational program including behavior modification intervention to reduce safety risk. Is this the type of program EnAbLE would fund?

Answer 4:

Yes

Question 5:

We are considering a project that would focus on falls, medication errors, depression, functional decline, and financial mistreatment. Are these areas too broad and should we focus on one area?

Answer 5:

It is incumbent on the facility to determine the size and scope of the project the facility chooses to undertake.

Question 6:

Is a cost of \$112,000 for a community garden too much?

Answer 6:

It would depend on the size and scope of the garden.

Question 7:

Is it more desirable to seek funding for several projects?

Answer 7:

No.

Question 8:

As a 125 bed enriched living program that does not accept SSI, we are already down 25 points in the scoring criteria of the application. As such we would like to know if a further breakdown of points has been assigned to the Program Summary section categories a. - e. and if so what are they? Likewise, is there a further breakdown and point allotment for the Bid Form and Budget Cost Sheet?

Answer 8:

Please refer to Pages 17 and 18 of the RFA that describes how the applications are scored.

Question 9:

Is there a percentage of SSI that is acceptable vs. not enough SSI being served?

Answer 9:

No

Question 10:

If an Operator operates more than 1 EHP or ACF, does the operator have to file two separate applications or can one application for all facilities?

Answer 10:

A separate application must be filed for each licensed adult home, residence for adults and enriched housing program owned by the operator for which EnAbLE grant money is being requested.

Question 11:

May an applicant submit more than one application for different projects?

Answer 11:

An applicant interested in more than one project should include all projects in a single application. Please refer to Section V., Program Summary 3, pages 12 & 13 of the RFA.

Question 12:

On page 12 under the subheading “Program Description” it asks to briefly describe the facility's characteristics in terms of size, location, clientele and mission. However, I don't find that description consistent with the heading program description. Do you want any specific information about the nature of the proposal in this section or just a description of the Home?

Answer 12:

“Program Description” requests a description of certain specific factors related to the applicant. Applicants will be scored on their response to the requested information, not on information that is not requested.

Question 13:

What is meant by community and status of the resident?

Answer 13:

The definitions of “status of the resident” and “community” are related to the context of the facility's characteristics that includes business model, client population etc...

Question 14:

Where can Attachment 5 be found?

Answer 14:

Attachment 5 is found on page 26 of the RFA Under the heading EnAbLE Work plan.

Question 15:

Can an applicant specify in the application the specific start date (within the EnAbLE time frame) for which the operator is intended to use the grant if awarded?

Answer 15:

In the work plan, “Attachment 5” the tasks that must be completed to plan, implement and evaluate your two project must be included. Each task must have a specific start and end date must correspond to start and end dates of the grant. Those dates must fall within the term of the grant as described in the RFA. The applicant may not select its own start and end date for the two-year program.

Question 16:

May a facility with a current EnAbLE contract that ends prior to the start date of this grant eligible to apply for this grant?

Answer 16:

Adult homes, enriched housing programs and residences for adults having EnAbLE contracts with an effective period that includes the date the applications are due under this RFA (May, 4, 2010, 4:00 PM) are not eligible to apply for this EnAbLE grant.

Question 17:

Am I correct in assuming that everyone who received a contract in Round 3 will be ineligible because all of their contracts were for two years, even if they have fully completed their projects and expended their entire grant?

Answer 17:

Yes

Question 18:

Is the period for expenditures, 2006 and 2007 outlined in the RFA correct?

Answer 18:

This period is correct. Expenditures that are submitted for other than the years specified will not be considered. Please refer to Section V., 1. Cover Sheet, page 12 of the RFA.

Question 19:

Is the Grant application required to be typed?

Answer 19:

Yes, applications that are not typed will be disqualified.

Question 20:

If the program summary exceeds 20 pages will the application be disqualified?

Answer 20:

The application will not be disqualified but any program summary material in excess of 20 pages will not be considered in the scoring process.

Question 21:

What is role of the Area Office as it relates to EnAbLE?

Answer 21:

The operator/administrator should make their Area Office surveyors aware of changes that will be made to the facility as a result of being awarded EnAbLE grant monies. Please refer to Section I, General Specifications, page 9 of the RFA.

Question 22:

What is the correct address to which applications should be addressed?

Answer 22:

THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE PUBLISHED RFA.

Applications should be sent or delivered to the attention of:

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