

AUSTIN PUBLIC HEALTH
AFRICAN AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS SERVICES
RFGA SOLICITATION NO. AAMHW2019LE
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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- 41. Question: What is the desired (or commonly used) diagnostic tool or methodology used to support the metric of “Percentage of people who report 5 or more poor mental health days within the last 30 days”? The program we propose for grant funding is primarily geared for children; would it be applicable to screen children using the tool mentioned in question 1?**

Answer: This question pertains to the City of Austin adoption of the measure “Percentage of people who report 5 or more poor mental health days within the last 30 days” for Strategic Direction 2023, obtained from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The BRFSS is a cross-sectional telephone survey that state health departments conduct monthly over landline telephones and cellular telephones with a standardized questionnaire and technical and methodologic assistance from CDC. In the BRFSS the Question text reads: “Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?”

General information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/index.html>

The intention of the African American Mental Health & Wellness solicitation is to add to the City of Austin’s funding of programs which work to decrease the number of African Americans who report 5 or more poor mental health days within the last 30 days.

This is not the tool or methodology that must be used to measure the program an Applicant outlines in their proposal. A tool or methodology presented in an Applicant’s proposal should be reliable, valid and measure outcomes specific to the program’s population(s) and service(s).

- 42. Question: Our organization, It's Time Texas, has one clarifying question before we proceed with our grant application submission.**

Currently, our organization does not meet all client eligibility data collection requirements. Does this disqualify us from applying for this grant or may we add new client data collection processes as a part of our grant proposal?

Answer: An Applicant may propose different client eligibility and data collection processes as part of their proposal, along with an explanation (reference 0500 Application Scope of Work & Instructions, Questions #10 and #11).

- 43. Question: Our agency provides sponsorship for/hosts an annual conference that focuses on African American health and wellness. The conference its own Program/Planning Committee. Would our agency be an eligible applicant?**

Answer: Please refer to Section 0610.A Application Threshold Checklist for eligibility criteria for Applicants.

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45. Question: I was told all the questions regarding the RFGA should be directed to you. I wanted to confirm that our current Workplace Violence Prevention Policy met all of your requirements. Attached below is our policy.

Answer: Please include your Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, if applying for bonus points, as part of your formal application submission. Austin Public Health is unable to provide feedback on any violence prevention policy prior to evaluation of full applications.