

MHSA Innovation Prevention Early Intervention Services in Low Income Housing QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following are answers to questions that were posed by prospective applicants:

1. Are these services for San Mateo County residents only? What about youth that may reside in border cities outside of San Mateo County (i.e. Sunnyvale)

The services must be offered in collaboration with San Mateo County affordable housing complexes and promoted to San Mateo County residents only. If a youth from a bordering city outside of San Mateo County learns about the services, we would prefer to be responsive and either refer them to a similar service in their respective County or allow them to participate.

2. Is it OK to Collaborate with other agencies for these services?

San Mateo County encourages collaboration between agencies. We would want one agency to be the Lead Agency and submit the proposal identifying the agencies they would collaborate with.

3. COVID has changed the way agencies can engage with and outreach to clients. Has the County considered this and made any updates/adjustment to their expectation of these services?

We are all being affected by COVID and it's a necessity that we adapt the best we can. We encourage proposers to address and/or highlight any innovative ideas they have to engage with clients, in this current COVID environment.

4. How was the need for these services identified?

In 2019, a broad call out for innovative ideas was launched. 35 innovative ideas were submitted by agencies, BHRS staff and community members across San Mateo County. 20 were eligible for MHSA Innovation funding and moved forward to an MHSA Innovation Selection Committee, made up of diverse clients, family members, community service providers and BHRS staff. The committee selected 5 proposed ideas to develop into full project proposals for approval by the State Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission. The proposals were vetted by MHSA stakeholders, State liaisons, and open to 30-day public comment. This process led to some amendments to the proposed projects prior to final approval by the State and the release of this RFP.

5. Can the County provide information on service providers that have expressed interest in this RFP and/or other data regarding this RFP from Public Purchase?

Information from this competitive solicitation may be released at the conclusion of the process if a formal Public Records Request is received.