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**FOSTER CARE PILOT FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH RFP:
FINAL SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2021)**

This document contains all Questions and Answers submitted about **DCYF’s Foster Care Pilot for Juvenile Justice System Impacted Youth RFP** from Friday June 18th – Monday June 28th, 2021. The questions are being provided as submitted including any spelling errors or grammatical mistakes. DCYF did not make any correction to the question text. If a question was not understood in its submitted form DCYF contacted the question asker and requested they resubmit the question.

Submitted Question	DCYF/JPD Answer
I'm interested in submitting a proposal however my question is are new organizations allowed to submit with a fiscal sponsor?	Yes, as stated on page 7 of the RFP under Eligibility Requirements: "Applicants must be a community-based agency that is non-profit and tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or apply under a valid fiscal sponsor." Additionally, per the Eligibility Requirements, all applicants must be licensed foster family agencies. Please also note the Vendor Status section on page 7 because all applicants, whether submitting for themselves or under a valid fiscal sponsor, must be a city approved vendor by the release of award decisions.
Given that many of these foster youth are expected to have intensive needs, will providers be able to access additional funding streams for youth who are eligible (such as Therapeutic Foster Care, Specialty Mental Health Services, STRTP daily rate, etc.)?	Yes, as stated on page 15 of the RFP, "As licensed beds, it is expected that these placements will receive the applicable reimbursement rate from the state, based on the type of placement, per state regulations. Grant funds will support resource family recruitment; 24/7 case management and services for youth and resource families; training for resource families; respite care for resource families; placement and base fees to resource families to ensure capacity for youth ordered to out of home placement by the San Francisco Juvenile Court; and other related program costs."
Are the requested emergency foster care homes meant to be available to receive youth at any time of day or night? Or within a certain time frame of referral (such as within 24 hours)?	As noted on page 15 of the RFP, emergency foster care homes must be available within 24 hours of the Court's out of home placement order.
Are the requested emergency foster care homes meant to have a resource caregiver available to be at home with the foster child at all times?	As noted on page 15 of the RFP, respite care should be provided by the applicant to resource families, and the applicant may include program staff in the proposal that can provide care to the foster child in order to provide respite.
Can the County clarify that the requested emergency foster care homes are meant to be homes with resource caregivers who have been approved and trained by the provider, not emergency kinship placements?	The emergency foster care homes are meant to be homes with resource caregivers who have been approved and trained by the provider.



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Is the provider expected to provide housing for the requested emergency foster care homes? Or are these intended to be community homes?	The emergency foster care homes are meant to be community homes.
Does the County expect this contract to extend beyond one year?	As noted on page 4 of the RFP, "Grant terms for this RFP may vary. Variation in grant terms will depend on the availability of funds; grantee performance relative to the requirements and expectations set forth by the funding strategy; compliance with DCYF's contractual, reporting and evaluation requirements and other expectations detailed in the grant agreement and award letter. In addition, DCYF shall, at its sole discretion, have the option to renew the grant agreement. The final terms and conditions of the grant shall be subject to negotiation." It is intended that the pilot program will last two years.
Given the amount of time it typically takes to recruit, assess, train, and approve new resource families, does the County expect that all requested foster homes be ready at the contract start date? Or may the provider ramp up to full services over the first several months?	While there is an immediate need that we hope to meet quickly DCYF and JPD are aware that it will take time to recruit and train appropriate resource family homes for this grant. This needed time will be taken into account during the development of the workplan and grant agreement that result from this RFP.
May bidders submit additional attachments (such as letters of support, memoranda of understanding, etc.)?	No, DCYF will only accept the items requested by our online RFP system for this process. In regards to memoranda of understanding or similar documents, it will be expected that successful applicant(s) will have MOUs in place for any subcontracting partners attached to the grant. MOU's for these partners will be submitted during the workplan development process after award decisions are made.
What is the # of youth currently ordered to out of home placement each month and/or yearly?	On average, during the past 8 months, two youth per month have been ordered to out of home placement. However, youth previously ordered to out of home placement, who have been subsequently detained in juvenile hall, will also be part of the target population.
Does the character count account for spaces or no spaces?	Yes, the character counts listed for RFP questions does include spaces.