

Responses to Questions for RFP 1134  
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<b>Q1</b>	<b>Please explain Grants Gateway access for RFP 1134 and the anticipated transition of grants to SFS Grants Management in January.</b>
A1	All grant opportunities that are currently active in the Grants Gateway, including RFP 1134, will continue to be available in the Grants Gateway until their due date. Currently active grant opportunities will not be switched to SFS, and you will not be required to log in to SFS to work on them. Please refer to the transition to SFS guidance found here: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/transition-SFS">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/transition-SFS</a>
<b>Q2</b>	<b>Hi, how many applicants will be selected for the rewards? Is there a minimum of the award amount?</b>
A2	A minimum of two awards will be made. There is no minimum amount to request.
<b>Q3</b>	<b>Can you please clarify - applications may include programs to address either child abuse and neglect OR domestic violence and do not have address both? We can address both issues, but it's not required?</b>
A3	Applicants may propose to address only child abuse and neglect, only domestic violence, or address both. Applicants are not required to address both issues.
<b>Q4</b>	<b>How does OCFS define "tertiary preventive services" on page 12?</b>
A4	Tertiary preventive services focus on families in which child abuse or maltreatment has already occurred and seek to reduce the negative consequences of it and to prevent recurrence.
<b>Q5</b>	<b>Can you provide clarification of what you mean by "tertiary prevention?" That is, what types of projects are NOT appropriate.</b>
A5	See A4 above, As noted on page 12 of the RFP, applicants may not use this funding to provide tertiary preventive services.
<b>Q6</b>	<b>If we are already being funded through another OCFS program (Family Opportunity Center), can we use these funds to expand that existing program or would we be ineligible to apply due to the other existing contract?</b>
A6	There is no prohibition on using these funds to expand an existing program currently funded by OCFS. Applicants who have an existing contract(s) with OCFS can apply for funding under this RFP.
<b>Q7</b>	<b>Do you have to focus on all three of the outcomes, or can it be only one?</b>
A7	The type of program proposed will determine which outcomes must be include in the application. If an applicant proposes to address child abuse and neglect, the outcomes that address family engagement, family retention, assessing family strengths, strengthening families by increasing their protective factors, and the parent leadership outcomes must be included. If an applicant proposes to address domestic violence/intergenerational violence if applicable, the outcomes that address increasing knowledge of prevention of intimate partner violence, increasing knowledge of family violence prevention, and the parent leadership outcomes must be included. If an applicant proposes to address both child abuse and maltreatment and domestic violence/intergenerational violence, then all outcomes must be included.
<b>Q8</b>	<b>Is this application being submitted in Grants Gateway, even though the state has communicated that the Gateway is being "retired" on January 10th?</b>
A8	Yes, see A1. Applications for this RFP must be submitted in the NYS Grants Gateway. This is because the opportunity was published in the Grants Gateway prior to the retirement date.

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<b>Q9</b>	<b>Page 47 states that multiple awards are expected, but the cover narrative page states that 2 (two) awards will be given, the math also seems to suggest 2 awards. Can you please clarify?</b>
A9	A minimum of two awards are tentatively planned to be made for this program. As noted on page 12, OCFS anticipates awarding contracts that will total approximately \$714,886 annually, and the maximum individual award amount is \$357,443. Depending on the funding amounts of awarded contracts, more than two awards may be made.
<b>Q10</b>	<b>Curious to know why only two awards will be made and why the max award is significantly higher than currently funded child abuse prevention programs funded by Hoyt TF?</b>
A10	OCFS made the decision to increase the maximum award amount to fund projects more fully. Several factors were considered including number of years since the maximum award under the Trust Fund was increased; the correlation between higher staff wages/salary and staff retention; feedback from existing contractors about increased operating costs; and challenges when organizations must seek and manage multiple grants to supplement OCFS' funding for a program.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>The RFP states that a total of \$714,886 has been allocated for this funding opportunity. The maximum grant is \$357,443. Does this mean OCFS will possibly fund only two grants statewide?</b>
A11	Yes, see also A2 and A9.
<b>Q12</b>	<b>What is the liability insurance requirement?</b>
A12	There is no liability insurance requirement for this funding source.
<b>Q13</b>	<b>Please let us know who is disqualified from submitting proposals - tertiary issues - this is not clear.</b>
A13	Please see A4 and A5.
<b>Q14</b>	<b>Will the maximum be \$357k/yr for each of the five years?</b>
A14	Yes.
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Will the award amount be per year or for the entire 5 years. So potentially \$357K spread over 5 years?</b>
A15	\$357,000 is the maximum annual amount per award. Each award would be a maximum total amount of up to \$1,785,000 over five years.
<b>Q16</b>	<b>We currently are funded with the Hoyt Grant. Is this funding the same or a different grant?</b>
A16	This RFP will provide awards using funding from the New York State William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund. There are current contracts using funding from the Trust Fund. Current contractors can refer to their award and contract documentation to determine if that is the source of their funds.
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Given that only 2 awards will be made, statewide, are there priority regions that have been identified?</b>
A17	No, awards will be made based upon the highest scoring proposals

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<b>Q18</b>	<b>Will the slides from the bidder's conference be made available?</b>
A18	Yes, they have been posted and will be available for download from the OCFS Public Website, NYS Contract Reporter, and NYS Grants Gateway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/">https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.nyscr.ny.gov">www.nyscr.ny.gov</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/">https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Q19</b>	<b>On page 12, we are confused by the highlighted portion of this point: "Applicants may not use this funding source to provide child protective services, foster care services, or mandated or non-mandated tertiary preventive services (or any other services otherwise available through the LDSS)." Can this grant support programming for families previously in a Preventive Services program?</b>
A19	Programming for families that were previously in mandated prevention services are eligible for funding under this RFP if participation in services is voluntary and funds would not supplant other local or state funds. Non-mandated tertiary preventive services that focus on families in which child abuse or maltreatment has already occurred and seek to reduce the negative consequences of it and to prevent recurrence or other services that are presently available/funded through the LDSS are not eligible for funding under this RFP as it would be considered supplantation of local funds. See page 12 of RFP.
<b>Q20</b>	<b>The RFP states that agencies can apply to extend an existing program—our agency is funded for an FRC through 7/31/25 so we can apply under this RFP to extend our program to 7/31/29, is that correct?</b>
A20	Yes.
<b>Q21</b>	<b>When we do the budget are we only submitting a budget for 8/1/25-7/31/29 or can we submit for additional funding under the last year of our existing contract 8/1/24-7/31/25?</b>
A21	No, applicants are required to submit a budget for 1 year (8/1/24-7/31/25) as noted in RFP Section 5.2 Proposed Budget for the proposed project or expansion.
<b>Q22</b>	<b>On page 12 of the RFP, it states "Applicants may not use this funding source to provide ..... mandated or non-mandated tertiary preventive services (or any other services otherwise available through the LDSS)." Our agency provides parenting education services funded by a variety of sources as a primary service. Parents involved in child abuse/neglect cases are often mandated to attend these workshops. Would these services be eligible for support under the Children &amp; Family Trust Fund?</b>
A22	No because in this instance those services are mandated tertiary preventive services which are not eligible for funding under this RFP.

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Q23	<p><b>3.1 Minimum Qualifications</b></p> <p><b>2) Attachment 1 - The LDSS Commitment Form must be completed and signed by each LDSS representative from the county(ies) served by the applicant and submitted with the proposal (preferred) or submitted within 21 days of the date on the award letter if selected for Award.</b></p> <p><b>3) Applicants must submit one or more Attachment 2 - Community Partners Affirmation of Support Form(s) from local community partners, including domestic violence support services and substance abuse treatment providers they are proposing to partner with The form(s) should be submitted with the proposal (preferred) or submitted within 21 days of the date on the award letter if selected for award.</b></p> <p><b>4) Be prequalified, if not exempt, on the application deadline (preferred) OR be prequalified within 30 days of the award letter date if selected for funding.</b></p> <p><b>If attachments 1 &amp; 2 and prequalification are not submitted with the application, will that impact the evaluation scores or the reward selection?</b></p>
A23	<p>No, if the Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 are submitted within 21 days of the date on the award letter as described in RFP Section 3.1, it will not have a negative impact on scoring or awards. Additionally, RFP Section 3.1 also states prequalification may be completed within 30 days of the award letter if selected for funding. While applicants are encouraged to provide Attachment 1 and 2 with their applications, and to be prequalified at the time of the application submission deadline, this is not required to be awarded. However, if this documentation is not provided within the time windows specified, then the applicant may be disqualified from consideration and the award would be rescinded.</p>
Q24	<p><b>5.2 Proposed Budget, A. Personal Services, 1. Personal Services – Personnel, Personal Services (Salaries): Applicants are encouraged to ensure employees are fairly compensated with a salary comparable to a living wage. Please refer to the NYS Department of Labor’s “Occupational Wages” guidance for Community and Social Service Occupations at <a href="https://dol.ny.gov/occupational-wages-0">https://dol.ny.gov/occupational-wages-0</a> and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics at <a href="https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/social-and-community-service-managers.htm">https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/social-and-community-service-managers.htm</a> and <a href="https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm">https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Parent educators are contracted as public school teachers in some states which is considered motivative to the field development. Can we use NYC public school teacher salary schedules for parent educators? <a href="https://www.schools.nyc.gov/careers/working-at-the-doe/benefits-and-pay">https://www.schools.nyc.gov/careers/working-at-the-doe/benefits-and-pay</a></b></p>
A24	<p>Applicants may use whatever salary schedules they deem appropriate for proposed positions under this RFP.</p>
Q25	<p><b>If our program provides child care for parents during their participation in in-person parenting classes, is the cost counted as direct cost?</b></p>
A25	<p>For the purposes of this RFP, child care expenses are considered direct programmatic costs.</p>
Q26	<p><b>Can we provide financial assistance for transportation for families participating in the program for in-person classes?</b></p>
A26	<p>Yes.</p>

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<b>Q27</b>	<b>Is the expense for ongoing professional development training for parent educators counted as direct cost or administrative cost?</b>
A27	Professional development expenses are considered a programmatic expense and would be a direct cost rather than an administrative cost.
<b>Q28</b>	<b>Regarding Section 2.3, paragraph 2 “Funding Available” on page 12 of the RFP: Will proposals that request the maximum amount of funding and are solely focused on either child abuse or domestic violence prevention be disadvantaged in any way, so that we should instead propose both child abuse and domestic violence programs to increase our chances of receiving the maximum amount of funding?</b>
A28	Applicants may propose to address only child abuse and neglect, only domestic violence, or address both. Applicants are not required to address both issues. There is no advantage or disadvantage to selecting either or both prevention activities if the applicant is proposing a quality program. Awards are anticipated to be made based on the overall score of the proposals.
<b>Q29</b>	<b>Regarding Section 3.1: “Minimum Qualifications” on page 13 of the RFP: Our organization received funding under RFP #2018-03 issued by NYS OCFS Division of Child Welfare and Community Services on January 31, 2019. Is this current RFP considered an opportunity to apply for renewal funding for that project?</b>
A29	Currently funded programs are eligible to respond to this RFP to continue services that meet the requirements of this RFP for a new 5-year contract term. There is no prohibition on using these funds to expand or continue an existing program currently funded by OCFS. Applicants who have an existing contract(s) with OCFS can apply for funding under this RFP.
<b>Q30</b>	<b>What does it mean for [current] contractors who received the amendment in 2023? Would the contract start after the amendment or supersede it?</b>
A30	Contracts under this RFP will be new contracts and not replace any existing contract nor amendment. As noted in RFP Section 2.4, the anticipated term of contracts under this RFP is 8/1/24 – 7/31/29.
<b>Q31</b>	<b>Section 2.1 Introduction/Description of Program Objectives and Background Paragraph 1 How are primary and secondary prevention being defined?</b>
A31	Primary prevention services are focused on strengthening family functioning to ensure that family violence never takes place or is less likely to occur. Primary prevention services are provided to the general public without regard to risk factors for child abuse and neglect. Secondary prevention services are focused on addressing the early signs of family violence or risk of family violence through treatment of presenting problems to prevent further problems from developing. Secondary prevention services are provided to parents/families with one or more factors that put them at risk of child abuse and neglect. Primary and secondary prevention services are voluntary.



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Q32	<p><b>Paragraph 2 The Trust Fund-supported programs emphasize the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>prevention efforts focused on individuals and families as risk of family violence</b></li> </ul> <p><b>How is “at-risk” defined? Is there an instrument that will need to be used for eligibility?</b></p>
A32	<p>For the purposes of this RFP, at-risk is defined as family circumstances/factors that increase the chances that child abuse and neglect and/or family violence may occur. Applicants should include how the program will operationalize risk factors including any assessment tools/instruments that will be used to assess risk and eligibility for program services.</p>
Q33	<p><b>Section 2.2 OCFS Statewide Considerations, Paragraph 5 Disconnected/High-Need Youth</b></p> <p><b>It seems that this population would be unlikely to be served through this opportunity – is that a correct assumption?</b></p>
A33	<p>Applications that meet the requirements of this RFP with a proposed services population of Disconnected/High-Need Youth are eligible for funding. The RFP does not require that applicants serve that population.</p>
Q34	<p><b>Section 2.3 Purpose and Funding Availability, Paragraph 4: Through this solicitation, funds are available to start a new and/or extend an existing program.</b></p> <p><b>Can these funds extend an existing program funded through OCFS as long as the funds do not supplant the current program funds? More specifically could these funds be used to add services to an existing Family Opportunity Center or do they need to be used for a separate program?</b></p>
A34	<p>Currently funded programs are eligible to respond to this RFP to continue services that meet the requirements of this RFP for a new 5-year contract term. There is no prohibition on using these funds to expand or continue an existing program currently funded by OCFS or other public agency. Applicants who have an existing contract(s) with OCFS may apply for funding under this RFP.</p>
Q35	<p><b>Section 2.3 Purpose and Funding Availability</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 9 – the bullets note that 50% of the funds will be used to support child abuse prevention and/or family resources and support programs; and 50% to support domestic violence prevention and services.</b></p> <p><b>Q: Given the above and considering the information from the bidders conference that there will only be 2 Awards in the state, then it seems that applicants would have to provide both child abuse and domestic violence prevention services. Although in the RFP it states applicants do not need to provide both. Can you please provide clarification on this.</b></p>
A35	<p>For the purposes of this RFP, domestic violence includes different types of family violence including intimate partner violence, intergenerational violence, etc. A minimum of two awards will be made with 50% of total amount of funding used for child abuse prevention and 50% of the total amount of funding used for domestic violence prevention. Depending on the grant amount being requested, multiple awards may be made for each program type. See also Question and Answer 28.</p>

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<b>Q36</b>	<b>Section 2.3 Purpose and Funding Availability</b> <b>Paragraph 9 – the bullets note that 50% of the funds will be used to support child abuse prevention and/or family resources and support programs; and 50% to support domestic violence prevention and services.</b> <b>If an applicant agency is providing domestic violence services do they need to be a Domestic Violence Certified agency?</b>
A36	No.
<b>Q37</b>	<b>Section 2.3 Purpose and Funding Availability, Paragraph 11 A local match is not required.</b> <b>Can an application be competitive without a local match and/or agency investment?</b>
A37	Yes.
<b>Q38</b>	<b>Section 3.1 Minimum Qualifications</b> <b>Paragraph 3 Community Partners...</b> <b>Does the partner agency providing domestic violence services need to be a Domestic Violence Certified agency?</b>
A38	No.
<b>Q39</b>	<b>Section 4.1 Desired Outcomes and Program Requirements</b> <b>Paragraph 5 regarding Certification in Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support</b> <b>Should the cost of program staff becoming certified be included in the budget or does OCFS have a contract with NFSN that would cover this cost?</b>
A39	Programs should not include any cost for the certification training on the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support as the training will be provided through Prevent Child Abuse New York.
<b>Q40</b>	<b>Section 5.1 Technical Proposal/Work Plan Guidelines for Each Section</b> <b>Paragraph E. Staffing</b> <b>Are there any qualifications or guidelines that should be followed for staffing?</b>
A40	Qualifications/Guidelines for staff training should be consistent with the services being provided and meet the requirements of any models/curriculums that will be implemented.
<b>Q41</b>	<b>Could you provide clarification for what is meant by primary, secondary and tertiary preventive services. Does this mean that eligible families are those that are not involved in programming through an LDSS and in the Connections system?</b>
A41	Please refer to A4, A5, and A31 for the definitions.
<b>Q42</b>	<b>Are there areas/regions or zip codes within the State that you want us to target in developing programming?</b>
A42	No.
<b>Q43</b>	<b>When and where will you post/provide the power point of the Bidder's Conference?</b>
A43	See A18.
<b>Q44</b>	<b>According to the RFP, responses to written questions will be posted on/about 1/22.</b> <b>When will you provide the answers to the questions submitted during the conference?</b>
A44	The Q&A document includes answers to questions submitted during the conference.
<b>Q45</b>	<b>Is there a requirement for how many families must be served per year? (not stated in RFP)</b>
A45	No, However, as noted in 5.1 B Service Populations, applicants are asked to discuss the number of persons to be served

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<b>Q46</b>	<b>Is there a required length of service? (not stated in RFP)</b>
A46	No.
<b>Q47</b>	<b>In the Workplan Section, No. G2: if we do not have a match, what is the maximum number of points we can get?</b>
A47	The number of points an applicant receives will be based on the overall response to this item. There is no set deduction for applicants who do not have a local share / match.
<b>Q48</b>	<b>Is this cost reimbursement? (not stated in the RFP)</b>
A48	Yes, as evidenced by this procurement's use of an expenditure-based budget. If awarded funding, the contractor will submit claims quarterly to be reimbursed for allowable expenses incurred in the previous three month period.
<b>Q49</b>	<b>Section 2.4: Term of Contract: Is the funding for one year only, or for five years?</b>
A49	Funding is for five years with the exception as noted in Attachment A1-B Program Specific Terms and Conditions under the ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements for All Vendors section; Programs found to be ineffective in preventing family violence or to not be providing a necessary service to victims of family violence will not be eligible for contract renewal beyond the fourth year of the contract and will be notified by OCFS in accordance with the provisions of this RFP, the State Finance Law, and the contract. Additionally, funding is contingent on the continued availability of funding.
<b>Q50</b>	<b>Sections of RFP:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.2 Proposed Budget, Local Match (page 26) and</li> <li>• 5.3 Key Concepts, Local Share (page 35)</li> </ul> <b>Does OCFS have clear parameters of what would be accepted as "in-kind" services? For example, can an entity use in-kind services funded through a grant from another source for this opportunity (RFP #1134)?</b>
A50	Yes, in-kind services funded through local or foundation grants would fall under local share/match, as would any unrestricted funds an applicant uses to support the project. Additionally, volunteers that work on the project may be considered in-kind as well.
<b>Q51</b>	<b>Are there restrictions about what "another source" can be in this example?</b>
A51	Yes, other state grants, including awards from OCFS, and federal grants cannot be used as local share/match.
<b>Q52</b>	<b>Attachment A1-B outlines that costs related to food for staff at meetings or training programs is not allowable. Our project will include therapeutic group counseling sessions and we would like to offer snacks for program participants. Is food an allowable costs for participant meetings?</b>
A52	Yes.
<b>Q53</b>	<b>Page 12 says that 50% of funds will support child abuse prevention and/or family resources and support programs, and 50% will support domestic violence prevention and services. However, it seems that you are making only two awards. Does that mean that one award will go for child abuse prevention/family resources and one award will go for domestic violence prevention? Or will each grantee have to do both child abuse prevention/family resources and domestic violence prevention?</b>
A53	Please refer to A35.



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<b>Q54</b>	<b>Where are the families served supposed to come from? For the purpose of preventing the recurrence of abuse/maltreatment, the families are probably already child welfare-involved. But for the purpose of preventing abuse/maltreatment or serving families at risk of or experiencing child abuse and other forms of family violence, the families may not yet be in the system. So, where do you picture the families coming from?</b>
A54	As noted in Section 2.1 of the RFP, OCFS is seeking programs that reflect collaboration with other Community Based Organizations, families, LDSS, and other service providers. These collaborations should include referrals for families that would benefit from the proposed services.
<b>Q55</b>	<b>Is a SAC program allowed to participate or only the not - profit organizations?</b>
A55	Entities eligible to apply for funding under this RFP are defined in Section 3.1 Minimum Qualifications.
<b>Q56</b>	<b>What are the liability insurance requirements for this proposal? We have 1 million dollars per incident and 3 million dollars in the aggregate and want to make sure that is adequate.</b>
A56	There are no liability insurance requirements for this funding source.
<b>Q57</b>	<b>Are current grantees of OCFS (CBCAP funds) eligible to apply for this grant?</b>
A57	Yes.
<b>Q58</b>	<b>Will Grants Gateway continue to be available after 1/10/24 for submission of this RFP? I understand from the GG website that after 1/10/24 we will have limited accessibility to Grants Gateway. How will this affect the submission of this proposal not due till 2/12/2024?</b>
A58	See A1. Funding opportunities that were published to the Grants Gateway prior to transition will have their applications completed and submitted in the Grants Gateway.
<b>Q59</b>	<b>Is the maximum request per applicant of \$354,443 – is this for the first year of funding or is this the maximum amount of an award over the five year period?</b>
A59	It is an annual funding amount.
<b>Q60</b>	<b>How will the transition from Grants Gateway to the Statewide Financial System affect the application submission process? I see the reference to changes to the pre-qualification process on page 14 of the RFP, but the rest of the RFP mentions uploading documents to Grants Gateway (pgs. 36-46). My understanding is that Grants Gateway will be shutting down in mid-January. Would you please confirm the process for submitting the application either through Grants Gateway or SFS? If it's SFS, will the application submission process be identical to the process outlined in the RFP for Grants Gateway?</b>
A60	See A1. Funding opportunities that were published to the Grants Gateway prior to transition will have their applications completed and submitted in the Grants Gateway.

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Q61	<b>I'm wondering if OCFS can clarify if there are preferred catchments or guidelines around minimum number served through this program? Would a focus on a specific neighborhood or neighborhood(s) in New York City be competitive under this RFP? Similarly, is OCFS looking to reach a certain number of individuals or families through this program? Any guidance on these points would be much appreciated.</b>
A61	There are no preferred catchments nor guidelines on the minimum numbers to be served. All Applicants that meet the purpose of the funding as outlined in Section 2.3 Purpose and Funding Availability of the RFP are eligible for funding. The proposed numbers to be served should be appropriate and realistically attainable taking into account the intensity, duration, and nature of services being provided.
Q62	<b>Our project design which is an extension of an existing project under this same funding consists of sub-contracts with local agencies that provide unique services in our community not provided by other vendors. What documentation will I need to submit to have MWBE requirements not apply? Also, the sub-contracts will be for over \$100,000 and there are no other agencies from which to get 3 bids – what documentation do I need to provide?</b>
A62	If subcontractors provide services that are not available through other providers, then the program would not be required to obtain 3 bids. An explanation on how the services being provided are unique and not available through another provider would suffice. MWBE requirements do not apply to this procurement, as it has a 0% goal.
Q63	<b>Please explain exactly what is needed in the objective, task, and performance measure section on pages 22-23 and in the work plan on pages 42-43 – specifically: a) In C1, the population we are looking to serve has multiple needs – should we just pick one or describe several? b) In C2, are you looking for us to describe the results we are working to achieve for each objective in 4.1 (these have an associated performance measure in attachment 5), the tasks that will be undertaken to meet these objectives, and measures to verify task attainment - is this just related to the need(s) identified in C1 or toward the entire program? c) In C3, you then ask for additional tasks related to engagement, retention, assessment, and protective factors - do these need to specifically relate to the need (s) we listed in C1 and this will likely duplicate some of what we describe in C2</b>
A63	a) For C1, You may choose to describe several needs of the population. It should be clear which specific need(s) the program will focus on and address. b) C2 narrative is related to results you are working to achieve. The results should address the need(s) identified in C1 as the focus of the proposed program. Programs minimally are required to use Attachment 5 for the Performance Measures but may choose to include other performance measures. c) C3 narrative should include how the program is going to: connect with individuals in the service population identified in C1 to engage them in services; retain participants in services, assess the service population's needs; and increase the protective factors of families being served.
Q64	<b>Will MWBE requirements be in place to purchase family concrete supports – these are generally bought locally to meet the specific need of each family?</b>
A64	The use of funds to meet family concrete needs is not subject to MWBE requirements.

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Q65	<b>It says the calendar of events (item 1.2) will say when a webinar is held. It references a bidders' conference tomorrow, 1/3/24 at 1:30 pm but does not reveal how to sign on.</b>
A65	Please refer to RFP Section 1.3 Bidder's Conference, which is on page 2 of the RFP directly underneath RFP Section 1.2 Calendar of Events. The slides have been published, see A18.
Q66	<b>Section 3.2 (Prequalification Process); Paragraph 1 ("Important Note") It says that "Beginning on 1/16/24 all prequalification documentation is expected to be submitted in Statewide Financial System (SFS) Grants Management."  If we are already Prequalified in Grants Gateway, do we still have to submit prequal documents in the SFS system before submitting this application? (At the bidders conference it was said that applications in response to this RFP will be completed in Grants Gateway, NOT SFS, because it was published in Grants Gateway.)</b>
A66	If you are already prequalified in the Grants Gateway, then you do not need to prequalify in SFS. Your prequalification status will carry over to SFS. Keep in mind there are expiration dates and when it comes time to submit updated documentation, you will need to submit your prequalification application in SFS at that time. If you are not prequalified in the Grants Gateway at the time of system transition, then it will be necessary to submit a prequalification in SFS Grants Management after the system comes online.
Q67	<b>My question is about whether a program already funded by OCFS NY can apply for funding to enhance its services and programming to serve/support a broader population and/or age range to meet the needs of this proposal.</b>
A67	Yes.
Q68	<b>a) If an agency currently has CBCAP funding through NYS OCFS, through July 2025, can they be a subcontractor with another agency on RFP#1134? b) If the answer is yes would that jeopardize ability to apply/receive other NYS OCFS funding during the 5 year contract for #1134?</b>
A68	a) Yes, they can be a subcontractor on RFP #1134. b) No, it would not jeopardize their ability to apply or receive other OCFS funding.