

Additional Questions & Answers posted on 10/19/2018:

<p>Q39</p>	<p>I am writing regarding the PPP Q & A recently released, specifically the response to Q. 38. The response states – “A NYC program should obtain a letter of support from the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS). ACS is the agency responsible for protecting and promoting the safety and well-being of children and families in NYC. This includes child welfare and juvenile justice services.”</p> <p>In responding to the RFP requirement for a letter of attestation from NYC DSS, we researched this and identified NYC DSS at the following website -- https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dss/index.page. This was also confirmed at the following webpage on the OCFS website – https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/localdss.asp . On this website, it indicates that both DSS and ACS represent the Department of Social Services for NYC. The NYCDSS agency does not oversee ACS – it is a separate agency.</p> <p><u>We have already submitted a request for a letter of attestation to the NYC DSS department.</u> Please note – that ACS has different guidelines regarding a request for a letter of support / attestation as well as a required two-week deadline for submission. That would be today – which is the same day as the release of the Q & A.</p> <p>Please advise as to whether the letter from NYCDSS will meet the required letter of attestation.</p>
<p>A39</p>	<p>To clarify the response to question 38 posted on 10/12/2018: For applicants residing in NYC, a letter of attestation from either the NYC Department of Social Services (DSS) <u>or</u> the NYS Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) is acceptable. Applicants proposing to serve areas outside of NYC may provide a letter of attestation from either the Public Assistance <u>or</u> the Child Welfare Agency located within each county proposed to be served.</p>
<p>Q40</p>	<p>I am writing regarding the PPP Amended RFP released today, specifically the amended text on page on page 14. The amended text states the following: “At the time of submission, each application must provide documentation of the existence of the requisite private funds cash contribution from a private funding source for the period of March 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019. Future funds cannot be counted; only funds which are currently available.”</p> <p>I am raising concern with this change as it is extremely unlikely that any program would have a commitment of current funding as far as November 30, 2019. In our experience, private funders typically commit funds on an annual basis with renewals made annually. Because the RFP indicates that we can only indicate funds currently available, we would be unable to show funds that fully reflect the period of March – November 2019.</p> <p>While we have secured the required 35% match – we are unable to document the commitment beyond the current and active investments. Most of these commitments have contract periods ending in August and September 2019.</p>

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A40	<p>To clarify the response to question 19 and amended language in RFP section 2.3 posted on 10/12/2018: the documentation of funding commitment must document the 35% requisite private funds contribution will be available to be spent within the first contract period (March 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019). If the funding commitment does not cover the entirety of the first contract period, applicants must commit to spending the full required amount of private funds for that contract period while they are available, within the first contract period, prior to the expiration of the funding commitment.</p>
Q41	<p>To date in our planning, we have been operating under the assumption that the amount of OCFS funds for the total project, of 4 years 9 months, was \$500,000. This is based on our reading of section 2.3 in the RFP, where it states, “The initial maximum state award amount for this program is \$500,000 for any one proposal,” and similar wording in other sections.</p> <p>However, in the answers to two questions in the recently-released Q&A for this RFP – Q16 and Q26 – it is explained that \$500,000 represents the maximum award of state funds for an *annual* award.</p> <p>Obviously, this is great news – our initial program plans were grandiose, to meet realistic needs, and if there is that much more in funds available, we can implement our originally-discussed design. (In our design and partner commitments, we have ample eligible matching funds available, either way.) But the difference is so great, between these two interpretations, that we really must request positive clarification.</p> <p>IS the annual maximum award of OCFS funds \$500,000 – meaning a total 4.75-year cap, for any one agency, totaling \$2.375 million in OCFS funds plus the required match?</p>
A41	<p>Yes. Per responses to questions 16 and 26 posted on 10/12/2018, the maximum state funds awarded for contracts resulting from this RFP is \$500,000 per 12-month period. The required 35% private funds contribution will be in addition to whatever state funding is requested by the applicant. Please see RFP Section 2.3 Purpose and Funding Availability for additional information.</p>