

Behavioral Health and Therapeutic Courts (BHTC) and Liquor Tax Request for Proposals (RFP)

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where will the bidder’s conference for the Behavioral Health RFP be conducted? Perhaps online? Will the bidder’s conference be recorded and available at a later date? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The conference will be held via Zoom. The information for the bidder’s conference information can be found on Page 3 of the RFP, including the links and call-in numbers. Yes, the bidder’s conference will be recorded and made available on the RFP website.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Would a <u>new</u> District Court Mental Health Court be precluded from applying for funding under BHTC if some court positions (but not treatment positions) have been funded under the county budget? The response to the RFP would be for treatment positions only. Is an existing therapeutic court (Family Recovery Court), primarily funded under federal dollars, but receiving <u>some</u> county dollars precluded from applying for funding under BHTC? Should a Family Recovery Court treatment program apply as a therapeutic court or as an outpatient and community-based service? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations may apply for programs providing treatment to individuals participating in therapeutic court. However, any services must not be already covered by other funders (e.g. Medicaid). Organizations may apply for programs providing treatment to individuals participating in therapeutic court. However, any services must not be already covered by other funders (e.g. Medicaid). Applications should indicate the specific services the program wishes to provide. When listing which priority area the program addresses, check all that apply.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Would a PLLC (Professional Limited Liability Company) that employs individuals licensed by the WA State Department of Health to provide only specified services within their scope of practice be eligible for this funding? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, as long as the organization’s employees are providing services within the scope of their licensure. Also remember that any services funded by the BH Tax must not also be covered by another funding source (e.g. Medicaid, private pay, etc.) for that individual. Addendum 1 shall be issued to clarify changes to Applicant Eligibility.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is this grant funding specifically for behavioral health and substance use treatment facilities? Can other organizations who do behavioral health and substance use prevention work apply for this funding? Do all organizations applying for this funding required to be licensed, as well as staff being required to hold a mental health counselor license? Follow-up question: The behavioral health improvement plan within the RFP is the section titled purpose and scope? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is not specifically tied to a facility for services. An organization may provide BH treatment services, but any individual delivering services must be licensed by the Department of Health accordingly. Yes, but services proposed must be in line with the goals detailed in the Behavioral Health Improvement Plan as outlined in the RFP. The organization is not required to be licensed as a Behavioral Health Agency per DOH licensing, but any individual delivering the services on behalf of the organization MUST be licensed accordingly, whether mental health or substance use treatment. If applying for a specific service, like an

	<p>evidence-based practice (i.e., Multisystemic Therapy, Wraparound Intense Services, etc.), the licensed treatment provider must also be trained in and/or credentialed for the specialty service.</p> <p>4. Yes. The complete BHIP can be downloaded from this site: Behavioral Health Advisory Board Pierce County, WA - Official Website (piercecountywawa.gov)</p>
<p>1. Are all organizations who apply required to have a license from the DOH for treatment? My organization is interested in funds for Community Education/Early Intervention/Screening, not for treatment.</p>	<p>1. You will need to review the RFP thoroughly to determine if the services you are proposing fall in line with the goals of the Behavioral Health Improvement Plan (BHIP). With that said, if the services you are proposing meet one of the outlined goals, your agency is not required to hold a BHA license from DOH, but the individuals within the agency providing services must be licensed – mental health services and substance use disorder services must be provided by licensed individuals.</p>
<p>1. Could the County please clarify the maximum contract funding amount per bidder?</p>	<p>1. There is no pre-determined amount per contract – awarded funding will be based on the priority of the proposed service per the goals of the BHIP.</p>
<p>1. Do the table of contents and organizational chart count towards the 20 page limit?</p> <p>2. Can proposers include other optional attachments in addition to the suggested attachments listed on page 14 of the RFP?</p> <p>3. If proposers are submitting multiple proposals, should they be submitted separately or in the same email?</p> <p>4. Can proposers propose what fee structure the program will utilize?</p> <p>5. For existing programs, can the proposer suggest an alternative fee structure than the program is currently utilizing?</p> <p>6. In the budget worksheet, what types of staff are included within the “professional staff” category? Is this only staff that will provide direct services to clients, or can it also include other staff such as a supervisor or director?</p> <p>7. The RFP and budget worksheet note that funders should provide tiered funding information should the full proposed funding not be available. However, it is noted that “If the Bidder fails to provide Priority 2 and/or Priority 3, the committee will assume the Bidder does not want any funding if the priority cannot be fulfilled.” If a provider does not provide Priority 2 and/or Priority 3 due to challenges to feasibly running the proposed program at a smaller size, will this be accepted by the County? Would this negatively impact the evaluation of a proposal if the tiered funding information is not included?</p> <p>8. Can additional lines be added to the provider budget template, for example if there are multiple “other” expenses within a budget category?</p>	<p>1. No.</p> <p>2. Yes, but any additional attachments would count towards the 20 page limit.</p> <p>3. Please only submit one proposal per email.</p> <p>4. Yes, but any final decisions around fee structure will be determined during the negotiation process if the bidder is awarded a grant.</p> <p>5. Yes, see #4 above.</p> <p>6. It should include any staff that are included in the operation of the program. For example, supervisors should be listed if they are doing supervision of those providing services.</p> <p>7. No, the applicant would not be scored lower for not offering this information. It does mean there would only be the opportunity for full funding or no funding.</p> <p>8. Yes.</p> <p>9. You can leave it blank.</p>

<p>9. The budget worksheet includes a subcontractor budget tab that is labeled “As Applicable.” If subcontractors are not applicable for a proposed program, should this be submitted blank, or should it be left out of the submitted budget worksheet?</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are working on becoming an FCS provider. Would start-up costs for training/establishing program be eligible for this grant? Future client services would have another funding source, so it would not duplicate funding, but actual # served would be minimal due to the nature of the program. Would we count # served in terms of providers? 2. Do we need to define which agencies would be subcontractors at the time of application or can this be finalized during contracting/prior to beginning services? 3. Are transportation services allowable under the BH Tax? 4. Could BH Tax funding be used to pay for treatment supports, life skills, cooking classes, employment services, the cost of obtaining IDs, staff conferences, or staff training? 5. Could BH Tax funding be used to pay for incentives? 6. Are gas/grocery cards, client phone costs, or client clothing costs allowable under the BH Tax? 7. Are costs related to housing allowable under the BH Tax? 8. Are capital costs allowed under this RFP? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start-up costs would be eligible for the grant if they were focused on behavioral health services, treatment, or supports for individuals with a behavioral health disorder. Outputs would be related to the number of individuals served, clinicians trained, trainings completed, etc. The proposal would need to specify how the start-up funding addressed a behavioral health gap and how any metrics related to the project could be measured over time. It will be important for applicants to describe how the requested services are not covered by other funding sources. 2. Yes. All subcontracts must be submitted to Pierce County once fully executed. In addition, the Contractor will be responsible for fiscal and programmatic monitoring annually of the subcontractor and monitoring results must also be submitted to Peirce County. 3. Yes—if they are related to supporting the individual in accessing/maintaining behavioral health treatment, recovery support services, etc. 4. These would be eligible if they were part of an overall BH treatment program. It will be important for applicants to describe how the requested services are not covered by other funding sources. Also, explain how the proposed benefit will assist individuals in access to BH care or otherwise result in improved BH outcomes. 5. No. 6. The county may have limited ability to fund these services under this grant but encourage applicants to propose their ideas as part of the proposal. Final decisions around specific costs will be determined during the contract negotiation process. Any benefits allowed need to be part of an overall BH treatment program. It will be important for applicants to describe how the requested services are not covered by other funding sources. Also, explain how the proposed benefit will assist individuals in access to BH care or otherwise result in improved BH outcomes. 7. Housing support services are allowed under the RFP including <u>limited</u> rent subsidies or other supports. As with other cases, applicants must justify how the requested services are not covered by other funding sources (e.g. housing funds). Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the costs are related to BH and explain how the proposed benefit

	will assist individuals in access to BH care or otherwise result in improved BH outcomes. 8. No.
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