

RFP # CFCFY22-02
December 21, 2021
Bidders' Conference Questions

The written responses below may represent amendments to the statements made at the time of the bidder's conference. Please review the responses below and to the RFP document for guidance on responding the RFP.

Q1: Can an agency submit multiple proposals?

A: A lead agency can only submit one proposal. However, agencies may be represented in multiple proposals so long as they are not the lead in each proposal. Please refer to page 7 of the RFP for additional guidance regarding this question.

Q2: I'm confused about the purpose of this RFQ. In concrete terms, would you please provide a high level overview of its purpose and what First 5 is hoping to achieve?

A: Please reference the title and information in the RFP. The purpose of the RFP is to connect families in the clinic and ECE settings to FRC services and to connect FRC families to services at the cross sector partner agency/agencies. We want to stitch together silos in the human services landscape and especially in the ECE and clinical settings.

Through investing in the planning/piloting activities of this RFP, First 5 is promoting the further development of FRCs as a institutionalized platform of service for San Francisco families. Cross sector focus on Preschool and clinical settings -with their focus on young children – set a priority for establishing cross sector infrastructure for an early childhood system of care.

Q3: The RFQ mentions that a template with the narrative questions will be posted on the website. When will it be up?

A: Thank you for pointing out this. It is up now.

Q4: Does the partnering agency need to be in the FRC network or part of F5?

A: No. The agency partners involved in their cross sector work do not need to be funded by First 5 or OECE. Proposals should state a rationale for the partners they involve in the proposal activities.

Q5: Can these funds be used to support education needs at all levels and all ages? Is there a minimum/maximum age limit?

A: The main target age group for this grant is children 0-5 years and school age children. Responses for serving ages outside the 0-5 age range and in sectors beyond ECE and clinical settings need to describe the rationale for this approach.

Q6: Is the idea to expand FRC services to childcare and health care settings only or can we explore offering health care/education at FRCs?

A: We are unable to answer this question as we do not want to lead answers or the direction of responses. Please review the RFP document and respond with your best proposal.

Q7: Will there be additional funding opportunities to continue successful pilots past June 2023?

A: At this time, we are unable to confirm availability or timing of additional funding opportunities to continue the specific pilots implemented with the funds from this RFP. In general, future funding is likely to be available for cross sector work between FRCs and other systems of care that are identified in the RFP. First 5 is encouraging the activities of the RFP with interest to expand access to family support activities across service sectors. .. The business plan which the successful applicant(s) will develop at the end should have a sustainability component derived from this planning stage.

Q8: Do the childcare centers need to be licensed?

A: We are unable to answer this question as we do not want to lead answers or the direction of responses. Please review the RFP document and respond with your best proposal. Please be sure to provide a rationale for the inclusion of the partners you target to be a part of your proposal's activities.

Q9: Should the business plan be particular to the FRC and its project, or is First 5 looking for a more general FRC field-building type of document?

A: The business plan should be particular to your organization. The successful applicant(s) will work with First 5 SF in developing the final product.

Q10: Are there agencies who are currently providing cross-platform services and can you provide names?

A: Yes, there are. You may want to check in with your fellow FRC colleagues to learn about them. We are unable to answer this question as we do not want to lead answers or the direction of responses. Please review the RFP document and respond with your best proposal.

Q11: Can you give examples of activities which could be done as part of this RFP?

A: We are unable to answer this question as we do not want to lead answers or the direction of responses. Please review the RFP document and respond with your best proposal.

Q12: Is this RFP open to any agency receiving FRC funds or only lead agencies?

A: The RFP is only open to lead FRC agencies. Non-lead agencies may participate as partners.