RFP Questions & Answers from Bidders Conferences on October 22 and 27, 2020

1. **Looking at the fact that the date for this grant to begin is March 1st. Can you give us some guidance of what to do in the situation where your program might have a school component?** If we are unclear on how schools are going to be operating in March how can we address this issue in our grant?
   The Allocation Committee understands we are in the middle of very unsettled time and our goal is to work with you through these challenges. In this situation, we suggest that you address the issue in your proposal and briefly describe how you might handle the process given that the children may or may not be back in school come March in a normal way.

2. **The suicide rates amount teens and pre-teens has reached a drastic level. [Our organization] has already developed a curriculum for high school level students. Would the grant consider funding a proposal that looked to build a new curriculum that would add a K-5 component? Would the grant consider funding this type of project?**
   Yes, it sounds as if this type of project would meet many of the criteria outlined in the RFP. The grant is looking for new and innovative ways to do things especially for diverse and at-risk populations.

3. **Will we have access to the presentation after the meeting?**
   Yes, we will post the presentation on the MWHC website after the meeting.

4. **Should the application include a vision/plan for all 4 years, or should it only be focused on activities for the 1st year?**
   The Allocation Committee is asking applications to focus on the first year of the grant. However, it would be helpful if you gave the committee small/brief statement including a little look forward so we can see your vision for the next four years.

5. **Our district is currently working with remote learning. Our agency would like to apply for some in-person services. If the district does not go to hybrid as of March 1st, how can we revise the grant? Should we give two options in the RFP? One for in-person services and one for remote?**
   As in question 1, we realize it is a difficult time to write this type of proposal. The best thing to do would be to tell us how you would do it assuming hybrid learning. In addition, please give the committee a little idea of how the in-person services might look if we are still in the remote learning model.

6. **Can/Should we include letter of collaboration?**
   Formal letters of collaboration are not required. However, we always suggest that if you have a collaboration agreement with another agency. It is helpful to have a record on file of such any such agreements in the event you need it. If you feel strongly and want to submit a letter of support you are welcome to do so.
7. If we can span two of the project categories (i.e. opportunities 2&3) with a project can we submit that way? How would that work with the allocation?
   The Allocation Committee is looking for creative ways to deal with issues in all of the 3 categories outlined in the RFP. If you have a proposal that attempts to deal with two issues such as an at-risk population and one determent of health, yes we would obviously consider that proposal. The allocation of funds will be based on how you request the funds via the budget sheet. Tell us what you need and we will tell you what we can fund. We will make our allocation based on your request. We will be very flexible in reviewing all proposals and will be flexible in the funding.

8. This question relates to the first category. If we are a community agency that works with a number of schools in the area would our proposal need to be specific to our work in one particular school? Or can we outline a number of schools we work with if given the funds?
   You may focus on one particular school or multiple schools in your service area. We are going to be flexible. The Allocation Committee will evaluate the proposal based on how you write it.

9. If you are an agency that provides services in several communities is there something we could do with two categories of need such as grandparents raising grandchildren and other populations at risk?
   The evaluation committee is looking for innovative ways to meet the criteria of the RFP.

10. Is an organization allowed to be the lead applicant on one application, and a partner on another?
    The Allocation Committee will be accepting applications with the same organization applying as the lead on one application and as a partner on another. The committee will review and make a decision on the proposals in December and January.

11. [Our Organization] plans need submit a 4 page program description. Could we also submit a supplemental video to further illustrate how the program works?
    In order to give all applicants a fair and equal opportunity we are asking everyone to stick to the 2 page description limit if they submit a video describing the project.