

**Securing Reproductive Health Centers Program (SRHCP) RFP**  
**Questions and Answers - RFP REVISED SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS**  
**Friday, December 23, 2022 AT 12PM NOON.**

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**Question #1:** Our agency already submitted an application, but after reading these *Questions & Answers*, we would like to provide additional information and/or change some of our responses. Are we able to do so?

**Answer:** Once an applicant hits "Submit" in the Grants Management System (GMS), the application is locked and cannot be changed. However, submitted applications can be withdrawn, updated, and resubmitted at any time before the application due date by contacting DCJS at [dcjsfunding@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:dcjsfunding@dcjs.ny.gov) and asking to have the application unlocked. Please remember that applications must be resubmitted in advance of the new extended RFP Submission Deadline of Friday, December 23, 2022.

**Question #2:** We are a public Article 28 Diagnostic and Testing facility. We are also a Comprehensive Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program Provider (RFA #18606). In the RFP's Tier 1 requirements it states: "History Report from Grants Gateway showing a prequalification status of "Document Vault Prequalified" must be provided. We are not a Not for Profit. Our status reads: "Document Vault Available"

**Answer:** The *History Report from Grants Gateway* listed in Section V. under *Tier I Evaluation* on pages 8-9 of the RFP is only required from not-for-profit applicants.

**Question #3:** The RFP notes that applicants can submit more than three applications with justification. Can you clarify what type of justification would be required for these additional applications, and what details we would need to provide to be considered for funding?

**Answer:** As stated in Section II.A. of the RFP under *Funding and Award Guidelines* on Page 4, and Section V. *Tier I Evaluation* on pages 8-9 of the RFP, applicants applying for more than three (3) proposed projects at separate facilities may have to submit additional justification and documentation to DCJS upon request. DCJS will contact individual applicants if additional justification or documentation is required.

**Question #4:** I spoke with a Grants Management System (GMS) representative in September 2022 on the original due date of DCJS' Securing Reproductive Health Centers RFP. She let me know that the due date was pushed back until they release a new RFP but told me that I could still submit our projects in GMS, and DCJS would evaluate them at a later date. When I tried to submit the projects, they were rejected due to being submitted past the due date. My question is, since they are still in the system, will I be able to submit those same (5) projects that I previously entered for the old RFP once the new RFP is released? And when does DCJS expect the new RFP to be released?

**Answer:** Due to the changes in eligible applicants and additional questions in the re-released RFP, the status of all prior applications were changed to "No Award" in the Grants Management System. Any organization that previously initiated or submitted an application under the original

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RFP, must submit project proposals as new applications. The reissued RFP was released on October 13, 2022, and is now due to DCJS by Friday, December 23, 2022 at 12PM (Noon).

**Question #5:** One of our Article 28 certified hospitals that has an emergency department, women's health clinic, primary care clinic, and adolescent health clinic --- all where reproductive health care services are provided. Are we eligible to apply and request security hardening funding to protect all of these spaces? Or can we only request security hardening funding for clinics and not for our emergency department. Are both eligible since they are within a certified hospital?

**Answer:** Certified hospitals that include an emergency department, women's health clinic, primary care clinic and an adolescent health clinic – where reproductive health care services are provided are eligible to apply for funding. All sites within the certified hospital that provide reproductive health services are eligible to apply.

**Question #6:** Are internet protection services for medical providers and identity protection services for medical providers allowable costs for the SRHCP funding opportunity?

**Answer:** Internet and identity protection services are not permissible costs under this RFP.

**Question #7:** Are AAAASF (American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities) credentialed facilities eligible for this funding if they are not Article 28? We perform complex reproductive healthcare procedures at these locations.

**Answer:** To be eligible, applicants must be public (i.e., government), private, or not-for-profit entities; specifically:

- Comprehensive Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program Providers (i.e., New York State Department of Health (DOH) supported programs through RFA #18606 / Grants Gateway # DOH01-CFPP2-2021). See list of providers at [https://www.health.ny.gov/community/pregnancy/family\\_planning/program\\_sites.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/community/pregnancy/family_planning/program_sites.htm)
- Article 28 Certified Clinics that Provide Reproductive Health Care Services (e.g., family planning and medical/surgical abortion services); or
- A private practice entity licensed by New York State. Applicants who are private entity practitioners will be required to provide their NYS Physician's License Number as part of their application.

If the facility meets the criteria of the above and provides abortion and other reproductive health services that are therefore potentially at risk of crimes or attacks because of their mission, services, ideology, or beliefs, it is eligible to apply. All funding decisions will be based on the confirmation of applicant eligibility, the quality and score of each submission, the recommendations of the reviewers, and any specific criteria set forth in this solicitation.

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**Question #8:** We are a LLC, for-profit, Article 28 agency. Does being an Article 28 qualify us as being public?

**Answer:** Private Article 28 agencies are eligible to apply to this RFP. Article 28 is a New York State public health law which recognizes and regulates the accreditation of public health care facilities. In the state of New York, Article 28 is the part of state law that makes certain that public health care facilities are legitimate and properly operated.

As stated in Section II.B. of the RFP under *Applicant Eligibility Requirements* on pages 4-5 of the RFP, to be eligible to apply to this RFP, applicants must be public (i.e., government), private or not-for-profit entities; specifically:

- Comprehensive Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program Providers, i.e., New York State Department of Health (DOH) supported programs through RFA #18606 / Grants Gateway # DOH01-CFPP2-2021.
- Article 28 Certified Clinics that provide reproductive health care services, e.g., family planning and medical/surgical abortion services.
- Eligible applicants must be a public (government), private, or not-for-profit organization or agency at risk of a crime or attack due to mission, services, ideology, or beliefs as described by the applicant organization; **AND** meet all the following requirements:
  - Not-for-profit organizations must be registered, have recently applied for registration and such application remains pending, or be exempt from registering with the NYS Attorney General's Office, Charities Bureau; **AND**
  - Not-for-profit organizations must be prequalified through the New York State Grants Gateway at <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/get-prequalified> prior to proposals submission.
  - Not-for-profit applicants must have received a Recognition of Exempt Status Determination letter from the IRS pursuant to 26 USC §501(c)(3). Alternatively, the applicant may self-certify by providing a letter affirming that the organization qualifies as a §501(c)(3) organization and is exempt from tax pursuant to 26 USC §501(a). The organization must maintain tax exempt status throughout the life of the grant. If the organization's tax-exempt status is jeopardized or placed into question at any point during the life of the grant, the organization must notify DCJS within fifteen (15) days;

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- Not-for-profit applicants must be prequalified on the due date for this application submission. Be sure to maintain prequalification status between funding opportunities. Three of a not-for-profit's essential financial documents– the IRS990, Financial Statement, and Charities Bureau filing – expire on an annual basis.
- Public (government) and private entities must be registered in the state's Grants Gateway prior to the due date for this application submission. See Appendix: *Grants Gateway Pre-qualification Process*.
- Private entity applicants must attest to having filed applicable federal, state, and local tax returns and to having paid any applicable tax liabilities required by federal, state, and tax law for the past three (3) years.

**Question #9:** Is there a limit to the number of applications our organization can submit? We have 11 different facilities/locations, and we are wondering if we can submit an application for each.

**Answer:** As stated in Section II.A. of the RFP under *Funding and Award Guidelines* on page 4, and Section V. *Tier I Evaluation* on pages 8-9 of the RFP, applicants applying for more than three (3) proposed projects at separate facilities may have to submit additional justification and documentation to DCJS upon request. DCJS will contact individual applicants if additional justification or documentation is required.

**Question #10:** Is there a specific threshold for capital expenditures for this grant, and if so, is that threshold an individual or aggregate amount?

**Answer:** A total of \$10 million is expected to fund up to 200 projects across the state. Proposals will be accepted for up to \$50,000 **per facility (address/location)**. Eligible applicants may apply for more than one (1) proposed project so long as each project is at a separate facility (address/location). Applicants applying for more than three (3) proposed projects at separate facilities (address/location) may have to submit additional justification or documentation to DCJS upon request.

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