



Procurement #: 54400

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Housing & Human Services

RFP Title: Nourishing Recovery; One Year Food Security Pilot

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Q&A Addendum #1

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Q1. Is there guidance on the amount of the award that's allowed or expected for evaluation, or for direct service delivery?

A1. There is not any guidance or restrictions on the amount of the is allowed or expected for evaluation or for direct service delivery. It is up to the applicant to justify purpose of the expense and how it supports the proposed project, the basis for cost estimate, why the expense is a reasonable and necessary.

Q2. Other than "consistent access to nutritious food that enables individuals to engage in their recovery fully" are there other related health determinants or outcomes that are currently priority for HHS/this program?

A2. There are not other related health determinants or outcomes that are currently priorities for HHS/this program. It is up to the applicant to propose goals and objectives that are in alignment with the funding opportunities purpose of improving social determinants of health to strengthen recovery outcomes for residents of recovery housing through building sustainable partnerships and coordinated systems between recovery support networks and food security organizations to improve long-term food access and increasing consistent access to nutritious food that enables individuals to engage in their recovery fully

Q3. Is a single certified recovery house eligible to apply on its own, or does HHS expect/prioritize a formal collaborative that includes a named food security organization as a partner?

A3. A single certified recovery house is eligible to apply.

Q4. May a single proposal cover activities across more than one recovery housing property operated by the same organization, or should the pilot be scoped to one site given the funding level?

A4. A single proposal may cover activities across more than one recovery housing property.

Q5. May grant funds support staff time for coordinating the partnership, tracking KPIs, and reporting, or is funding intended primarily for direct program costs (e.g., food, transportation, partnership-building activities)?

A5. Grant funds may support staff time.

Q6. The RFP states that direct financial assistance (cash, gift cards, vouchers) to residents is unallowable. Does this restriction extend to the awardee purchasing food directly for an on-site pantry or bulk/cooperative purchasing, or is that an allowable use of funds?

A6. This restriction does not extend to the awardee purchasing food directly.

Q7. Is there an allowable indirect cost rate for this award, or must the full budget consist of direct costs?

A7. Indirect costs are allowable.

Q8. Task 2 requires implementation to begin within 60 days of "project start." Does that 60-day clock begin at the anticipated award date (11/16/2026) or at the anticipated project start date (1/1/2027)?

A8. The 60-days begins at the project start date.

Q9. What criteria determine whether the two optional one-year extensions are exercised — specific KPI/outcome thresholds, continued funding availability, or both?

A9. This funding opportunity does not include any extension options.