

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Will grant awards be 'all or nothing'?

A: No, if the grant review committee were to determine the full amount requested was not available or not appropriate, discussions would be held with the applicants to determine the program could operate if awarded a lesser amount.

Q: Can a non-profit submit more than one grant for different programs/different partners?

A: Yes

Q: Is there a minimum/maximum threshold (amount awarded) per grant?

A: No, there are no set minimum or maximum amounts per grant award. All grant amounts awarded will be based on the applicant's proposal and the agreed upon amount between NDCS and the service provider and the funds available.

Q: Does the program of service provided need to serve statewide?

A: No, submissions may be to provide services either statewide or local.

Q: Will providers have access to any assessments completed during incarceration or will they need to develop their own assessment?

A: Per state statute, a signed release is required for NDCS to provide any inmate-specific assessment information or other information contained in the inmate file.

Q: How many grants will be awarded?

A: The number of grants awarded depends on the applicants meeting the requirements and the funds available. There is no set limit.

Q: What is the grant time frame?

A: The grant time frame will be from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. The grant cycle starts in July 2016 and runs through June 2018. The entire annual allocation of \$3.5 million is available each year of the two-year grant period subject to appropriation. Total grant funding is contingent upon appropriation in FY 17, FY 18. There is no set limit on the number of organizations that may be awarded.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of pages for applications?

A: No. The expectation is the application will be as long as necessary to provide all relevant information.

Q: When will the grant start?

A: That grant will start July 1, 2016.

Q: Is there a specific indirect rate to be used when applying for a grant?

A: There was no specific direct cost rate identified as the intent is for items normally associated with indirect costs to be listed under other costs.

Q: Are there required software programs for tracking data/record keeping?

A: Yes, training will be provided on the data collection procedures and data will be submitted on a monthly basis to the evaluators. Programs will be provided a user subscription (at no cost to the program) to an online data management system (Quickbase) where required participant data is to be submitted.

Q: What separate justification is required for a sole source contract in excess of \$50,000?

A: The justification for a "sole source" consultant/contract should explain the uniqueness of service that the consultant/contractor can provide and why the contract rate would be competitive.