



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

May 8, 2023

ADDENDUM # 1

**Statewide Drug User Health and Syringe Services Access
Program**

RFP # 2023RIDOH001

Official responses to vendor Q & A located on next page. Bids remain due on Friday, May 26, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. Applications are to be submitted via email to Katharine Howe at Katharine.howe@health.ri.gov . No other communication with State parties regarding this RFP will be permitted.

Vendor Q & A:

<u>Question</u>	<u>Response</u>
Attachment 4 and Attachment 8 seem to be the same.	These attachments are requesting the same information. There may be some additional relevant information in attachment 8 that is not included in attachment 4 including staff certifications or other credentials. It is not necessary to provide the information twice. Points will not be deducted as long as all information is included in either attachment
Appendix C says budget 2 pages and Cost proposal says 3-4	Page limits are a guideline. Please make the budget/cost proposal as long as necessary to include the requested information
Cost Proposal should be separate and title page cannot have the requested amount? Yes or No	Cost proposal should be submitted with the technical proposal. For the Title Page please use the template in Appendix D (page 24 of the PDF) which includes the <i>Amount of Request for Award</i> .
Submission: Just technical and cost proposal? Or do you want required attachments separate?	The technical proposal, cost proposal and applications can be submitted as one application package.
Is it possible for two organizations to be awarded? One organization, "Org A," could be funded to be the "hub" for the state to distribute to other partners (and would also distribute themselves), and one organization, "Org B," would receive funding directly from the state for syringes that they themselves use. The reason for this is that Org B is distributing the largest numbers of syringes in the state, but does not have the capacity to be the "hub" to distribute syringes to other orgs. And the burden on Org A to be the "passthrough" for all syringes for Org B is large.	RIDOH will make funding determinations based on the applications received. Applicants must use innovative and expansive outreach strategies to recruit high-risk individuals and disproportionately impacted populations. Applicants must provide services utilizing a statewide approach that will increase utilization of harm reduction services and HIV and Hepatitis C testing. Agencies are permitted to apply together, with one lead agency submitting an application and coordinating services.