



**Alcohol and Other Drugs Services
Substance Use Disorder Treatment Continuum of Care
Accepted Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

September 21, 2023

In July of 2023, Behavioral Health's Alcohol and Other Drugs Services (hereinafter "AODS") sought out qualifications from suitably qualified community-based providers to become a subcontracted provider for the provision of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention Services to Contra Costa youth through the Friday Night Live/Club Live programs. Applicants were asked to show proof of at least 10 years of experience as a provider of youth development, experience in successfully delivering programs that prevent substance use, strong connections to Local Education Agencies and schools in Contra Costa, among other minimum qualifications.

Due to the number of respondents that submitted packets based on the RFQ, each qualified organization was asked to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss their submission and additional information pertaining to the proposed implementation of the program. During the session, organizations were given 60 minutes to both present their information along with answering questions from a team composed of Behavioral Health staff and the Department of Health Care Services Prevention team. The presentations were focused on not only the qualifications of the organization but also start-up and sustainability of the project. Organizations were also encouraged to discuss the ability to submit information and demands to AODS monthly or by request.

AODS applied the same review criteria equally to all organizations regardless of public, private, for-profit or non-profit status in the selection process. AODS received strong submissions from various applicants throughout the bay area. AODS has selected the organization that meets the highest standards of quality and completeness of the submission, organizational capacity of the



applicants with regards to the Friday Night Live/Club Live Prevention services.

AODS will move directly into the contract negotiation phase with the following selected organization:

Contra Costa County Office of Education

The organization listed above will become a Prevention Provider as part of the AODS continuum of care. Although selected to continue with the contracting phase, the submission will go through further revisions which will be required prior to finalizing a contract with Behavioral Health's AODS. A representative with AODS will reach out to the selected organization in the coming weeks to schedule a date for further negotiations.

At the time of the scheduled meeting, the organization will be notified of any deficiencies or revisions that must be amended prior to final approval and finalizing a contract for the Prevention program. These revisions could include pricing, technical information, and/or other elements of the original submission. The final contents of the amended submissions shall become contractual obligations. Failure to accept these obligations may result in cancellation of the award.

Organizations that were not selected may appeal AODS's selection of awardees within five days of this notification. Appeals must be addressed to the Director of Behavioral Health. All appeals must be in writing and shall be limited to the following grounds:

1. The county failed to follow the RFQ procedures, which affected the submission scoring; and/or
2. The RFQ evaluation criteria were not appropriately applied to the submission.

All appeals must be delivered to the following address by no later than 5pm on Tuesday, September 26, 2023:

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Director of Behavioral Health
Contra Costa Alcohol and Other Drugs Services
1220 Morello Ave, Suite 101
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: RFQ Appeals

The Director of Behavioral Health will respond to the appeal within seven days and the decision of the Behavioral Health Director will be final and not subject to further review.

Thank you and we look forward to working with this organization as we continue to expand the Substance Use Disorder and Prevention services available within Contra Costa County.