



APH Social Services Solicitations Feedback for Early Childhood Issue Area RFP

Early Childhood Council

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Social Services Issue Area Solicitation

Issue Area	Anticipated Release Date	Agreement Start Date
Youth	July 2021	July 2022
Behavioral Health	November 2021	October 2022
Homeless	January 2022	October 2022
Basic Needs	February 2023	October 2023
Early Childhood	April 2023	October 2023
Workforce Readiness	May 2023	October 2023
Health Equity	January 2024	October 2024



Early Childhood Issue Area Solicitation

What are “Early Childhood” services?

The goal of early childhood services is to support children and families with employment sustaining childcare and early childhood education.

Through Early Childhood services, children and families have resources for the most fundamental aspects of early childhood education services. Services are often long-term services provided to children ages 0-5. Typically, these needs must be met so a child can be prepared for kindergarten and their caretakers can maintain employment.

Early Childhood Services provide services to the low-income general population (families and individuals) in Austin and Travis County.

Eligible Applicants – Minimum Qualifications

- Agencies, board of directors, or leadership staff submitting a proposal must have a minimum of two years established, successful experience providing services.
- Be a non-profit organization, governmental or quasi-governmental entity able to conduct business in the State of Texas, and legally contract with Austin Public Health.
- Have submitted all applicable tax returns to the IRS and the State of Texas (e.g., Form 990 or 990-EZ and State and Federal payroll tax filings).
- Be eligible to contract and are not debarred from contracting with the City of Austin, State of Texas and Federal government, according to SAM.gov, and State and City Debarment information.
- Be current in its payment of Federal and State payroll taxes.
- Not owe past due taxes to the City.
- Have the ability to meet Austin Public Health's standard agreement terms and conditions, which includes Social Services Insurance Requirements.

Current Service Categories Funded

1. Staffing for Early Childhood Education Centers
2. Quality Improvement Programs to upskill early childhood workers
3. Parenting Education; including home visits, child development education, and support for parents of medically fragile children
4. Counseling and support groups
5. Early Childhood Intervention for children with developmental delays, medical diagnosis or auditory or visual impairment
6. Family Support Services; including case management and basic needs financial support

Other Service Categories

- ☐ Early Childhood Curriculum
- ☐ Program Accreditation
- ☐ Extended care for children of essential workers
- ☐ Transportation for prenatal, pediatric or other necessary medical appointments
- ☐ Any others that meet the early childhood criteria listed above

Standard City Performance Measures

Required Output:

- Unduplicated clients served per 12 months

City Business Plan Outcomes:

- 3B: Percent of individuals making progress toward their treatment plan goals
- 5A: Percent of individuals who complete an education program and demonstrate improved knowledge
- 5B: Percent of individuals who demonstrate improved life skills

Request for Survey Feedback by March 17, 2023

We value community member feedback!

Austin Public Health (APH) is asking Austin/Travis County residents to complete this survey to help us determine where to focus Early Childhood Services for the community.

[Click here to take a short survey in English](#)

[Click here to take a short survey in Spanish](#)

Traditional Chinese - Pending

Simplified Chinese - Pending

Arabic - Pending

Korean - Pending

Vietnamese - Pending



Guidance for Applying for Funding

How to Prepare for Competitions

- ❑ To get on the listserv for solicitation announcements, send an email request to APHCompetitions@austintexas.gov
- ❑ Agencies should ensure SAM.gov registration is updated (needed for Federal funding)
- ❑ Open and Upcoming solicitations are published on the APH Social Services Competitions website: [Competitions Website](#)
- ❑ Agencies must submit one Threshold Application per 12 months in order to be eligible to submit Proposals for APH Social Services competitions. The Threshold Application is completed in the [ParterGrants database](#) and includes the following elements that can be found [here on the Competitions Website](#)

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- Step 1: Agencies register as a vendor with the City and register in Partnergrants.
- Step 2: Agencies submit a Threshold Application in Partnergrants that, once approved, will be valid for 1 year.
- Step 3: When a solicitation is released, Offerors submit an **Intent to Apply** for each proposal they are submitting by the deadline.
- Step 4: Once the Intent to Apply is approved, Offerors will be able to submit a **Proposal**.
- For more information, please go to the [APH Competitions Website](#).

Also check out our [Social Services Resources Website](#) for more information about contracting with the APH Social Services



Thank You for Your Participation

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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