

# COASTAL PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA #2020-001)

This RFA is issued by COASTAL PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER (CPCC), an agency, authorized by Article 5547-203 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated (1965), as amended, establishes the duties and authority of the Community Centers of Mental Health and Intellectual & Developmental Disorder (IDD) services. This RFA contains the requirement that all applications must meet to be considered by CPCC for selection. Failure to conform to requirements of the RFA will result in rejection of the application without any further consideration. The applicant is solely responsible for the preparation and submission of an application in accordance with instructions contained in this RFA.

### Contracted Services:

**Coastal Plains Community Center seeks to contract with service providers to deliver MH Community Living Services. **Providers selected will not be employees of CPCC. CPCC will not withhold any income tax, unemployment insurance, social security or any other withholdings** or make available to the provider any benefits (sick leave, vacation).**

### Covered Services to be Purchased:

**CLS provides a curriculum based skills training to a child for skills that are affected by the child's serious emotional disturbance (SED), as identified in the Wraparound Plan. Training can be related to activities of daily living, such as personal hygiene, household chores, and socialization. CLS may also promote communication, relationship-building skills, and integration into community activities. These supports must be targeted at enabling the child to attain or maintain his or her maximum potential. These supports may serve to reinforce skills or lessons taught in school, therapy, or other settings.**

**CLS may also provide skills training to the family caregiver, depending upon the child's age, on the nature of the SED, the role of medications, and the self-administration of medications, if applicable. Instructions on basic parenting skills and other forms of guidance can be provided to the child's primary caregivers to assist in coping with and managing the child's SED.**

**CLS may also participate in the Wrap-Around Planning Meetings as a member of the treatment team.**

**CLS will document contacts in an approved progress note format.**

**There will be a two tier reimbursement rate for a contractor who provides CLS or Skills training and development for clients.**

- **\$45 an hour payment (\$11.25 per unit) for individual with one year experience with CPCC providing Rehabilitative Skills and Development and or Community Living Support Service.**
- **\$35 an hour payment (8.75 per unit) for individual with entry level experience with CPCC providing Rehabilitative Skills and Development and or Community Living Support Service.**
- **\$18 / hour for required training**

**Hours are flexible, according to the consumer's needs, and may include evening or weekend work.**

Requirements:

**Must have a VALID and current Texas Driver's License and  
Must have a favorable driving record and**

**Must have a bachelor's degree or master's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum number of hours (24) that is equivalent to a major in psychology, social work, medicine, nursing, rehabilitation, counseling, sociology, human growth and development, physician assistant, gerontology, special education, educational psychology, early childhood education, or early childhood intervention; or be a registered nurse (RN);**

Contact Person: All inquiries about this RFA should be directed to:

Micheline Hodge, Authority Functions Dept.  
200 Marriott  
Portland TX 78374  
(361) 777-3991

Submission of Completed Application:

**All applications must be returned to the following address:**

**Micheline Hodge, Authority Functions  
200 Marriott, Portland TX 78374  
CONFIDENTIAL: RFA#2020-001  
DO NOT OPEN IN MAILROOM!**

Applications will be accepted throughout the year. However, there may not be a need in all areas at all times.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Electronically submitted applications will not be considered; however, applications may be modified by electronically submitted notice, provided such notice is received prior to the time and date set for the application opening.

**SPECIFIC APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To achieve a uniform review process CPCC requires that applicants submit the following:

- 1) A completed application to provide Community Living Support Services (attachment 1)
- 2) Copy of driver's license
- 3) Copy of proof of automobile insurance
- 4) Proof of bachelor's degree or master's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum number of hours (24) that is equivalent to a major in psychology, social work, medicine, nursing, rehabilitation, counseling, sociology, human growth and development, physician assistant, gerontology, special education, educational psychology, early childhood education, or early childhood intervention; or proof of Texas RN license
- 5) References - Provide at least 2 professional references with phone numbers
- 6) Signed "Assurances and Certifications" form (attachment 2)

There will also be an interview and a short writing test.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

In addition to the above elements, the following qualifications are required.

- 1) Have no history of felony conviction
- 2) Have no history of confirmed client abuse or neglect
- 3) Have no history of sanctions by Medicaid or Medicare
- 4) Have a favorable driving record

The follow criteria will be weighed to determine the best value

- 20% - Experience in providing skills training
- 20% - Experience working with people with mental illness
- 20% - Experience working with youth / adolescents
- 10% - References
- 10% - Languages spoken
- 20% - Writing skills

ATTACHMENT 1

Name of staff person responsible for this application:

APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN#/TIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please, attach copy of driver's license

Please, attach copy of motor vehicle insurance

Please, attach copy of Social Security card

Please, attach copy of diploma or transcript

List any driving offenses in the past five (5) years: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please, list all DWI's: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you at least 18 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have access to a motor vehicle to provide this service?  Yes  No

Experience:

Please, describe your experience providing daily living skills, socialization skills, communication skills, and/or relationship-building skills training.

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Describe your experience working with people with mental illness.

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What experience do you have working with youth/adolescents with severe emotional disturbance?

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Languages spoken, please, describe fluency

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Work Schedule

Please, indicate the days and hours that you are willing to work:

- Sunday \_\_\_\_\_
- Monday \_\_\_\_\_
- Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_
- Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Please, indicate the counties in which you are willing to work:

- Aransas  Bee
- Brooks  Duval
- Jim Wells  Kenedy
- Kleberg  Live Oak
- San Patricio

Risk Profile

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or received deferred adjudication?  
 Yes  No
- 2) Have you had any validated client abuse, client neglect, or client rights violation claims in the past five years?  Yes  No
- 3) Have you or any of your employee's had Medicaid or Medicare sanctions?  Yes  No
- 4) Have you or any of your employees appeared on the Texas or U.S. Office of the Inspector General's exclusion lists?
- 5) For any "yes" answers to questions 1 through 4, please, attach a detailed explanation.
- 6) Are you mentally and physically able to perform the covered services?  Yes  No  
If No – please, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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- 7) List any lawsuits or litigation involving you or your organization during the past five years. Provide details.

Coastal Plains Community Center completes a criminal history check, driver's license check and a review of any confirmed abuse or neglect allegations, as well as a search on the employee misconduct database. Your signature below indicates consent to these investigations.

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ATTACHMENT 2

**ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

I understand that I, or my organization, known collectively as “Offeror”, must comply with each of the assurances listed below if awarded a contract in response to this solicitation. I am legally authorized to bind my organization to the following assurances, as signified by my signature at the end of this section. I understand that my failure to sign this section and certify all of these assurances may result in disqualification of this proposal.

- 1) Offeror has made no attempt nor will make any attempt to induce any person or firm to submit or not submit an proposal.
- 2) Offeror will comply with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and Immigration Act of 1990 regarding employment verification and retention of verification forms for any individual(s) hired on or after November 6, 1986, described in this proposal who will perform any labor or services.
- 3) Offeror will comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sections 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336); and all amendment to each, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issues pursuant to these acts, especially 45 CFR Part 80 (relating to race, color and national origin), 45 CFR Part 84 (relating to handicap), 45 CFR Part 86 (relating to sex), and 45 CFR Part 91 (relating to age).
- 4) Offeror certifies that neither it nor its officers or employees is involved in other activities or relationships with other persons that cause Offeror to be unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to CPCC, or that impair or might impair the Offeror’s objectivity in performing work under the contract or that cause Offeror to have an unfair competitive advantage.
- 5) Offeror accepts the terms, conditions, criteria and requirements set forth in the RFA.
- 6) Offeror accepts CPCC’s sole right to cancel the RFA at any time CPMHMR so desires.
- 7) Offeror accepts CPCC’s sole right to alter the timetables for procurement as set forth in the RFA.
- 8) Offeror agrees that no claim will be made for payment to cover costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of the proposal or any other associated costs.
- 9) Offeror owes no funds to CPCC or the State of Texas for unresolved audit exceptions. An unresolved audit exception is an exception for which the Offeror has exhausted all administrative and/or judicial remedies and has failed to comply with any resulting demand for payment. Offeror agrees that all processes and products resulting from this contract award will be the property of the State of Texas.
- 10) Offeror agrees to ensure that information about individuals served by CPMHMR will be kept confidential according to federal and state laws and regulations.
- 11) Offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any federal or state Agency or agency.
- 12) Offeror, if it is a corporation, is either not delinquent in its franchise tax payments to the State of Texas, or is not otherwise subject to payment of franchise taxes to the State of Texas.
- 13) Neither Offeror nor any member of Offeror’s staff or governing authority has participated in the development of specific evaluation criteria for award of this contract, nor will participate in the selection of the successful Offeror awarded this contract.
- 14) No principal of Offeror’s has worked as an employee for CPMHMR in the past year.
- 15) Offeror has not retained or promised to retain an entity or used or promised to use a consultant that has participated in the development of the specific criteria for the award of this contract or that will participate in the selection of the successful Offeror awarded this contract.
- 16) Offeror agrees to provide CPCC with information necessary to validate any statements made in this proposal, as requested by CPCC, including but not limited to, allowing access for on-site observation, granting permission for CPCC to verify information with third parties, and allowing inspection of Offeror’s records. Offeror understands that failure to substantiate any statements made in the

proposal as requested by CPCC may result in disqualification of the offer.

- 17) As provided by Texas Family Code, Section 231.006, a child support obligor who is more than 30-days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% is not eligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services or receive a state-funded grant or loan. Offeror certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the payments under this contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- 18) Offeror certifies that any Health and Human Services agency or Public Safety and Criminal Justice agency has not revoked its license, permit, or certificate.
- 19) Neither Offeror nor its officers and employees have given, offered to give, or intend to give any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public employee in connection with the submitted offer.
- 20) Offeror certifies that none of the funds paid by CPCC pursuant to any contract resulting from this RFA will be used to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member, officer or employee of Congress or the state legislature or for obtaining any federal or state contract.
- 21) Offeror certifies that it has not filed for protection under any state or federal bankruptcy law.
- 22) Offeror certifies that none of Offeror's property, plant or equipment has been subject to foreclosure or repossession within the preceding 10-year period.
- 23) Offeror certifies that it has not had any debt declared in default and accelerated to maturity within the preceding 10-year period.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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