



**AMENDMENT #1  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 19100102 TANF FD  
Family Dynamics**

Amendments to the RFP are as follows:

1. Second paragraph of Section 2.3 shall be amended to state:

MDHS is seeking non-profit organizations *and non-federal entities*, in multiple locations, to provide and coordinate a wide spectrum of family-focused programs to improve family stability and functioning. Services provided should support overall goals of safety, permanency, and well-being for children and families.

2. Fourth paragraph of Section 2.3 A., “Service Area Description” shall be amended to state:

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for ~~hiring~~ *retaining* and managing all qualified staff, securing signed written agreements with other entities to provide coverage in the selected geographical area, assure program compliance, spending oversight of funds by sub-recipients or contractors, monitoring the programs and services, and take full responsibility of any sub-recipient that has entered into an agreement to provide services and do not meet their obligations. The Lead Agency will serve as the single point of contact for all program issues.

3. Questions and Answers are attached.

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment #1 by returning it, along with your proposal package, by November 15, 2019, at 2:00 PM, CST. This acknowledgement should be enclosed in your proposal package. **Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of the proposal package.**

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Authorized Official’s Typed Name/Title

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Signature of Authorized Official  
(No stamped signature)

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Date

Should an amendment to the RFP be issued, it will be posted on the MDHS website (www.mdhs.ms.gov) in a manner that all Respondents will be able to view. Further, Respondents must acknowledge receipt of any amendment to the solicitation by signing and returning the amendment with the proposal package, by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on this form, or by letter. The acknowledgment must be received by MDHS by the time and at the place specified for receipt of proposals. It is the Respondent’s sole responsibility to monitor the website for amendments to the RFP.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FAMILY DYNAMICS

Question Number	RFP Page Number	Paragraph Number	RFP Section Reference Number	Question & Answer
1	8; 17		Sec. 2.3(B)(2); Sec.4.2.2	<p>Respondent must describe in detail its ability to complete some, if not all, of the following duties: listed as letters a. through n. Please clarify “some, if not all,” in terms of level or responsiveness by a prospective applicant. How many services would a successful respondent be expected to provide? How will responsiveness be assessed in the “4.2.2 – Step Two: Evaluation Factors”?</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> There is not a specific number of descriptions required for a Respondent to be successful. The quality of description for each area identified in Sec. 2.3, B(2) will be considered. Responsiveness will be assessed based on the Respondent’s proposal demonstrating and describing its ability to provide services as requested in Section 2.3 and other parts of the RFP. Proposals that demonstrate and describe a thorough understanding of the program and its deliverables as well as a reasonable approach for service delivery could be awarded the maximum points for each evaluation category.</p>
2	7		Sec. 2.3	<p>In section 2.3, it states that MDHS is seeking non-profit organizations to deliver services. Does “nonprofit organizations” include state government or local school district entities?</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> “Non-profit organizations” include state government or local school districts.</p>
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>What will be the primary referral source (s) for Family Dynamics services?</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> MDHS will make referrals as appropriate, however Sub grantees will be primarily responsible for marketing and outreach.</p>
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>How much time is allotted to fully implement services being that the grant period is from Jan. 2020-Sept. 2020?</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> Proposal must be demonstrated as soon as possible but no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Can you clearly define the goals of TANF FD?</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> See section 2.3 for defined purpose.</p>
6	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Would anything prevent a company from providing services for Child Protection Services (CPS) and Mississippi Department of Health Services ( MDHS)?</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> MDHS cannot provide an answer to the question.</p>
7	9		Sec. 2.3(C)	<p>On page 9 under section C. Program Reports, Evaluations and Outcomes, it requested that we provide evidence based services that program activity will stabilize the family. Do you have a preferred site or list of evidence based practices for this RFP? (Such as SAMHSA or a similar program)</p> <p><b>ANSWER:</b> Page 9 section C states “when appropriate.” Grantee should cite any research that validate service delivery model.</p>

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8	N/A	N/A	N/A	Can you provide data for individuals who receive TANF benefits or an estimation of these individuals by county? <b>ANSWER: See attachment "A"</b>
9	N/A	N/A	N/A	Is there an expectation regarding the number of families we should serve? <b>ANSWER: No. Proposal will cite in service model the number of participants expected to serve.</b>
10	9; 8		Sec. 2.3(C) and (B)	The 8 items listed under "2.3.C" (p. 9) Program Reports, Evaluations, and Outcomes directly under the statement "Respondent must describe in detail how all of the Respondent-provided programs or activities shall:" do not appear to align with the Service Description under "2.3.B" (p. 8) parts one and two. Please provide some clarification. <b>ANSWER: 2.3 B are potential pathways, avenues to achieving the outcomes, goals of 2.3C.</b>
11	9		Sec. 2.3(C) and (B)	Several of the outcomes listed on page 9 section "2.3.C" seem inconsistent with the information presented in the "Service Description" section (2.3.B) and/or do not seem feasible given the short timeframe for the award. For instance, it may be beyond the scope of educational programming to "increase the involvement of non-custodial parents in the lives of their children by providing access and visitation support to promote unified families." However, educational programming could increase knowledge, change attitudes, and/or build skills that would promote family functioning that may lead to increased involvement of non-custodial parents in their children's lives. Similarly, it would not be feasible to "decrease the teenage pregnancy rate" or "decrease juvenile crime" in a period of 9 months. However, education could address other proximal outcomes that over time could lead to these desired outcomes. Is it sufficient to demonstrate how our program is working toward addressing these outcomes? <b>ANSWER: Yes.</b>
12	14; 9		Sec. 3.1(K); Sec. 2.3(C)	Page 14, section "3.1.K" Use of Federal Funds states "that individuals receiving TANF services under another funding source/grant will not be included in the count for the number of participants served in this grant" yet page 9, section "2.3.C" indicates that we are to "Assure that fifty percent (50%) of total participants served are a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipient." Please clarify as these seem to be incongruent statements. <b>ANSWER: Individuals served by Respondent utilizing another funding stream shall not be included in the number of individuals served under the TANF grant for the same</b>

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				services. For Example: An individual receiving career technical training using WIOA funding shall not be counted as career technical training under TANF unless a percentage of the cost of career technical training is used from both funding streams. If training is 50% WIOA and 50% TANF, then the individual could be counted under the TANF grant for that percentage, however such percentage must be noted on Respondent’s grant reports provided to MDHS.
13	N/A	N/A	N/A	Is the tribe an eligible audience for programming funded by this award? <b>ANSWER: Yes.</b>
14	N/A	N/A	N/A	Are tuition waivers allowable expenses? <b>ANSWER: If “waived” should not be an expense.</b>
15	7	1	Sec. 2.3	In section 2.3, the first paragraph speaks to the purpose of the Parenthood Initiative. Is this RFP geared mainly toward the parents? <b>ANSWER: Yes.</b>
16	N/A	N/A	N/A	Where will referrals come from for this RFP? <b>ANSWER: See question 3 answer.</b>
17	N/A	N/A	N/A	Approximately how many families are expected to be served annually? Can you list areas/counties with higher needs? <b>ANSWER: (a) See question 9 answer.</b> <b>(b) Proposal should identify counties served based on reliable data.</b>

ATTACHMENT A

TANF / SNAP PARTICIPANTS  
AGGREGATED BY COUNTY

## SNAP Participation for September 2019

County	Cases	Clients	Payments
ADAMS	2,765	5,343	\$569,213
ALCORN	2,184	4,503	\$443,113
AMITE	1,004	1,904	\$188,697
ATTALA	1,562	3,406	\$349,167
BENTON	743	1,493	\$157,304
BOLIVAR	4,344	8,698	\$952,965
CALHOUN	980	1,967	\$197,726
CARROLL	563	1,073	\$103,982
CHICKASAW	1,319	2,764	\$271,849
CHOCTAW	724	1,333	\$141,334
CLAIBORNE	1,441	2,802	\$326,952
CLARKE	1,273	2,642	\$285,275
CLAY	1,949	4,062	\$436,454
COAHOMA	3,717	7,950	\$890,837
COPIAH	3,022	5,856	\$647,233
COVINGTON	1,482	3,178	\$347,510
DESOTO	6,427	15,328	\$1,851,373
FORREST	5,340	11,278	\$1,316,606
FRANKLIN	611	1,135	\$115,991
GEORGE	1,401	2,935	\$333,687
GREENE	792	1,634	\$184,455
GRENADA	1,709	3,467	\$352,390
HANCOCK	2,837	5,367	\$584,693
HARRISON	15,437	32,777	\$3,932,631
HINDS	20,768	44,618	\$5,372,865
HOLMES	2,607	5,205	\$544,783
HUMPHREYS	1,624	3,120	\$321,357
ISSAQUENA	109	201	\$20,326
ITAWAMBA	979	2,160	\$211,783
JACKSON	8,072	16,506	\$2,001,188
JASPER	1,280	2,462	\$251,619
JEFFERSON	1,015	1,956	\$209,182
JEFF DAVIS	1,088	2,027	\$222,700
JONES	3,943	9,105	\$1,008,187
KEMPER	797	1,546	\$157,533
LAFAYETTE	1,503	3,175	\$345,452
LAMAR	2,133	4,913	\$534,762
LAUDERDALE	5,825	12,795	\$1,459,164
LAWRENCE	992	1,986	\$221,259
LEAKE	1,365	2,980	\$301,803
LEE	4,547	10,118	\$1,129,345
LEFLORE	4,324	8,885	\$969,421

County	Cases	Clients	Payments
LINCOLN	2,360	4,791	\$515,282
LOWNDES	5,115	10,245	\$1,182,063
MADISON	3,721	7,769	\$931,301
MARION	1,818	3,772	\$405,611
MARSHALL	2,198	4,368	\$447,270
MONROE	2,170	4,213	\$453,352
MONTGOMERY	856	1,688	\$164,935
NESHOBA	2,382	5,946	\$620,321
NEWTON	1,242	2,739	\$289,205
NOXUBEE	1,796	3,225	\$349,240
OKTIBBEHA	2,743	5,684	\$642,349
PANOLA	2,817	6,077	\$635,528
PEARL RIVER	3,837	8,258	\$948,766
PERRY	862	1,676	\$176,442
PIKE	3,962	8,651	\$968,478
PONTOTOC	1,372	3,271	\$325,426
PRENTISS	1,326	2,703	\$262,437
QUITMAN	932	1,772	\$167,583
RANKIN	4,094	8,938	\$999,990
SCOTT	1,906	4,275	\$457,271
SHARKEY	731	1,431	\$156,283
SIMPSON	1,694	3,521	\$363,735
SMITH	653	1,453	\$144,501
STONE	1,240	2,451	\$283,571
SUNFLOWER	3,583	6,866	\$751,271
TALLAHATCHIE	1,243	2,449	\$222,751
TATE	1,563	3,510	\$372,981
TIPPAH	1,037	2,140	\$182,661
TISHOMINGO	845	1,667	\$154,657
TUNICA	1,494	3,394	\$382,858
UNION	1,118	2,564	\$256,539
WALTHALL	1,131	2,295	\$232,345
WARREN	4,122	9,024	\$1,070,559
WASHINGTON	7,264	14,429	\$1,636,973
WAYNE	1,998	4,142	\$460,814
WEBSTER	828	1,563	\$155,360
WILKINSON	942	1,665	\$174,597
WINSTON	1,492	3,085	\$330,027
YALOBUSHA	1,163	2,309	\$236,914
YAZOO	3,218	6,687	\$741,542
State	211,465	443,359	\$49,517,955

## TANF Participation for September 2019

County	Cases	Clients	Payments
ADAMS	16	20	\$1,904
ALCORN	45	76	\$5,357
AMITE	13	18	\$1,514
ATTALA	25	47	\$3,065
BENTON	9	19	\$1,253
BOLIVAR	107	188	\$14,131
CALHOUN	8	11	\$987
CARROLL	0	0	\$0
CHICKASAW	20	37	\$2,503
CHOCTAW	4	7	\$536
CLAIBORNE	13	20	\$1,646
CLARKE	3	4	\$335
CLAY	24	51	\$3,468
COAHOMA	111	251	\$15,922
COPIAH	43	78	\$5,719
COVINGTON	16	36	\$2,319
DESOTO	106	212	\$14,346
FORREST	43	77	\$5,765
FRANKLIN	5	7	\$622
GEORGE	18	37	\$2,517
GREENE	6	9	\$768
GRENADA	36	50	\$4,388
HANCOCK	28	48	\$3,655
HARRISON	227	472	\$31,479
HINDS	277	537	\$37,473
HOLMES	54	97	\$7,283
HUMPHREYS	65	110	\$8,231
ISSAQUENA	0	0	\$0
ITAWAMBA	23	37	\$2,974
JACKSON	79	157	\$10,648
JASPER	7	10	\$878
JEFFERSON	8	10	\$952
JEFF DAVIS	5	7	\$610
JONES	51	82	\$6,654
KEMPER	4	8	\$560
LAFAYETTE	9	14	\$1,170
LAMAR	29	47	\$3,541
LAUDERDALE	81	169	\$11,333
LAWRENCE	20	36	\$2,525
LEAKE	18	49	\$2,520
LEE	48	84	\$6,120
LEFLORE	42	82	\$5,670

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LINCOLN	42	69	\$5,266
LOWNDES	70	124	\$9,218
MADISON	56	120	\$7,691
MARION	17	37	\$2,026
MARSHALL	8	14	\$1,060
MONROE	28	51	\$3,776
MONTGOMERY	6	7	\$696
NESHOBA	42	82	\$5,524
NEWTON	16	29	\$2,079
NOXUBEE	49	105	\$7,101
OKTIBBEHA	24	31	\$2,892
PANOLA	29	49	\$3,772
PEARL RIVER	54	94	\$6,965
PERRY	4	6	\$512
PIKE	41	68	\$5,333
PONTOTOC	12	17	\$1,424
PRENTISS	7	12	\$914
QUITMAN	14	23	\$1,675
RANKIN	66	126	\$9,156
SCOTT	23	52	\$3,394
SHARKEY	11	16	\$1,299
SIMPSON	23	40	\$3,053
SMITH	5	7	\$622
STONE	6	7	\$686
SUNFLOWER	59	97	\$7,541
TALLAHATCHIE	9	16	\$1,153
TATE	16	33	\$2,166
TIPPAH	10	18	\$1,334
TISHOMINGO	10	19	\$1,386
TUNICA	46	122	\$7,230
UNION	12	21	\$1,608
WALTHALL	11	16	\$1,390
WARREN	122	261	\$16,986
WASHINGTON	289	586	\$40,370
WAYNE	28	55	\$3,622
WEBSTER	5	6	\$586
WILKINSON	8	11	\$976
WINSTON	22	44	\$3,097
YALOBUSHA	10	16	\$1,316
YAZOO	43	72	\$5,466
State	3,099	5,890	\$415,702