



## 20RFP111

# Austin ISD/Alternative Learning Center – Mental Health Substance Abuse Services

## Addendum 1

### Questions and Answers

- Q1. I saw that a bid was recently released for Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services. Before proceeding, I wanted to check what providers are you ideally seeking for this proposal? Would it be Licensed Professional Counselors, Mental Health Technicians, or Social Workers? I just am trying to see if our company would be able to provide the scope that AISD is seeking
- A1. This can be found in the "Background information/Detailed scope of service and performance requirements" of the RFP. We have no specific title in mind, but are in search of a licensed mental health provider who specializes in the area of substance abuse intervention. This licensed mental health provider must have experience working with adolescents and young adults. The ALC is in search of a licensed mental health provided that can work with students and support their families as well. The person who serves the campus must be a culturally responsive interventionist/staff member whose culture, race and lived experiences mirror the majority of the Austin ISD student population.
- Q2. How many students are expected for treatment?
- A2. Over 70% of the students served by the ALC need mental health services tied to issues with substance abuse. The ALC serves all Austin ISD campuses as an alternative placement school. According to the Director of Alternative Education "Over the last couple of years the ALC has served over 1100 students and was on pace to those same numbers before the closure."
- Q3. Is it only for students from Crockett and Covington?
- A3. The ALC serves all Austin ISD campuses as an alternative placement school. This portion of the grant serves all students assigned to the ALC in need of mental health services tied to issues with substance abuse.
- Q4. Is it expected to be a full time position?
- A4. Yes
- Q5. How much funding is available per contract year?
- A5. The grant funds \$45,000 - \$55,000 per year through September 30, 2022 for the ALC mental health services tied to issues of substance abuse.



- Q6. How many providers are needed for the 20-21 school year?  
A6. We are in search of one provider who can offer the services.
- Q7. Will any redlines/deviations be accepted to the terms? Or is there an opportunity to negotiate terms after award?  
A7. As the grant is federally funded, we have little to no room for negotiation; the proposal must meet the guidelines set forth in the RFP. We will work with the vendor who meets the terms of the RFP to provide the services as written. The services need to be in place, as the grant exists until September 2022.
- Q8. Does the District currently contract for these services?  
A8. No  
a. If so, with how many agencies?  
Response:  
b. If so, are the current agencies able to meet the District's needs?  
Response:  
c. What are the current rates for each service?  
Response:
- Q9. Will more than one vendor be awarded?  
A9. Not that we foresee, we are in search of one vendor.
- Q10. Will there be an addendum or a way to receive answers to questions submitted by other vendors?  
A10. The RFP process is designed to receive and respond to vendor questions.