RFA - Adolescent Perinatal Residential Program

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1. **What measurement method (road/driving distance or straight-line distance) and supporting documentation should applicants use to demonstrate that each proposed residential location is within 30 miles of an acute-care hospital providing 24-hour labor and delivery, as required on RFA page 4?**

   The facility should be located within 30 miles driving distance of an acute care hospital with 24-hour labor and delivery services. Applications should include the proposed geographic location and the identified hospital.

2. **Under what conditions, if any, may a nonprofit grantee purchase clinical or other program services from an affiliated for-profit provider without violating the RFA's prohibition on financial assistance to for-profit entities or duplicating Medicaid reimbursement?**

   Staff required to operate the facility should be directly employed by the agency to whom the award is made. All funds must be utilized directly by the non-profit.

3. **Which property-related costs, such as renovations or code-compliance work, lease/rent, and residents' room and board, may be paid from this award, subject to what restrictions or prior approvals?**

   Minor alternation and renovation, defined as improvements, rearrangements, or alterations to a facility that are required to use the space more effectively for its designed purpose to meet a programmatic need or requirement. Minor alteration and renovation may be authorized for up to 25 percent of the total approved budget (direct and indirect costs) for the budget period or $150,000, whichever is less. All alterations and renovation must be approved by SAMHSA. Funds may not be used to pay for the

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purchase or construction of any building or structure to house any part of the program.

Funds may be used to pay for lease/rent and to cover the costs associated with room and board that are not covered under the NC Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy found in CCP 8D-5 Clinically Managed Residential Services.

4. May a single nonprofit application propose an integrated program operating across more than one residential property within the overall $700,000 maximum award?

Preference will be given to RFAs proposing a standalone program. There are already block grant supported programs serving adolescents that are capable of integrating perinatal adolescents.

5. Could you provide the required Budget Template referenced on RFA pages 9 and 12, or the direct download link applicants should use?

The link to the required Budget Template: Budget Template

6. How should applicants reconcile the June 30, 2027 funding end date with the allowance to begin admissions within nine months of contract execution, specifically the required spending and operational milestones by June 30 and any permitted extension?

Depending on the date of selection and award, the funds for SFY27 will be used for startup costs and operational expenses associated with preparation for admissions in SFY28. Funds will be renewed as part of the initial 2-year pilot in SFY28. Renewal of fund after the initial pilot period are subject to meeting contract requirements including performance and deliverables.

7. Can the nonprofit applicant satisfy the two-year experience requirement on RFA page 10 through documented experience of

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affiliated providers or proposed key staff, or must that experience belong to the nonprofit applicant itself?

Per the RFA, applicants must demonstrate at least 2 years of experience providing SUD Treatment and/or residential services to adolescents and/or 2 years' experience serving pregnant or parenting individuals. The applicant's experience must belong to the provider agency itself.

8. What is the correct date and time for submitting questions for the October 5, 2026 Adolescent Perinatal Residential Program RFA, given that page 14 prints October 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time?

The correct deadline for submitting questions is October 24, 2026.

9. Where can applicants obtain all current addenda and published Q&A for this RFA, including any amendment to the November 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time application deadline?

Questions & Answers and any changes will be posted on Trillium's website with the RFA information.

10. What facility license and adolescent-specific rule-waiver pathway applies to this pregnant/parenting adolescent residential program, given that RFA page 8 cites 10A NCAC 27G .5600 while the current CCP 8D-5 identifies the pregnant/parenting residential recovery service under .4100?

Trillium is consulting with DHSR to determine the appropriate facility licensure type and applicable adolescent-specific rule-waiver pathway for this program. This is a pilot program specifically designed to serve pregnant and parenting adolescents, whereas other 10A NCAC 27G .4100 residential recovery programs primarily serve adults.

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11. Given that Trillium currently lists SUD Residential Treatment Services (ASAM 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, and 3.7) as closed-network services, does this RFA provide an exception allowing qualified nonprofit organizations that are not currently contracted with Trillium to apply and potentially enter the network?

Yes, the RFA is an opportunity for an exception for contracting for a closed network service, for Medicaid funding only to support sustainability of the program.

12. Must the proposed residential facility be located within Trillium's 46-county service area, or may an organization headquartered outside that area apply? Additionally, does this RFA provide start-up funding for facility development, staffing, licensing, and operational readiness, or is funding limited to reimbursement for services after implementation?

The residential facility must be located within Trillium's region. Depending on the date of selection and award, the funds for SFY27 may be used for startup costs and operational expenses in preparation for admissions and rendering reimbursable services. Minor alternation and renovation, defined as improvements, rearrangements, or alterations to a facility that are required to use the space more effectively for its designed purpose to meet a programmatic need or requirement. Minor alteration and renovation may be authorized for up to 25 percent of the total approved budget (direct and indirect costs) for the budget period or $150,000, whichever is less. All alterations and renovation must be approved by SAMHSA. Funds may not be used to pay for the purchase or construction of any building or structure to house any part of the program.

Does Trillium require applicants to have prior experience operating an adolescent residential substance use disorder treatment program, or will consideration be given to qualified nonprofit organizations proposing to develop a new program?

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Additionally, are applicants permitted to establish clinical partnerships to meet the specialized treatment and staffing requirements?

Per the RFA, applicants must demonstrate at least 2 years of experience providing SUD Treatment and/or residential services to adolescents and/or 2 years' experience serving pregnant or parenting individuals. The applicant's experience must belong to the provider agency itself. Providers must meet the requirements in CCP 8D-5 and the RFA.