

General Questions and Answers for RFP	
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Q: Will the Power Point presentation be available for downloading? Will a copy of the meeting be posted online for viewing? What is the link?	A: Yes it will be made available as will a copy of the meeting. These are available at this link http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/view_article.asp?ID=423 .
Q: If there is a discrepancy between a response from the bidders conference on 7/16/13 and the official Questions & Answers, which takes precedence?	A: In the event there is a discrepancy, the response in the official Questions & Answers takes precedence.
Q: Will the state be issuing any additional guidance?	A: All additional guidance will be covered in these official Questions & Answers

Questions and Answers Regarding Eligible Organizations, Expenses and other Eligibility Related Items.	
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Q: The RFP has day care listed as an eligible cost. Is school aged child care considered day care or should we apply under other services?	A: Yes. A provider that has a registered School Aged Child Care component would be considered day care.
Q: Is mold remediation for a retail business a covered expense?	A: No.
Q: To qualify for this funding does a vendor need to be a current government contractor?	A: No.
Q: The results of Sandy made it difficult for people with disabilities to navigate. Can costs to provide services to this population be reimbursed?	A: Yes.
Q: Can multiple organizations under one umbrella organization apply individual or together?	A: As long as the individual organizations have their own identification numbers and are prequalified in the new Grants Gateway then either method is acceptable. All not-for-profit organizations must be prequalified in the Grants Gateway by the time of contract award. To register please go to https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx
Q: A facility was not damaged by Sandy, but existing space is strained due to extra services being provided or increased capacity. Would renovation costs be reimbursable under this funding?	A: No.
Q: For projects that are already in progress (i.e., bid out, bid awarded and permit applications submitted) can they be included in this RFP? If so, at what stage of completion can they be included?	A: Yes. This solicitation allows for reimbursement of prior costs as well as ongoing and future costs, provided the vendor and project meet all other requirements.
Q: May funds provided to an awardee under Funding Opportunity 4 or Funding Opportunity 6 be used either (a) to provide training to not-for-profit organizations that directly provide services to people affected by Hurricane Sandy OR (b) to perform needs assessments, surveys or other kinds of fact finding about the ongoing service needs of people affected by Hurricane Sandy?	A: For part (a) of the question, yes, training would be eligible provided that the training would qualify under the traditional SSBG funded services as identified in Section 1.4 of the solicitation document. For part (b), these funds are for the provision of services and could not be used to determine if an unmet need exists.
Q: To confirm, legal services agencies are eligible to apply to provide ongoing services to Sandy victims under this RFP, correct? There has been some confusion as we had heard there may be a separate RFP for civil legal services for Sandy victims, but also saw legal services listed as an area of interest under this RFP. Any insight you could provide would be much appreciated.	A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: With preliminary research indicating that not all crisis counselors have been effective in responding to the emotional impact of Superstorm Sandy, and some mental health experts believing that many counselors lack sufficient training in responding to depression and identifying and assessing suicide risk, would suicide prevention education and training services for counselors on these issues fit under the allocations of funding for this grant?	A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: Can funds be used to support children, parents and staff in Sandy affected public schools as well as child care programs?	A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: Does this grant offer any relief from loss of business due to the storm?	A: No, according to Health and Human Services guidelines this grant cannot be used for loss of revenue.

Q: Because many of the clients that the organization serves are in the flood zone, we are interested in getting funds to cover the cost of go-bags and warehouse space to store these supplies until needed. Is this something that this grant would cover?	A: This grant is for reimbursement of storm related costs directly attributable to Sandy and for ongoing services to populations affected by to Sandy. No, this grant can not be used for future mitigation activities.
Q: The agency is currently considering doing a counseling program which will include an art project documenting our participants' stories of the storm. Would funding cover the cost of equipment such as camera, video camera, headphones?	A: It appears that this would qualify under Funding Opportunity 5. The budget narrative must detail how the equipment and supplies will enhance services delivered directly to a Sandy affected population.
Q: Under the RFP, are there any limits on per-person costs? That is, if we propose to serve 50 youth, is there a cap on the amount we could ask for to deliver services?	A: No, there is no such limit in this solicitation.
Q: We serve youth in all five boroughs of NYC, and have a main office in Manhattan, with satellite office in the Bronx, Gowanus, and Jamaica. At the bidders' conference, it was discussed that costs to open and support an office in a Superstorm Sandy-affected area, to serve more Sandy-affected clients, would be an allowable cost. Can you clarify and confirm that? We are interested in possibly operating a small satellite office in Red Hook, the Rockaways, or Staten Island.	A: Yes, these costs could be eligible if, after review and scoring, your application is awarded a contract.
Q: If it is allowable to set up an office in a Sandy-affected area, are there limits on costs? A cap, or some costs not allowable, for example.	A: There are no such limit imposed by this solicitation.
Q: Can we request support for sites that were damaged that we rent?	A: The entity responsible for the building would have to be an eligible applicant.
Q: If we request support for sites that were damaged that we rent, who is the applicant (us or the landlord)?	A: The entity responsible for the building would have to be an eligible applicant.
Q: If sites we rent as a nonprofit organization are owned by a for-profit landlord, are those sites eligible through SSBG?	A: They would only be eligible if the owner is a qualified applicant for SSBG funding.
Q: Are remediation activities undertaken in response to Hurricane *Irene* eligible through SSBG?	A: No, only Superstorm Sandy expenses qualify under this solicitation
Q: If the organization was not directly impacted by Sandy would we still be eligible to apply for a grant to provide services to individual/families that were directly impacted?	A: Yes, these costs may qualify under Funding Opportunities 4, 5 or 6 if services are eligible and are directly provided to a Sandy affected population. The Review Team will make a determination if your program expenses would qualify.
Q: Can an organization apply for a grant and be a subcontract on a grant submitted by a separate organization?	A: Yes, however, no expense can be reimbursed under both application/awards.
Q: On page 7 on the RFP, Focus Area C, under funding opportunity 4, "legal" is listed as part of ongoing support. However, on the table immediately following, under "eligible provider type" community-based providers of legal services is not listed. Is an organization that provides legal services an eligible provider?	A: If a qualified organization (e.g. community based non-profit service provider) is providing those services then they are eligible under this grant.
Q: The organization (post storm Sandy mental health counseling) did not reimburse providers for certain costs associated with the program start-up and operation such as reasonable A & O, informational materials and dissemination, staff recruitment and training. Can organizations apply to this RFP for reimbursement of actual unreimbursed costs?	A: Yes, these would be eligible costs.
Q: Can services that are designed to address trauma issues and build resiliency in people affected by the storm be reimbursed for the period up until September 2015?	A: Yes, these could be considered qualifying expenses. The Review Team will make the final determination.
Q: Can we submit the expense differential between DFTA meal reimbursement and the actual cost of the meals?	A: Yes.

Q: Can costs associated with planning efforts to identify and provide additional services to meet eligible social services needs be requested under Focus area 2.2.6?	A: Yes, those would be qualifying costs.
Q: On page 2 of the RFP, it states "health care and mental health services including costs associated with service delivery as well as the operational cost of sustaining the ability to provide such services in order to subsequently reopen facilities entirely shut down as a result of SuperStorm Sandy". Would you please clarify which costs are allowable? Should these costs be submitted under Focus Area B?	A: Eligible costs are identified in Section 1.4 of the RFP.
Q: Page 7 of the RFP, eligibility section. Could a 501 c (3) that promotes health and healthy lifestyles, including the promotion of activity to decrease symptoms of chronic disease through its community based membership qualify as a Community based health and human services non for profit?	A: Based on the information provided, it appears that the organization is a community based non-profit service provider. A complete list of eligible providers is available in the RFP. Organizations whose services and/or populations were directly impacted by Sandy are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: Our program provides training and models to teachers and parents Emotionally Responsive Practice, providing tools for educators and families to deal with trauma and promote resiliency in the lives of young children. Is this type of service--training/professional development--fundable under this RFP?	A: Based on the information provided, it appears that the organization is a community based non-profit service provider. A complete list of eligible providers is available in the RFP. Organizations whose services and/or populations were directly impacted by Sandy are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: The organization has received a small grant from the a Foundation to provide some training to educators in schools in affected areas in New York City. Funding from the Block Grant would enable us to provide more in-depth training and to a broader range of schools and communities. Is this considered an area (deepening and expanding services) for which no other funds are available?	A: This could qualify. The Review Team assigned to review your proposal would make the final determination.
Q: Can you please advise whether funds allocated under the State of New York Social Services Block Grant Superstorm Sandy Supplemental Request for Proposals can be applied to capital projects for construction/renovation of hospital facilities in cases where the applicant facility was not directly damaged as a result of the storm, but is seeking to expand treatment capacity in order to respond to an increase in patient volume that results from closure of a neighboring facility that was rendered inoperable by damages sustained during Superstorm Sandy?	A: Funds under this grant cannot be used to expand an existing facility. All capital expenditures must be related to damage from Sandy.
Q: If allowable, would application for this type of project be submitted under Focus Area C, Ongoing support and social services, or Focus Area D, Flexibility to address additional eligible social service needs?	A: As the expenses are not allowable this question is not applicable.
Q: Can the City apply on behalf of nonprofit service providers? Or do nonprofits have to apply on their own? a. If the city applies on behalf of nonprofits – does it have to be nonprofits the city already contracts with? b. Is it recommended to name the providers in the submission?	A: Individual organizations must apply on their own as they are the ones that sustained damage or are providing the services for which the funds will be used.
Q: Are IT systems/networks eligible for funding? If so, under which Focus Area?	A: It would depend on the context of the question. There are Funding Opportunities that cover damaged equipment and there are opportunities for equipment for ongoing programs.
Q: Could the City use any of the SSBG available funds for developing a citywide database for vulnerable populations for future emergency preparedness?	A: It appears that this is a mitigation project that is not addressing Sandy impacts. Per HHS guidelines, SSBG funds cannot be used to develop a database with the purpose of preparing for future disasters.
Q: When the RFP mentions Sandy-impacted areas covered – does that cover the whole city because under FEMA public assistance, it applied to the whole city?	A: The RFP covers any area or population that has been affected by Sandy.
Q: Are preparedness/resiliency activities, such as training of staff, affiliates and volunteers be covered under this grant?	A: The types of allowable services are defined in the Section 1.4 of the RFP. There is also additional information about allowable services contained in Section 2.2.
Q: Can a consortium of organizations apply together?	A: Yes.
Q: Are wages paid to staff during the period of time that a facility was closed considered a reimbursable expense?	A: Depending upon the organization and the services provided these expenses may qualify for reimbursement. It is advised that the organization submit an application for review.

Q: How does an organization document the increased payroll or other costs related to Sandy?	A: Costs from the pre-Sandy and post-Sandy period can be compared to costs during the "Sandy" period. If costs are consistent they could also be compared to prior year costs to show a trend. These types of statistics could be used to establish the costs of Sandy.
Q: Can training of counselors be reimbursed?	A: Yes, provided that the training would qualify under the traditional SSBG funded services as identified in Section 1.4 of the solicitation document.
Q: Is there a limit on staffing (full time or part time) to be reimbursed by this grant?	A: No.
Q: Are staff transportation costs directly related to providing services covered?	A: Yes.
Q: Our electronic time management system does not allow us to extract specific dates to show employee overtime. We have asked all department heads to manually check all time sheets and submit the name of the employee, # of OT hours worked, and their rate. Will this suffice as documentation? If not, please do let us know what the State will accept.	A: This type of documentation will help support the costs as well as signed attestations by the Department Heads or other Executive Management of the organization. This will suffice as you have the payroll records to substantiate the claim.
Q: Regular SSBG rules seem to prohibit SSBG use for wage subsidies. This appropriation allows for some exceptions to regular Title XX rules (capital improvements for example). Under the employment section, can this be used for wage subsidies?	A: All the eligible costs and exceptions are identified in Section 1.4 of the RFP. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination of eligibility.
Q: If FEMA (or other funding sources) do not fully cover Sandy related costs, can vendors still apply?	A: Yes. Vendors must document all other available sources of funding to cover these costs, those sources applied for, and the outcome of those applications.
Q: Is an insurance deductible a reimbursable expense?	A: Yes.
Q: If insurance only paid a portion of incurred expenses due to allowed depreciation, is the difference between actual costs and the amount reimbursed a qualified expense?	A: Yes.
Q: Our agency has a property which I am sure will qualify as it was severely damaged by the storm and is still not repaired. We have received some funds from our insurance carrier, the County did some remediation and will be charging us for that, but I don't think we yet know exact cost. We are still waiting for FEMA to determine what they will pay us. When we apply, how do we indicate that we still have some unknowns in terms of reimbursements from other sources?	A: In the budget narrative include that there are still pending applications for reimbursements but at this time the amount is unknown. Before funding can be provided you will need to document the result of those outstanding applications but your application can still be reviewed and scored.
Q: We were considering submitting an LOI for funding from the NYS Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Do we need to decide to apply to either the NYS Hazard Mitigation Grant Program OR for Sandy SSBG funding, OR, may we apply to both sources, in case we are not funded at the full amount requested?	A: This SSBG is a supplemental funding source to be used when all other funding sources have been exhausted. You should apply to all other eligible programs (e.g. HMGP, FEMA, etc.) and include the detail of all pending applications in the budget narrative for this application.
Q: Agencies that have successfully applied to FEMA for reimbursement for capital costs, can apply in this RFP for uncovered costs such as the 10% disallowed by FEMA?	A: Yes, that is correct. Any eligible costs not reimbursed under another program are qualified under this grant.
Q: If an eligible organization has submitted a Letter of Intent under the Hazard Mitigation program and believes it will be allowed to apply for FEMA reimbursement for a substantially damaged OPWDD residence, can the organization apply in this RFP for the following: The total cost to demolish and rebuild to elevate the building to comply with newly proposed elevation requirements is estimated at \$1 million. Insurance and other grants received to date are \$600,000 and the estimated FEMA recovery cannot be determined at the time of the SSBG submission. Can the organization apply for funding under this RFP for the difference between the cost estimate to rebuild and the known funding to date, which is \$400,000 in this illustration, with the understanding that if additional funding is awarded by FEMA under the Hazard Mitigation program then the SSBG grant would be reduced accordingly?	A: Yes, that is appropriate. The budget narrative should identify this situation in its entirety so the Review Team can adequately review and score the proposal.
Q: Does each line of services need to be a separate application?	A: No, organizations should submit a single application but each Funding Opportunity requires a separate budget and narrative.

<p>Q: Please confirm that the 10% of costs that FEMA will not cover, and any insurance deductibles can be reimbursed through the CSBG.</p>	<p>A: This RFP is for the SSBG (not CSBG). The 10% non-Federal share of FEMA non-reimbursable costs is not eligible for reimbursement under the Sandy SSBG. Insurance deductibles are eligible for reimbursement un the Sandy SSBG.</p>
<p>Q: Can funds by used to pay the institution's share of FEMA's Public Assistance grants?</p>	<p>A: Yes.</p>
<p>Q: Can funds be used for the following costs?: evacuating patients in preparation for the Storm; restoring patient medical records that were damaged by the storm; providing resource and referral information to help patients access other services while our facility was closed due to Super Storm Sandy damage; providing temporary health services (mobile response team) to the community after the storm; to provide patients with copies of their radiology film and reports to give to other providers while the hospital is closed; to support administrative services (i.e. human resources, information services, billing etc.) to support ongoing operations while the main facility is closed; as a Public entity hospital that operated in-house laboratory services that were interrupted during Hurricane Sandy, we encountered additional costs due to the necessity to use commercial lab services until repaired. We have been informed by our FEMA Public Assistance representatives that these costs are not eligible under their program, do these costs appear to be funded under the SSBG opportunities; as a Public entity hospital that owns several facilities located in flood hazard areas that were damaged during Hurricane Sandy, none of which carried NFIP insurance, therefore, our FEMA Public Assistance grants will contain mandatory reductions for both building damages and contents lost. Are these mandatory reductions eligible under this SSBG program?</p>	<p>A: Yes, some of these may be eligible costs. The application should provide sufficient detail on the proposed costs, the Sandy affected entity and populations served. The Review Team will make the final determination after reviewing the application as a whole.</p>
<p>Q: I wanted to confirm that the New York City Department of Education Office of School Food, or Office of School Support Services would <u>not</u> be eligible to apply for coverage through the State of New York, Social Services Black Grant Superstorm Sandy Supplemental. We have applied for FEMA reimbursement, but have no idea how much we will be reimbursed or if or when.</p>	<p>A: Under this grant school districts are considered to be a local government and are eligible to apply for funding. You should apply to all other eligible programs (e.g. HMGP, FEMA, etc.) and include the detail of all pending applications in the budget narrative for this application.</p>
<p>Q: Are houses of worship eligible for SSBG funds under this procurement?</p>	<p>A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Are any or all of these kinds of schools eligible applicants? Public, Non-public, Charter, Parochial, and Private</p>	<p>A: Under this grant school districts could be considered a local government or a non-profit, depending upon the organization. They are eligible to apply for funding assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Are LEAs – school districts/ Local Educational Agencies – eligible applicants?</p>	<p>A: Under this grant school districts could be considered a local government or a non-profit, depending upon the organization. They are eligible to apply for funding assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: In New York City, is the entire NYC Dept. of Education (DOE) an eligible candidate?</p>	<p>A: Under this grant a city government department would be considered a local government and would be eligible to apply for funding assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Is the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) an eligible applicant?</p>	<p>A: Under this grant a city government departments could be considered a local government and could be eligible to apply for funding assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>

<p>Q: Is the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) an eligible applicant? Can specific residential units of NYCHA apply on their own?</p>	<p>A: Under this grant a city government department could be considered a local government and could be eligible to apply for funding assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Individual units could submit separate applications. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Is the New York City Parks and Recreation an eligible applicant? Are individual NYC parks, such as Riverside Park, NYC, Crotona Park, Bronx, or Flushing Meadows Park, Queens, eligible applicants to apply on their own?</p>	<p>A: Under this grant a city government department could be considered a local government and could be eligible to apply for funding assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Individual units could submit separate applications. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Can a trade association apply on behalf of its members?</p>	<p>A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Are city libraries covered organizations?</p>	<p>A: Under this grant a city government department could be considered a local government and could be eligible to apply for funding assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Is a New York city agency eligible to submit costs that were not reimbursed by FEMA or any other funding stream?</p>	<p>A: The 10% non-Federal share of FEMA non-reimbursable costs is not eligible for reimbursement under the Sandy SSBG. Insurance deductibles are eligible for reimbursement un the Sandy SSBG. Determination on other funding sources would have to be made on a case by case basis depending on the nature of the funding source. Applications must provide detail of all other funding sources applied for and the result of those applications.</p>
<p>Q: Is a not-for-profit university eligible to apply for funding, assuming the request is for a permitted use?</p>	<p>A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Does a community based organization providing an array of services - which include health and housing supportive services, case management services, job placement, job training, and legal services - qualify as a provider for Focus Area C - Funding Opp. 4, and/or Focus Area D - Funding Opp. 6? Do any or all of these services qualify for support under this RFP?</p>	<p>A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Would provision of community-based one-to-one adult/youth mentoring and support services programs, for children and youth affected by Superstorm Sandy, fall under Focus Area C or Focus Area D. We currently serve youth impacted by the storm, living in affected areas such as the Rockaways and Red Hook, and also hope to continue to serve youth in those areas.</p>	<p>A: Based on information provided, this appears to fall under Focus Area C assuming that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Will you define, from the grant review perspective, the term "Prevention and Intervention Services" as used in Section 1.4 ("Eligible Applicants and Eligible Costs & Services") of the RFP?</p>	<p>A: Per HHS, prevention and intervention services are those services or activities designed to provide early identification and/or timely intervention to support families and prevent or ameliorate the consequences of, abuse, neglect, or family violence, or to assist in making arrangement for alternate placements or living arrangements where necessary. For more information please refer to the following website. http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/resource/uniform-definition-of-services</p>
<p>Q: What is a child care intermediary organization?</p>	<p>A: Child care intermediary organizations are not-for-profit entities with experience in providing organizational development assistance, including re-granting, to small and midsize organizations. Eligible child care intermediary organizations can have a statewide, regional, or local scope. Examples include charitable organizations with grant making experience; community-development financial institutions; child care resource and referral agencies and child care membership organizations.</p>

Q: On page 2, a list of SSBG-eligible costs is provided. We wish to continue to provide community-based one-to-one adult/youth mentoring and support services programs, for children and youth affected by Superstorm Sandy. We are not sure which area our programming falls under, but other funders [OCFS, NYS DOH, and others] have placed our work in a variety of SSBG categories: Education and Training Services; Prevention and Intervention Services; Special Services—Youth at Risk. Which area would our programming fall under?	A: As you have experienced in the past your services could fall into one of many categories.
Q: Is technology considered a capital expense? Would consideration be given to support development of technology platforms to enhance systems that went down due to power outages?	A: Per HHS, this would not be an allowable use of SSBG funds. These funds are to address necessary expenses resulting from Sandy, they are not allocated for the preparation for future disasters.
Q: Can a generator be installed in an undamaged facility?	A: This is not an eligible use of funds under SSBG.
Q: May we be reimbursed for additional staffing costs as the result of a generator failure?	A: Depending upon the Funding Opportunity applied for the costs identified in this question could qualify as reimbursable assuming all other requirements of the Funding Opportunity are met.
Q: The vendor would like to know whether any portion of the grant could be used to install a back up power generation system? While they were fortunate enough to avoid flooding, they lost power and could not open for 2 weeks. This precluded them from providing service to 125 families. They would be interested in installing a gas powered back up system if a portion of the cost could be recouped. Without that assistance, the cost of such a system is prohibitive.	A: If a facility was damaged by Sandy, the organization may include as part of its repair, rebuilding or renovation plan, costs to improve resiliency, which may include the installation of a backup power system.
Q: We have several group homes for people with mental health issues which had numerous downed trees and power lines, but sustained relatively minor if any physical damage to the structures from the storm itself, but lost power for extended period of time. We had to relocate residents from one of the sites because of the extensive delays in repairs doubling residents up in one group home. Residents had to function without electricity or heat for this time. Many have medical conditions in addition to mental health issues. Would this grant support installation of full house back-up generators for these locations?	A: If a facility was damaged by Sandy, the organization may include as part of its repair, rebuilding or renovation plan, costs to improve resiliency, which may include the installation of a backup power system.
Q: If we lost power at one of our sites and had to rent a generator and pay to fuel it, would those be eligible expenses through SSBG?	A: These costs may qualify under Focus Area B (Funding Opportunities 2 or 3). The Review Team will make a determination if your program expenses would qualify.
Q: While the sites within our Community Residence Program were not physically damaged as a result of Hurricane Sandy, the Agency is interested in applying for funding for back-up power systems (i.e. generators) as a preventative measure for future weather emergencies. Is this project able to be funded by the Social Services Block Grant?	A: If a facility was damaged by Sandy, the organization may include as part of its repair, rebuilding or renovation plan, costs to improve resiliency, which may include the installation of a backup power system.
Q: Vendor has two facilities, one was not damaged as a result of Sandy and one was. Can renovations to the undamaged location to increase its capacity or install a generator be reimbursed by this solicitation? These renovations would be to provide a backup location in the event of future disasters.	A: These funds may not be used to mitigate for future disasters. The entity must have been damaged by Superstorm Sandy to be eligible.
Q: Vendor is a hospital and increased staffing for the foreseen impacts of Sandy, are these costs reimbursable?	A: These may be eligible costs. The Review Team will make the final determination after reviewing the application as a whole.
Q: Vendor is a hospital and has established an ongoing mental health support program, are these costs reimbursable?	A: These may be eligible costs. The Review Team will make the final determination after reviewing the application as a whole.
Q: Can funds be used to assist victims of Sandy relocate?	A: These may be eligible costs. The Review Team will make the final determination after reviewing the application as a whole.
Q: Are all building damages qualified expenses even if the organization uses the same space to provide services that would not be covered under SSBG funding (shared space)? Or would the expenses have to be pro-rated?	A: Expense would have to be pro-rated.

Q: Can funds be used for an organization to open a new location (lease space, establish an office, payroll, etc.) to serve a population affected by Sandy?	A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: If a facility had existing damage, but was made worse by Sandy, can these costs be reimbursed?	A: Only the cost attributed to Sandy. The application should provide sufficient documentation to support the damage directly related to Sandy.
Q: What specifically is covered as a back up power system identified in Funding Opportunity 1?	A: If a facility was damaged by Sandy, the organization may include as part of its repair, rebuilding or renovation plan, costs to improve resiliency, which may include the installation of a backup power system. The Review Team will consider multiple types of back up power systems based on the needs of the facility and best practices, and could include on-site generators.
Q: Can the purchase of a system to convert to and maintain electronic case records be covered as paper records were damaged/destroyed by Sandy?	A: Per HHS, this would not be an allowable use of SSBG funds. These funds are to address necessary expenses resulting from Sandy, they are not allocated for the preparation for future disasters.
Q: Can the installation of a generator for future disaster mitigation be covered?	A: If a facility was damaged by Sandy, the organization may include as part of its repair, rebuilding or renovation plan, costs to improve resiliency, which may include the installation of a backup power system.
Q: Are the costs required to relocate an organizations administrative office covered expenses?	A: These may be eligible costs to the extent that the administrative offices were damaged by Sandy. The Review Team will make the final determination after reviewing the application as a whole.
Q: If our facility lost power (but was not physically damaged) is the installation of back up power eligible? Would you please confirm this is the case? On p. 5 of the RFA the language does not seem to support.	A: If a facility was damaged by Sandy, the organization may include as part of its repair, rebuilding or renovation plan, costs to improve resiliency, which may include the installation of a backup power system.
Q: Can the application include funding for community outreach or advertising to promote the mental health services we are applying to provide?	A: These may be eligible costs. The Review Team will make the final determination after reviewing the application as a whole.

Questions and Answers Regarding Application	
Question	Answer
Q: Many applicants are likely to have partners who may provide complementary services that strengthen the effectiveness of the proposed program. Some partners may provide these complementary services at no charge, and other partners may need to be paid for their complementary services. The RFP of July 5, 2013, has no formal, written Partnership Agreement. Nor does the RFP indicate where in what Program Plan Narrative section the descriptions of applicant-partner relationships should be included. How should applicants indicate Partnership Agreements? Where should applicants put information about Partnership Agreements?	A: Since these agreements could be established in several ways and may be appropriately included in one or more of the Program Narrative questions, it is recommended that these be included in the response that is most appropriate based on the structure of the partnership agreement.
Q: Many applicants are likely to have people and institutions that favor their proposals. Where should such supporters and their letters be included in a complete Sandy SSBG Proposal?	A: These types of letters or recommendations are not required as part of the application and should not be included unless they have a significant bearing on the application as a whole.
Q: Is there a cap per agency or a maximum amount per category that an agency can request or be awarded?	A: There is no funding limitation for each application. Applications can be of any amount as long as the expenses are eligible under the Funding Opportunity. When the applications are reviewed and awards are made, funding amounts requested may be reduced, if necessary, including if the Funding Opportunity has received requests for funding that exceed the available funds.
Q: Is there an estimate for average grant size or the number of grants that will be provided?	A: No, at this time it is unknown as to the number of grants that will be provided or their values.
Q: How do vendors submit the Vendex (online vendor responsibility) form with the application?	A: For an online application, vendors should make a note in their application that they are using the Vendex system. For a paper application, the cover page from Vendex should be printed and submitted with the application.

Q: How do vendors apply for funding under this solicitation if they are unclear as to how much funding will be provided by other potential sources?	A: Applications should be submitted and must identify all possible other sources of funding applied for (i.e. FEMA, HMGP, insurance, etc.). The budget has categories for these potential funding sources.
Q: Is there a limit to the number of pages or a specific format that should be followed?	A: There is no limit to the number of pages. All applications should adequately respond to all questions, detail the program narrative and describe the budget for review. Paper applications should follow the format of Section 3 of the solicitation document.
Q: Are there federal requirements for capital expenditures?	A: See section 4.2. Certain capital expenditures reimbursed with this funding may require a Notice of Federal Interest.
Q: Does the Consolidated Funding Application system allow budgets to be split between funding opportunities?	A: The Consolidated Funding Application will allow a separate budget to be created for each Funding Opportunity.
Q: If an organization proposes a new program, would the lead agency reviewing the proposal provide technical assistance or suggest modifications to the program?	A: The reviewing agency cannot modify a proposal as that would not be fair to all possible applicants. If selected for funding an Agency could provide technical assistance after the award.
Q: Please provide additional information about the NYS VendRep form and questionnaire for those who are new to the system. Is this to be completed by the non-profit agency or the vendor providing services or equipment to the agency? Must everyone be in this system before submitting a proposal?	A: The NYS VendRep form, either the online system or paper questionnaire, needs to be completed by the vendor entering into a contract with the State or receiving a PO as a result of this procurement. This needs to be completed as part of the application process. A review of the vendor responsibility will be conducted as part of the application review and award process.
Q: Must non-profits use the NYS charities # on the cover sheet rather than the Employer Identification Number (EIN)?	A: It is recommended that vendors provide all identifying numbers (EIN, Charities registration, NYS Vendor ID, etc.) to minimize future questions.
Q: Are any signatures required on the Consolidated Funding Application?	A: There is no manual signature required when utilizing the Consolidated Funding Application system.
Q: Do we need to provide written estimates for items in the budget?	A: At the time of application written estimates are not required. If selected the organization will need to provide backup documentation (estimates, receipts, etc.) with their claim.
Q: Many of our groups will be applying for construction funds—what level of detail do you need to see on the application regarding repair and replacement?	A: Between the budget form and the associated narrative there should be enough detail on eligibility and scope so that the Review Team has a clear understanding of the project so it may be scored fairly.
Q: Is there a form to sign?	A: If you utilizing the online Consolidated Funding Application, there is no form to sign. If you are using a paper submission, then you need to include all the information identified in Section 3 of the RFP and you should include a signature in the application.
Q: Although we applied for reimbursement from FEMA immediately after Superstorm Sandy, and the application has been approved at the State level, we do not know what amounts, if any, will be approved at the Federal level. May we include these costs in our application for Sandy SSBG funding, with the understanding that we will not request access to these funds until the FEMA process has concluded and only then, if FEMA does not approve the reimbursement?	A: In the budget narrative, include that there are still pending applications for reimbursements but at this time the amount is unknown.
Q: On page 1 of the RFP, the five broad goals of the SSBG program are listed. We wonder what category community-based one-to-one adult/youth mentoring and support services programs, for children and youth affected by Superstorm Sandy, would fall under. We think it would be under 2) to promote self-sufficiency, 3) to prevent or remedy neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults, or 4), to provide for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care.	A: These are the statutory goals of SSBG. These are not the Funding Opportunities under which funding is available. Please review Section 2.2 Funding Opportunities to see under which program you may be eligible.
Q: Related to Q1, would we need to note or explain in the application which area our programming falls under?	A: Yes, you need to identify under which Funding Opportunity you are applying. If you use the online Consolidated Funding Application it streamlines that process for you. If you are using paper, you need to use the budget form in the RFP and note the Funding Opportunity on the form and in the Budget Narrative.
Q: Are youth development programs for low-income youth (e.g., one-to-one adult/youth mentoring programs with support services) affected by Superstorm Sandy allowable as social service programs under the RFP?	A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: Can you provide more details about the differences between Focus Area C v. Focus Area D [p.1]?	A: Those differences are noted in Section 2.2 of the RFP in which a more detailed description of these opportunities are available.

Q: If our programs fall under both Focus Areas C and D, do we need to complete two applications if we want to be considered for both sets of funds?	A: No. You will file one application with separate budgets and budget narratives for each funding opportunity.
Q: Do we need to state what Focus Area we are applying for, or will application review include determining which Focus Area a program falls under?	A: Yes. You need to identify under which Funding Opportunity you are applying.
Q: In the application, do we need to specify which SSBG-eligible service category our programming falls under?	A: No. You only need to identify under which Funding Opportunity you are applying. The Review Team will determine if the services qualify as SSBG services.
Q: On p. 14, under rights reserved for the Lead State Agency, #12 says that the LSA can require that all proposals be held valid for a minimum of 180 days from the closing date for receipt of proposals, unless otherwise expressly provided for in writing. We have not encountered that in other contracts before, and so request that you elaborate on what it means for proposers.	A: This language is boilerplate language and is just stating that the proposal submitted is firm for 180 days, after which point, a vendor can withdraw its request.
Q: Is it preferable for eligible organizations that are applying for eligible activities that involve populations/programs funded/covered by several different lead state agencies (e.g. OPWDD, OMH) to group funding requests in separate applications (e.g. one with all OPWDD-related capital and services funding requests, one for OMH-related services requests, etc.)?	A: Organizations are encouraged to submit one application with a separate budget and narrative for each of the Funding Opportunities that are being applied for. Organizations must identify in their application all State Agencies that provide funding or oversight.
Q: We provides extensive social services to older adults throughout NYC through separate 501 (C) 3 corporations governed by the board of its supporting corporation. Six of our eight housing facilities as well as the services we provide to aging New Yorkers under our central services corporation were affected by Sandy. Can We submit one application, under its 501 (C) 3 through which we provide services, to secure funding for unreimbursed capital and operating costs at our multiple sites or are we required to file separate applications for each of our individual corporations?	A: You can submit your application in either manner providing that the Review Team can adequately understand the content of the application.
Q: We lost five passenger vans during Sandy. Insurance payments were insufficient to replace them. Under which funding category should we request help in paying incremental funds required to enable us to replace these critical vehicles that are used to transport and aid seniors?	A: This appears to be a Focus Area B or C related expense.
Q: Under which funding category should we request help to pay for unreimbursed costs for repairing or replacing furniture, equipment (including computers, tablets and Hotspots), and supplies damaged by Sandy?	A: This appears to be a Focus Area B or C related expense.
Q: We have received a partial reimbursement for Sandy-related costs under Insurance coverage, but have not received a schedule of the specific items covered in the partial reimbursement or an indication of when the whole claim will be settled or for how much. How should we address this in the SSBG budget and narrative?	A: You should indicate what was submitted to the insurance company and how much was reimbursed. If there is still an open pending claim, you should identify that also.
Q: A2 does not seem to have a place for a signature. Where should it be signed?	A: You may sign A-2 at the bottom of the form.
Q: Are there any other limitations, e.g., length of proposal, font size, margin size, etc.?	A: No, there are no limitations of this nature. Please provide adequate detail for the Review Team without providing unnecessary information.
Q: Can local governments only submit one application or can they submit multiple?	A: An application can include budgets for multiple funding opportunities. It is not advisable to submit multiple applications to avoid the potential for duplication of budget items.
Q: Is a separate narrative required for each funding opportunity?	A: Yes.
Q: I believe that a colleague who is currently out of the office has registered the organization on the Grants Gateway system and submitted information for pre-qualification. Is there a way that I can check to make sure this has been done and whether it has been approved?	A: You would have to contact the Grants Gateway team for information related to that project. Please visit please go to https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx for more information
Q: Is this grant a competitive grant or first come first serve?	A: This is a competitive grant.

Q: Should applications rank proposals in order of priority?	A: As this is a competitive application process, the order of priority assigned by an organization would have no bearing as applications will be ordered based on their final score.
Q: Is the state publicizing the RFP locally to nonprofits?	A: Yes, there has been outreach.
Q: The SSBG Program Plan Narrative lists 6 topics that are required as the format for the Program Narrative (p. 43 of RFP, July 5, 2013). No points are given for each of these 6 topics. Yet in the Selection Criteria list (p. 11 of RFP, July 5, 2013), there are 5 criteria listed with points for each criterion (Need, Impact, Availability of Alternative Funds, Resiliency, and Supplemental Points). Both formats are understandable ways of organizing a Program Narrative. But there are no direct parallels between SSBG Program Plan Narrative and Selection Criteria. Which format should applicants use for the Program Plan Narrative? What will be the allocation of points for the format that applicants should use?	A: The Program Plan Narrative should be used as required by the RFP. Please note that the first five (5) questions apply to Impact and Need; the 6th bullet applies to Resiliency; and the Budget and associated narrative will be used to address Availability of Alternative Funding. The narrative for the Supplemental Points can be addressed in the first five (5) questions or narrated as an individual section.
Q: Vendor is a hospital that is largely closed. They are starting to re-open and beginning to provide limited services. Funding is needed to re-establish many auxiliary services (e.g. lab) and re-establish an administration, would these costs be reimbursable?	A: These may be eligible costs depending on whether eligible services would be provided as well as other factors. The Review Team will make the final determination after reviewing the application as a whole.

Questions and Answers Regarding Budget and Funding	
Question	Answer
Q: Are matching funds required?	A: No.
Q: Should a single budget or application be submitted for an organization with multiple sites that were damaged? What if different sites provide different services and are monitored/licensed by different agencies.	A: The budget narrative should describe this situation and provide a breakdown of the services and costs for each site.
Q: If a vendor is not sure of all the steps or rehabilitation that will be required to make a building habitable again due to pending law changes, how should the budget be developed?	A: The budget should be drafted under current laws with a line item for the potential contingencies. This should be documented in the narrative.

<p>Q: Can SSBG funds be used to cover the 10% “match” or non-covered expenses from the FEMA Public Assistance program? Additionally, there is a 25% match under the HMGP that applicants may be interested in funding through the SSBG. It would be wonderful if the SSBG funds could be used to cover these matching requirements.</p> <p>The HHS Administration for Children and Families Website includes an FAQ document regarding the SSBG funds, which seems to imply that the SSBG funds cannot be used for this purpose. Please let me know your thoughts. Below is the question and answer being referred to from HHS:</p> <p><i>Question: Can SSBG funds be used for FEMA match?</i></p> <p><i>Answer: Although FEMA has primary authority and responsibility for oversight and verification of any required nonfederal match, neither the federal nor the nonfederal share of a particular grant program may be used by a grantee to match funds provided under another federal grant program unless specifically authorized by law. In other words, unless expressly authorized by statute, a grantee may not use funds received under one federal grant as the matching share under a separate grant, nor may it use the same grantee dollars to meet two separate matching requirements. We are not aware of any FEMA statutes or authorities that allow SSBG supplemental appropriations to be used to meet State cost match requirements.</i></p>	<p>A: The 10% non-Federal share of FEMA non-reimbursable costs is not eligible for reimbursement under the Sandy SSBG.</p>
<p>Q: Are agencies required to pay prevailing wage for the work being done or can we have market quotes from reliable vendors?</p>	<p>A: SSBG does not require an organization to follow the Davis-Bacon Act however, if you are required by any other law to do so then you must comply with that law.</p>
<p>Q: We have union and non-union employees who worked through the storm to deliver health care services, can we use an average fringe rate and apply it to the wages or do we need to apply the specific rate to each employee? We had approximately 700 employees who had to work additional hours.</p>	<p>A: The State would recommend that two separate rates be used to ensure accuracy.</p>
<p>Q: Does Funding Opportunity 1 include new construction? For example, if an eligible facility was damaged by Superstorm Sandy, and wants to renovate a damaged wing of its facility and also build a new extension of the damaged wing to service the population impacted by Superstorm Sandy, will the new extension qualify under Funding Opportunity 1?</p>	<p>A: Yes, assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.</p>
<p>Q: Does Funding Opportunity 2 include equipment and furniture that was damaged by Superstorm Sandy?</p>	<p>A: Yes, this opportunity covers those items.</p>
<p>Q: When we have to list all funding we have applied for, does that include all Sandy related funding, or just funding for that specific request?</p>	<p>A: It would relate to any funding associated with the Funding Opportunity for which you are applying.</p>
<p>Q: As discussed at the bidders’ conference, please advise what budget period to provide in the proposal. Also, if we want to do Focus Area C, for ‘current’ work, does that affect the start date of budget periods?</p>	<p>A: You may choose any budget period that is appropriate for your program that includes future work provided it begins on or after 9/1/13 and ends on or before 9/30/15.</p>
<p>Q: In our budgets, what starting date should we use for services that come under Focus areas 2.2. C (Funding opportunities 4 and 5) Ongoing support and social services and D (Funding opportunity 6) Flexibility---? Will contracts be backdated to 9/1/13?</p>	<p>A: You may choose any budget period that is appropriate for your application and program provided it begins on or after 9/1/13 and ends on or before 9/30/15.</p>
<p>Q: Are administrative or indirect costs reimbursable? Where should they be included?</p>	<p>A: Yes, these costs are reimbursable and should be included in the budget in the other category. Please remember the Executive Order 38 will apply to all administrative costs.</p>

Q: Can an organization request a 2 year contract period? Do we have to submit a budget for each year 2013-2014 and 2014-2015?	A: Yes, an organization can request any appropriate contract period as long as it is within the timeframe established in the solicitation document. You only need to submit one budget for the entire program period which does not have to be a one year period. It can be any term as long as it begins on or after 9/1/13 or ends on or before 9/30/15.
Q: What is the allowable indirect rate for the budget? May we use our federally negotiated IDC?	A: There is no limit or stated rate in the solicitation. The rate used must be justifiable to the Review Team evaluating the application.
Q: Should travel costs to Rensselaer be included? If so, under what category or budget line?	A: If the costs are related to one of the funding opportunities, then they can be included in the Other Expense category. Expenses should be labeled travel.
Q: Related to this, is it acceptable to seek funding under Focus Area C or D for current staff working with Sandy-affected clients, as long as they are not on any other government contracts?	A: As long as an organization is not submitting storm related expenses to multiple sources and all other sources of recovery funding have been exhausted, this is a viable funding source for reimbursement.
Q: Page 4 of the RFP Under 2.2 Funding opportunities, within focus area D, specifically funding opportunity 6. The statement reads Other eligible health and social services costs incurred during Sandy and on going needs from facilities and other providers that are not addressed in the first three focus areas. Question: does this have to be an And statement could it read And/or ongoing needs from facilities and other providers that are not addressed in the first three focus areas.	A: Yes, that is an appropriate interpretation of this opportunity.
Q: What percentage should applicants use in their budgets for "Administrative Costs"? The 2 years of funding have different percentages for Administrative Costs in Executive Order 38 Limits on State-Funded Administrative Costs memo issued by Gov. Cuomo on Jan. 18, 2012.	A: The funding for this grant is subject to Executive Order 38 and the appropriate percentage should be used for administrative costs based upon the fiscal year in which reimbursement takes place.
Q: The format for Expenditure-Based Budget does not indicate if the budget should be for both of the 2 years or for only 1 of the 2 years. Should applicants' budgets be 2 year or 1 year?	A: The budget(s) submitted with the application for this grant should be inclusive of the entire period in which reimbursement shall take place as there are no renewals.
Q: Where in what Expense Category in Attach. B-1, Expenditure-Based Budget, should "Administrative Costs" be listed? The RFP and Attach. B-1 does not indicate in what Expense Category "Administrative Costs" are to be listed.	A: Administrative costs should be included in the Other Expense category. Please be advised that the provisions of Executive Order 38 will apply.
Q: Page 9 of the RFP Funding Purpose 6 reads: "Eligible health and social services costs incurred during Sandy and on going needs from facilities and other providers that are not addressed in the first three focus areas". Question: may this be interpreted as And/or ongoing needs from facilities and other providers that are not addressed in the first three focus areas?	A: Yes, that is an appropriate interpretation of this opportunity.
Q: How broadly is other direct services defined? Would this be inclusive of income supports and economic counseling?	A: The types of allowable services are defined in the Section 1.4 of the RFP. There is also additional information about allowable services contained in Section 2.2.
Q: Is there a cap on the fringe rate?	A: No.
Q: Are new programs that are developed supposed to be a performance based budget or a line item budget?	A: Line item.

Questions and Answers Regarding Award Process

Questions	Answers
Q: Will a list of applicants be posted and if so when?	A: It is anticipated that awards will be made as soon as practicable after the applications are received, reviewed and scored.
Q: What month should the proposed budget for grant-funded projects begin, considering applications are due August 30 and will likely not be reviewed until at least sometime in September?	A: That would depend upon the Funding Opportunity that you are applying for. If you are applying for reimbursement of prior costs you could begin as early as 9/1/13. If the funding is for a program or construction yet to begin then it should reference an appropriate begin date that is associated with the project.

Q: Will the funding be awarded in a lump sum payment or paid out based on claims submitted on an approved award level?	A: Funds will be paid out in accordance with claims received. If an awarded vendor submits one claim for the entire award amount it would be paid out as one payment, this is preferred for reimbursement of prior costs. For ongoing services funds will be paid out over time as work is completed and claims are received.
Q: Will the RFP pay for both prospective and retrospective services for each category? (i.e. services that have been delivered already versus yet to be provided but are needed)	A: There are Funding Opportunities that address both prior expenses and those going forward.
Q: Could these dollars be regranted to affiliated programs?	A: As applications must identify expenses directly incurred by the recipient organization regrating of funds is not feasible. If an organization is applying on behalf of an eligible applicant or applicants then this may be permissible assuming that the services are provided to a population that was directly impacted by Sandy and that the program meets all other eligibility requirements. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The review team will make the final determination on eligibility.
Q: When will awards be made?	A: It is anticipated that awards will be made as soon as practicable after the applications are received, reviewed and scored.
Q: Would uncompensated operational costs be covered if organization used Sandy-restricted privately raised dollars to support these expenses prior to SSBG?	A: Applications should be submitted and must identify all possible other sources of funding applied for, received, pending approval and rejected. This would include FEMA and private insurance as well as other sources of reimbursement.
Q: Do we need to complete the Pre-Qualification Process before receiving an award?	A: Assuming that this is referring to the new Grants Portal, yes, a vendor needs to be pre-qualified in order to enter into a contract.
Q: When will providers be notified of decisions?	A: It is anticipated that awards will be made as soon as practicable after the applications are received, reviewed and scored.
Q: Applications are due August 30th. When will programs be informed if they will receive a grant?	A: It is anticipated that awards will be made as soon as practicable after the applications are received, reviewed and scored.