Funding Opportunity: Perinatal Mental Health Community Capacity Building FAQs

**Question:** Our program is considering a model that is being piloted in another area in Washington and based on a model from another state. Would the Perinatal Mental Health funding opportunity be a fit for piloting this program in our community? We are looking at ways to connect and support new mothers where they are. We could provide the perinatal mental health training to the mentors as part of this model. Would this be an appropriate fit with the PMH funds?

**Answer:** The approaches that applicants want to use to provide perinatal mental health services is up to each individual applicant. However, you will need to be explicit in how your approach will fit within the host organization responsibilities that have been defined for this funding, which can be found on pages 2 through 5 of the RFA packet. These funds should be used to advance perinatal mental health services and knowledge within your community.

**Question:** What is the maximum funding award?

**Answer:** The maximum funding award is $10,000.00 for a 12-month period. However, costs for support group facilitator or peer mentor training and the 1-day trainings are provided for successful applicants and are not paid for through the contract award.

**Question:** You have said you will fund five previously-funded agencies again. How many agencies are currently funded?

**Answer:** For the 2019-2020 year, there are seven funded organizations.

**Question:** Our organization has thought about the peer mentorship program before and would like to use this funding to support that. We have volunteers in the community to act as mentors. Can we use these funds to pay for the coordination of these services?

**Answer:** Yes, that would be an allowable cost. Organizations would need to include the coordination in the budget that would be due to DCYF within the first month of a contract.

**Question:** Will the slides or a recording from the introduction webinar be posted to shared?

**Answer:** No, the current guidance from our contracting office is that we are not allowed to record and post the webinar nor share the slides from the webinar. The information presented in the webinar can be found in the application guidance and instructions.

**Question:** Last year the lunches for the one-day PMAD training were funded from other sources than this particular contract. Will that be true this year as well?

**Answer:** Yes, lunches will be provided by Perinatal Support Washington. The responsibility of funded organization is to facilitate a space and invite community members to attend the training.
**Question:** The grant application requires a parent letter of support and letters of support from organizations or other persons. Can we submit the same letters as last year, or do you prefer we gather new letters?

**Answer:** Organizations should make their best effort to get current letters of support. If you are unable to do so right now, you will want to justify this in your documentation.

**Question:** We are a currently funded community and are looking to reapply for the perinatal mental health funding for next year. However, our organization has had a difficult time managing contracting due to our internal contracting systems. Would we be able to change the fiscal agent of the contract to a local non-profit organization, while still maintaining our support role in the contract? Can the program activities portion of the application be written from the perspective of the task force?

**Answer:** Yes, previously funded organizations can choose to change fiscal agents for the contract in the upcoming contract year. Approaching the concrete supports of the contract (e.g., a support group) from the point of view of the task force is fine as long as the guidelines for the required information as listed in the application are evident in your responses.