

1. **Question:** If the existing MIECHV programs can expand is that for the existing program target population to serve X amount of more families OR does this mean our program can expand the age of the participants for example serve X number of new families in PAT with 3–5-year-old children? Would this be a question for the national PAT office or not a question at all?

**Answer:** Current MIECHV LIAs may propose to expand their programs by simply proposing an appropriate increase in the number of families served.

Current MIECHV PAT LIAs may propose to expand their programs by proposing an increase in the number of families and expanding the age range of children to be served. It is not expected that a certain number of children in each PAT model child age range (0-3 and 3-5) will be served, rather enrollment and retention of families will be based on the programs ability to serve more families with children in the expanded age range.

2. **Question:** I know our HS Coalition has the contract for PAT 0-3 but what if the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy wanted to apply for PAT 3-5? They are still in the same county but would be different populations. Or would the Coalition have to apply to expand?

**Answer:** FAHSC will not fund more than one organization to offer the PAT model in the same community. If the HS Coalition is already offering PAT, then FAHSC will not fund another organization to offer PAT in the same community; however, the HS Coalition can apply for these funds to expand their PAT model to serve more families and children ages 3-5.

3. **Question:** Does the NEFHSC have to fill this out for us or can the hospital apply for the expansion?

**Answer:** FAHSC will not fund more than one organization to offer the NFP model in the same community. If the HS Coalition is already offering NFP, then FAHSC will not fund another organization to offer NFP in the same community; however, the HS Coalition can apply for these funds to expand their capacity to serve more families.

4. **Question:** If a county is not on the list of current or eligible , does that mean we did not meet the criteria under the 2020 Florida Needs Assessment?

**Answer:** Correct, if a county is not on the RFP #2022-06 list or current or new MIECHV-funded Communities, then the county was not included in the *2020 Florida Needs Assessment's* final county list.

5. **Question:** Can we apply for funding for existing NFP positions not currently funded by MIECHV? We need funding to cover our existing NFP RNs.

**Answer:** MIECHV funds cannot be used to supplant existing funds. However, if you can prove that you have lost funding for these nurses and these positions will be terminated, you may be eligible. You will need to provide the necessary detail in your application address the supplanting issue.

6. **Question:** Can more than one NFP site (both counties are listed as eligible areas) apply if they are in the same Region/Team?

**Answer:** FAHSC will not fund more than one organization to offer the same evidence-based model in the same community/county. MIECHV eligible communities are listed by county, not by region.

7. **Question:** Does “expand” mean that you must add a nurse or services area in NFP or can it be used to pay for the existing team members?

**Answer:** MIECHV funds cannot be used to supplant existing funds. However, if you can prove that you have lost funding for these nurses and these positions will be terminated, you may be eligible. You will need to provide the necessary detail in your application address the supplanting issue.

8. **Question:** Can a site apply to expand current model in current service area AND expand to a new eligible community? Would be considered A and B on Page 4, MIECHV LIA Proposal Types.

**Answer:** A current MIECHV LIA may apply to expand services in the LIA's current service area and may apply to provide services in a new eligible community/service area. **Separate responses are required by proposal type.**

9. **Question:** In the RFP both Brevard and St. Lucie are listed in the eligible counties. My question is, can both Brevard and St. Lucie apply for MIECHV funding?

**Answer:** An eligible organization in a new MIECHV-funded community may submit a proposal for one or more new MIECHV-funded communities/service area(s). Yes, both Brevard and St. Lucie may submit proposals.

Please note, MIECHV funds cannot be used to supplant existing funds. All Respondents are reminded that if the proposal does not provide for expansion of an existing program in the organization's service area, the proposal must clearly state and provide evidence to verify the organization's loss of funding for the proposed nurse home visitor positions and the positions will be terminated. The proposal must provide sufficient detail to address the supplanting concern.

10. **Question:** We wanted to verify that multiple counties could be combined to meet the 50 families minimum served by a new MIECHV funded site as long as each county was identified as an eligible, at-risk county?

**Answer:** Yes, the Respondent may propose serving more than new MIECHV-funded community to meet the program size minimum.

11. **Question:** Would a current MIECHV LIA providing NFP services be able to use these funds to expand an existing Healthy Families program?

**Answer:** FAHSC RFP #2022-06 MIECHV LIA proposal types are limited to:

- a. expansion of current model in current service area
- b. expansion of current model in a new eligible community – state the new at-risk community/service area
- c. new model in a new eligible community

Current MIECHV-funded LIA respondents may submit proposals for expansion of the current evidence-based model in the at-risk community/service area currently served. Current MIECHV LIA's may not propose implementation of a new model in their current service area.

12. **Question:** Is Appendix I for reference only or are applicants supposed to include as much baseline as possible?

**Answer:** Appendix 1: MIECHV Performance Measures provides information on MIECHV demographic data and performance measures on which data is collected. See Section II. B. 4. for guidance on data collection response evaluation criteria.

13. **Question:** Has the LOI due date been extended? I saw the extended Q&A period and was wondering if the LOI due date had also been extended?

**Answer:** The LOI due date has not been extended.

**14. Question:** Does an applicant fill out Appendix I?

**Answer:** No, Appendix I is not a form to be completed/filled-out.

**15. Question:** If NFP is offered in a community during FY2223 but funding will not be available after that point. Is that eligible for MIECHV funding?

**Answer:** If you are not supplanting, you may apply for funds that will be used during the period of availability which is Sept. 30, 2022 – Sept. 29, 2023.

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MIECHV funds must be used during the MIECHV period of availability. The period of availability for MIECHV funding offered in the RFP is September 30, 2022 to September 29, 2023. A Respondent cannot apply for MIECHV funds now and plan to use them after the MIECHV period of availability.

**16. Question:** Although the LOI is non-binding, are applicant organizations allowed to amend the service area and/or number of families to be served from what was indicated in the LOI?

**Answer:** Yes, Respondents' proposals may differ from the LOI regarding the service area and/or number of families to be served, provided (i) the number still falls within the 25 to 125 families parameter of the RFP; (ii) a corresponding budget change is proposed to align with the change in number of families served, and (iii) the section where Respondent is to "describe and demonstrate the need for the projected number of families that will be served" corresponds to the change.

**17. Question:** Will FAHSC fund multiple organizations in the same county implementing different programs?

**Answer:** No, FAHSC will not fund multiple organizations in the same county/service area implementing different programs or models.

**18. Question:** If multiple organizations implementing different programs are funded in the same county, can the applicant's identified number of families to be served be reduced to accommodate implementation of both programs?

**Answer:** FAHSC will not fund multiple organizations in the same county/service area implementing different programs or models.

**19. Question:** For expansion projects, will the LIA's current and expansion implementations have independent requirements for number of families served or will requirements based on the total funded families span the entire service area?

**Answer:** The contract method will depend on the number and type of awards issued; however, it is likely that a separate contract will be required for expansions into new counties.

20. **Question:** For multi-county expansions, if the selected counties are contiguous to the current service area, are they required to be contiguous to each other?

**Answer:** No, for current MIECHV LIAs proposing multi-county expansions, the expansion counties are not required to be contiguous.