

Questions and Responses for Non-Medical Group Home RFP (10302)

1. The RFP states that the State has established a Level 2 per diem rate that will be provided, and must be accepted by the selected proposer(s) during contract negotiations. The previously negotiated Level 2 per diem rate was \$196.68; will this per diem rate be applicable for this contract? If the Level 2 per diem rate is different for this contract, could you please share what is the established rate for Level 2?

The Level 2 rate will be \$196.68 for this contract.

2. A three-year budget, indicating the allocation of expenses, is required with each proposal. How do you anticipate the implementation of the Family's First Prevention Services Act to affect these proposed budgets?

The youth who come into our custody for non-secure placement have to receive services.

Reimbursement by the Federal government helps to defray those costs for youth that are IV-E eligible. Those youth that are not eligible are totally funded by the State of Louisiana through our agency's state general fund. In summary, our agency and State will have to provide services for youth with or without the Federal government's assistance.

3. The RFP states that 120 slots are available statewide. Does OJJ have a need for services in any particular region?

OJJ attempts to place youth in programs as close as possible to their homes that can also provide the services that the youth needs. We currently have a program in every region except Thibodaux. With a Nonmedical Group Home you also have to be mindful that you will need access to community programs that can access the Bayou Health plans to provide counseling, substance abuse, etc.

4. What is the ideal maximum number of youth at each facility?

There is not ideal maximum number according to OJJ. You have to adhere to licensing standards as far as ratio and square footage of living space per youth.

5. Is there a maximum per diem or total funding amount available?

Our already predetermined Level 2 per diem is \$196.68. We are hopeful that the proposed Level 1 per diems do not exceed that. A total funding amount has not been set yet.

6. What is the expected date to begin receiving youth?

The contracts will begin December 1, 2018. If you are a new provider, we expect you to be ready to receive youth within 90 days of the contract start date.