

**Questions and Answers Regarding the
California Reproductive Health Service Corps RFI
March 10, 2023**

1. Section 5.C states "Include a high-level cost estimate for the responsibilities described." Does HCAI have guidance on how the budget years should be presented (separate or combined)?

Please present a year-by-year estimate of the costs for each of the responsibilities listed in Section 2 of the RFI.

2: Should the budget be inclusive of all 5 years of the program?

Yes

3. Does HCAI have a limit on overhead costs? If so, what is that limit?

Overhead costs vary depending on the type of work and the vendor selected. These costs may be negotiated.

4. On pages 1-2, the RFI outlines responsibilities for the contractor (2.A-D). On Page 3 under "costs," the sections for which costs can be listed for curriculum development (5.C.2) includes Responsibility B (5.C.2.A) and Responsibility C (5.C.2.B) but does not include an item for Responsibility A (Page 1, "define, create, and implement abortion training"). Are curriculum development costs for Responsibility A allowable?

Yes. Curriculum development costs for Responsibility A are allowed.

5. Program administration and evaluation are both bullet points under the "post-graduate practice integration and retention" program (5.C.2.B). Are Program Administration and Evaluation costs also allowable under "Supplemental trainings" (5.C.2.A)? If Responsibility A is included under costs allowable for curriculum development (Question 4 above), are Program Administration and Evaluation costs allowable for that as well?

There was an error in the numbering configuration for this section. Program Administration and Evaluation should have been identified as items 3) and 4), respectively under Section 5.C., as separate and distinct costs, not solely related to postgraduate practice integration and retention programs. HCAI has corrected this error and a [revised RFI](#) has been posted on Cal eProcure.

6. Page 3, Section 5.A.3.C asks respondents to include "At least (3) references from engagements where the vendor was paid for similar services." What

information should be included in these references? And do you have any guidance on the types of references requested?"

Please provide an individual's name, title, organization and telephone and email contact information as well as a brief description of the type of work the respondent did for the organization, including the time period of the engagement. The reference should be someone who worked directly with the respondent and can speak to the quality, quantity and timeliness of work performed. This section has been renumbered to 5.A.4.

7. If this RFI greenlights a solicitation, what is the estimated timeframe for procurement?

Ideally, HCAI would like to contract with an entity by June 30, 2023. However, there are many factors that could affect this timeframe.

8. Is there a current vendor providing these services? If so, how may I obtain copies of any contract documents?

This is a new program, and no vendor is currently providing these services.

9. The Reproductive Health Service Corp is planning to provide training to individuals in exchange for those individuals committing to work for 3 years of obligated service in CA. Is the contractor expected to manage and track that 3-year practice obligation of individuals in the Corp?

No. The training obligation is tied to the scholarships, loan repayments and stipends received by students and health care professionals who are seeking to receive abortion-related training. HCAI will manage and track the practice obligation for those students and health care professionals who receive these funds.

10. The RFI asks "How will the organization sustain training program(s) beyond 2028"? Is the expectation that once curriculum is developed by a contractor, it will need to offer training in perpetuity (once \$20M in resources exhausted)?

HCAI expects that once the curriculum is developed, the entity providing the training would make it available not only to those individuals seeking scholarships, loan repayments and stipends, but also to any student or health care professional who wants to receive abortion-related training. HCAI envisions this as a supplemental training for students and health care professionals who are interested in providing abortion care. HCAI would like to hear from respondents regarding their ideas on how the training program might be sustained once the \$20 million is exhausted.

11. Who is eligible for support from the California Reproductive Health Service Corps? How is the criteria determined? Is it open to anyone wanting to learn

about abortion or does the individual need to be currently enrolled in a training program or be a current provider?

[AB 1918 \(Chapter 561, Statutes of 2022\)](#) created the California Reproductive Health Service Corps and specifies the “historically excluded” populations that should be prioritized for inclusion into the Corps (Health and Safety Code Section 128563). However, this is not an exhaustive list of potential participants. HCAI will determine eligibility for financial support. Training would be available to any student or current health care practitioner who wants to provide abortion care.