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**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**Mental Health Field Response Grant Program**  
**WASPC Responses to Written Inquiries**

Question 1:	<p>[Questioner's agency name] has been listed as a secondary or tertiary partner within [other agency name]'s MHFR program since its inception. During that time, on several occasions, excess capacity has existed within the [other agency name]'s program to allow MHFR staff to provide services with [agency name redacted] personnel. [Recently] no excess capacity for those services has existed. At the same time, demand for MHFR services within [questioner's jurisdiction] but outside [other agency's jurisdiction] has grown significantly.</p> <p>[Questioner's agency name] would like to bid for its own MHFR program in this second round. The intent of this [application] would be to create a new program, not attached to nor competing with the [other agency name] program, but as a complementary program that will provide much-needed services across [jurisdiction].</p> <p>[Questioner's agency name] respectfully requests the ability to submit a proposal under this second-round submission.</p>
Response 1:	<p>As described, the jurisdictional boundaries, and the nature of the support provided by the other agency in this example do not make the questioner's agency ineligible and therefore the questioner's agency remains able to submit an application should it wish to do so.</p>
Question 2:	<p>"Our department is interested in applying for the MHFR Grant Program. We do not currently have funding through the WASPC MHFR Program, but we do have funding through [another funding source] and have a designated crisis responder/mental health professional directly embedded in our department through [a community-based healthcare provider]. We would love to keep [this person] onboard to help the citizens in our City. The funding through [the current source] ends [soon]. Would we be eligible for this second round MHFR solicitation?"</p>
Response 2:	<p>See the section of the RFA titled "Eligible Applicants". In the first paragraph, it states: "Eligible entities are law enforcement agencies with calls-for-service responsibilities that... do not have a program that incorporates mental health professionals into their mental health field response planning and response." Based on the description provided, it does not appear as if your agency would be eligible under this solicitation due to the fact that there is already a program that incorporates a mental health professionals into mental health field response planning and response.</p>