

Questions and Answers

RFP: Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction

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- (1) **Question:** The RFP for this grant states that no county may submit more than one proposal. May a county submit a single proposal that includes different components, each of which proposes enhancement of representation/service by a different existing provider, so long as those providers are approved offices as set forth in the project description?

Answer: Yes, a county may submit a proposal that proposes enhancement of representation/service of one or more providers within the county. Furthermore, the RFP provides that “counties need not propose solutions that cover a provider’s entire program of providing mandated representation” (see page 5 of the RFP). However, as noted on page 4 of the RFP, counties may not submit more than one proposal.

*For example: Submitting a proposal that requests \$40,000 to enhance services provided by an Assigned Counsel Program **AND** \$60,000 to enhance services provided by a Public Defender Office constitutes one proposal because it is presented as a single solution, but submitting a proposal that requests \$60,000 for an Assigned Counsel Program **OR** \$60,000 for a Public Defender Office constitutes more than one proposal because it presents solutions in the alternative.*