

Addendum 3 to 2016-157 FY2017 SAMHSA ReCAST Program Needs & Resources Assessment, Strategic Plan and Program Evaluation

Date Received	Question	Answer	Date Answered	Source of Question	Source of Answer
11/4/2016	What do you anticipate happening this year related to evaluation, vs. in subsequent years?	SAMHSA grants awards under the ReCAST program annually. Grantee cities apply for funds each year up to five years based on program needs in the year ahead. While program evaluation will continue to be a component of these activities, it is not possible to predict at this time the nature of the evaluation needs.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens
11/4/2016	Is the intention to explore issues related to civil unrest, trauma and violence city-wide or just in specific neighborhoods? If specific neighborhoods, which ones?	The ReCAST Minneapolis program has a city-wide scope. However, as the primary population is high-risk youth and their families, the City of Minneapolis anticipates activities under the grant being targeted to the geographic communities where these residents live. North Minneapolis, Phillips, and Cedar Riverside are geographic communities that we anticipate being significantly represented as areas of need in the Community Needs and Resource assessment. However, that process is intended to clarify specifically where the needs exist thereby highlighting the geographic areas of focus.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens
11/4/2016	If the assessment uncovers additional ways City services should change to respond to community needs (in addition to the training mentioned on p. 1), is the City open to considering and investing in those changes?	Yes.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens

11/4/2016	Can you clarify how partnership, control and power is envisioned in this grant? For example, does the City anticipate that the strategic plan will guide it towards funding activities, supporting activities, or implementing activities?	Under the terms of the ReCAST Minneapolis program, the strategic plan, which is informed by the Community Needs and Resource Assessment, is the primary tool used to direct activities under the grant. The ReCAST Advisory Team is the stakeholder group that directs the needs assessment and strategic plan, thereby ensuring a community/City partnership structure.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens
11/4/2016	Who will we be working with most closely on this project? What should we know about their availability to contribute to the project? What should we know about their decision-making authority and how they will need to engage their peers?	<p>The ReCAST Program manager will oversee the day to day activities of the ReCAST Minneapolis program. She is dedicated full time to the project. Her primary focus will be on convening and ensuring the success of the ReCAST Advisory team, the community needs assessment, strategic planning and program evaluation activities.</p> <p>The ReCAST Project Director will be available to support the project at about 25% of her time. The RECAST Project Director will have ultimate decision-making authority under the grant, particularly as it relates to sub-contracting and dispersing of funds. She will also direct internal capacity-building activities and ensure alignment between ReCAST Minneapolis and other City of Minneapolis resiliency and equity initiatives.</p> <p>Key City of Minneapolis staff will also work alongside the ReCAST Advisory team to ensure its success.</p>	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens
11/4/2016	Has the City convened any working groups or committees to contribute to the initial grant proposal or the project itself? If so, what should we know about their availability and expectations about contributing to the project?	The ReCAST Advisory Team will be formally assembled the first time in partnership with the contracted consulting firm. We anticipate those engagements beginning in January 2017.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens

11/4/2016	Did any consultants assist in developing the grant proposal? Are those consultants eligible to apply for this project?	No.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens
11/4/2016	What is the budget for this consultancy?	The budget for consultancy is not being provided during the RFP process.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens
11/4/2016	In addition to this consultancy, what other activities will the City be funding with its grant this year?	Additional activities under the grant include resiliency and self-care support for first-point-of-contact City staff, trauma-informed service capacity-building training for City staff, sub-granted funds to community-based groups per the terms of the strategic plan, and staffing to support the ReCAST Minneapolis program.	11/15/16	Dan Goldstein The Improve Group	Joy Marsh Stephens