

Questions and Answers
2013 RFP Process
Notice Number 6767

Q: Are there any specific changes in regards to programming desired from what is currently taking place?

A: With whoever gets the RFP contract, we are going to look at what has been successful in the past, looking at the program numbers. We have noted that the bowling programs and Friday dances have been very well attended. The thing we are looking to improve or change would be our weekday evening classes on Monday – Thursdays that have previously run from 6-8 PM. The last year or so the numbers have been low and declining. In our partnership we will have to work together to see what will work. The recipients of the service will really determine what we need. We will continue to survey what people are looking for, and continue to improve our programs.

Q: We've typically done a 6 week summer camp, and I hear you may be looking for a longer camp?

A: The RFP indicates that the use of the dollars and looking at the environment of the campers that are out there, with previous focus groups that had been done that the campers would welcome additional time. With the money not being greater, are there benefits to lengthening the camp. One of the tradeoffs would be with the numbers that would be had. We are inviting you to consider this for the request, and are inviting a creative opportunity to shape the RFP as you see fit.

Q: In the past we have been offering recreational opportunities for ages 16 and older, would it be possible to propose recreational programs for participants younger than that?

A: Yes we would be open to whatever you propose, and we would take it into consideration. Again we need to think about the amount of funds available, and need to consider whether or not we would be able to fund the variety of age groups. It would be a good idea to include in your RFP, and we could always discuss as to whether or not this would work financially. We also need to take a look at what is and is not available for our consumers in our environment. We need to take a look at our environment and see what is missing in our area, and try to offer it.

Q: As far as the increase request with the amount that you submitted are you able to share that amount?

A: It was a 5% increase about \$12,000 that would be directly applied to the contract, but this is subject to consideration of the County Executive, and County Board.

Q: We have a board meeting this Thursday and I began to prepare the Authorization to File item 4-10 and there are 2010 dates on the form. Would you like me to use this form or should I wait until I have an updated form? We will not have a board meeting after this Thursday before the due date so if at all possible if I could receive before hand I would appreciate it.

A: You can submit the form with the 2010 dates, and I will update the form online as soon as possible. Please cross out the dates and print 2013, if you do not print out the updated form.

Q: Since the contract will be awarded on January 1st should Easter Seals still put out the recreation booklet as planned for the next season? Do you have a date in mind that you will be notifying the providers?

A: We will submit our recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors on or before November 1st.

Q: Do you have the forms in a word file versus adobe?

A: We do have the RFP available in Word format, and the Budget Forms that need to be filled out are in Excel format. We do have CD's available that have the forms in these formats, and can be picked up at 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233 Room 307 B.