

OERSSIRF RFP FY 2013	Questions submitted in writing and at Pre-Conference Meeting	Response
Submitted date	Question after being clarified and reviewed for accuracy	Answers
20-Apr-12	1. I am working through the bid package and have come to the population density section. The link is hot but farming specifically "population density" is beyond me. I have scrolled through 2500 fields for specific counties and can only come up with "population". Would it be possible to send a link to the table more specifically? I have spent 2 hours on trying to find one county, otherwise I would not be asking.	Utilizing the link, type Poplation Density and Oklahoma in the search fields. That will take you to a page that has 9 different population density tables, county is one of the nine fields. This is also described on the powerpoint presentation from the pre-proposal conference.
20-Apr-12	2. Section Three: Self Scoring (1) my department ha never been awarded funds through OERSSIRF. Am I reading correctly that we will be ducted 50 points since we have never been awarded?	310:642-5-1. OERSSIRF funding priority point system (2) Points may be awarded as described below: (H) Previous funding assistance (PG). If a qualified entity has been approved for one (1) or more OERSSIF proposals from the Department for projects awarded in the past, points shall be deducted from the proposal according to all of the following provisions that apply unless the previous proposal was for an assessment of the need for the establishment of EMS or stabilization of an at-risk EMS: You will not have points deducted because you have not received awards.
23-Apr-12	3. I'm working on a proposal for the upcoming grant opportunity and I was wondering if you could help me. I'm going to include several counties in my proposal and on Question 17 it asks how many EMT's would be affected by the training. My institution is in far Northeast Oklahoma County, and it sayst that by county I have to include the number of EMT's in the counties this training will affect. Being in Oklahoma County there is a large number of EMT's. It would be unrealistic to think that it could affect all 1400 plus EMT's. Would it be appropriate for me to use that number or would I need to use a smaller number for the paperwork since my institution is far outside the metro area? Thank you for your help	310:642-5-1. OERSSIRF funding priority point system (2) Points may be awarded as described below: (E) EMTs (E): Points shall be awarded for proposals encompassing project areas with fewer resident licensed EMTs at any level of licensure as recorded by the Department as follows:. The application states: Number of EMT's shall be determined by the attachment in Section 8 of the proposal-the total number of EMT's in all counties in the proposal. Based on the grant direction and the statute, whole counties numbers are required.
24-Apr-12	4. I've been searching the website to fine the date and time of the meeting and am not able to locate that information. Could you pleae send me the link or give me that information?	Link sent on April 24, 2012 at 4:49 PM

25-Apr-12	5. (Question edited for clarity) I work for as a secretary to a county commissioner. We are trying to get a badly needed ambulance service set up of the citizens in the county. The county commissioner was told that a grant is available. We would greatly appreciate any information on how to apply for such funding.	Link to application sent on April 25, 2012
25-Apr-12	6. Our service covers a total of 3 communities in our county and we are the only ALS unit in the entire county. We are called frequently by the other 4 EMS services, wich are all BLS to their scenes and to intercept in the entire county. Can we be considered county wide since we are the only ALS and are called to scenes in all parts of the county by other services?	County wide Agency is described in the multiple jurisdiction portions of Attachment A. The specific question to answer is: "Will more than one community, county or other jurisdiction benefit from your proposal? List all communities/counties/ jurisdictions included in proposal and describe the benefits. Attach a map and highlight jurisdiction benefitting from proposal."
25-Apr-12	7. Can the RFP contact person be a different person than the person writing the grant?	The RFP does not restrict who can be the author and who is the contract person.
26-Apr-12	8. Determining the distance to the Trauma Center is from what point within the grant proposal? Is this an address or the fartherest edge of the proposal area? If it is the furtherest edge, how is mapquest used if an address is not available?	OAC 310:642-5-1(2)(D) states: "Points shall be awarded for project areas where the average distance between the furthest and closest points within a project area to a trauma center classified by the State of Oklahoma or the American College of Surgeons as level I or II". The RFP Attachment A Section 7 has been amended to determine the closest and most distant points within the project area, divide the total of the two mileages by a factor of two which equals the average distance to a Level I or II Trauma Center.
26-Apr-12	9. Determining distance to a Trauma Center, would it be the distance from a training site or the distance where a person has enrolled from?	The RFP Attachment A Section 7 has been amended to determine the closest and most distant points within the project area, divide the total of the two mileages by a factor of two which equals the average distance to a Level I or II Trauma Center.

26-Apr-12	10. Determining distance to a Trauma Center, should the three listed Oklahoma Level I and II Trauma Centers be the only ones used, or would a closer one in another State be used?	OAC 310:642-5-1(2)(D) states: "Points shall be awarded for project areas where the average distance between the furthest and closest points within a project area to a trauma center classified by the State of Oklahoma or the American College of Surgeons as level I or II". The RFP Attachment A Section 7 has been amended to determine the closest and most distant points within the project area, divide the total of the two mileages by a factor of two which equals the average distance to a Level I or II Trauma Center.
26-Apr-12	11. Multiple Jurisdiction- Identify self points and total, Is it a cumulative score or is it the highest score? Can there an more clear explanation regarding what is culmulative and what is pick one on the self score sheet?	The regulations states: (B) Multiple jurisdictions (M): Points shall be awarded for projects addressing the EMS needs of multiple jurisdictions, as follows: Attachment A states: Identify self-score points and total; Narrative must address: names of cities/towns/counties/state defining the jurisdiction(s). Attach map with jurisdiction(s) highlighted. This is not a culmulative score. It is a specific selection of the choices.
26-Apr-12	12. For Multiple Jurisdiction, the interpretation Last year was two or more complete counties, not portions of two or more counties? Does this still apply? Please explain	(B) Multiple jurisdictions (M): Points shall be awarded for projects addressing the EMS needs of multiple jurisdictions, as follows: The RFP states: Identify self-score points and total; Narrative must address: names of cities/towns/counties/state defining the jurisdiction(s). Attach map with jurisdiction(s) highlighted. Multiple jurisdictions is not limited to two or more complete counties. It can be two or more cities or town, county wide, multi-county or statewide.
26-Apr-12	13. Self Score- On previous funding evaluation- are the scores available?	Yes, Anyone may schedule a time to review previous grants. Additionally if a persons wants to receive a copy of a grant, a request may be made. There will be a charge for copies. There is not a charge for examining the grants in person.

26-Apr-12	14. Do the pages have to be tabbed, or can tabbed dividers be used?	The sections have to be tabbed in some way.
26-Apr-12	15. Do exhibits (such as maps) need their own section?	That is up to the applicant
26-Apr-12	16. Is there a process for approval for a Medical Dispatch Agency?	O.A.C. 310:641 has two references for Medical Dispatch. 3-2 definitions states: Emerrgency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) means a person trained using a Department-approved curriculum for the management of calls for emergency care. Additionally 3-15 (a) (2) (A) states: The request for service has been screened by a Department approved emergency medical dispatch system , or . The Department does not have minimum criteria by which to approve Medical Dispatch Agencies. Therefore, a process for approval nor a letter showing approval can be provided.
26-Apr-12	17. Should a letter of approval for a Medical Dispatch Agency be sought from the Department of Health?	O.A.C. 310:641 has two references for Medical Dispatch. 3-2 definitions states: Emerrgency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) means a person trained using a Department-approved curriculum for the management of calls for emergency care. Additionally 3-15 (a) (2) (A) states: The request for service has been screened by a Department approved emergency medical dispatch system , or . The Department does not have minimum criteria by which to approve Medical Dispatch Agencies. Therefore, a process for approval nor a letter showing approval can be provided.
26-Apr-12	18. Can the 2007 Governor's Task Force report and the 2009 NHTSA Assessment be referenced as expert consultants?	No , they are resources to be used to support specific needs for an applicant.
26-Apr-12	19. In Attachment A, Section 3, Number 3 "Statutory Purpose", the last item, "Previous OERSSIRF Funding Assistance in any 12 month period (not to exceed \$500,000)", under the "Points" column, should the points total from Section 3, Number 1 be used?	Insert the dollar amount.
26-Apr-12	20. Please provide clarification in the "Self-Score" sections, indicating which are "Cumulative" and which are "Pick One".	In the self score section, the only culmulative portions are: Statutory purposes, Previous funding assistance, and previous funding assistance.

26-Apr-12	21. In Attachment A, Section 3, Number 5 'Population Density', is the County the smallest unit that can be used?	Section 6 of the RFP states: The population density of the project area shall be determined as recorded by the US Census Bureau 2010 Website in the link. Identify all counties in proposed award area and document in the table below. Identify the population density for each county in the proposal jurisdiction from the link to the US Census Bureau. The county with the highest population density in the proposal area shall determine the population density factor for the project.
26-Apr-12	22. In Attachment A, Section 3, Number 5 'Population Density, what if the service area includes at least part of more than one county?	Section 6 of the RFP states: The population density of the project area shall be determined as recorded by the US Census Bureau 2010 Website in the link. Identify all counties in proposed award area and document in the table below. Identify the population density for each county in the proposal jurisdiction from the link to the US Census Bureau. The county with the highest population density in the proposal area shall determine the population density factor for the project.
26-Apr-12	23. In Attachment A, Section 3, Number 9, "Project Matching", if the total project amount is \$1 Million, and the client is providing \$500,000 and requesting a \$500,000 OERSSIRF Grant, is that considered 50% matching?	Yes
26-Apr-12	24. Should there be more than one benchmark if the grant purpose involves multiple areas?	Defining benchmarks is up to the agency, as long as defined as Worsened, Not improved, Improved, and Significantly improved, based on O.A.C. 310:642-7-1
26-Apr-12	25. If some of the benchmarks of the current Fiscal Year's OERSSIRF grant have been met, might an agency receive an evaluation before the next year's OERSSIRF grant applications are due?	The evaluations of the OERSSIRF grants are made within six months after the end of the grant period. They are not evaluated before the end of the grant period.
26-Apr-12	26. What is the process once the grant is turned in to Susan Wiest?	The proposals are reviewed to make sure it meets all of the criteria. On May 31st and June 1st, the proposals will be reviewed, at an open meeting, by nine volunteer reviewers. See O.A.C. 310:642- 3-1

27-Apr-12	<p>27. Per our discussion at the bidder's conference yesterday, here is the question concerning the County and County Clerks's eligibility as a grant applicant. Is a county through its board of County commissioners with the County clerk acting in their behalf eligible to apply and be in compliance with OS 1-2512.1 for the OERSSIRF grant application? In this case, the county is the authorized agency to contract for their services. The County possesses all legal rights to project commencement and operation. Thank you for your consideration. I understand the answer will appear in your May 4 internet statement.</p>	<p>Within the definition for "qualified entity" in O.A.C. 310:642-1-3, the following is included: "or their associations or sponsoring organizations, such as... cities or counties that operate ...licensed ambulance services.</p>
28-Apr-12	<p>28. The following questions relates to Section 3-4 of the application for which we request an official answer. (1) When a duly qualified regional entry completes section 3-4 of the application and there are multiple jurisdictions listed including more than 5 cities and towns and two counties, are these points each scored as a cumulative sum or must only one category be selected? (2) If the applicant's region contains among other jurisdictions a qualified "522" School District with parts in two counties and who legally joins with these Counties to form a new region qualify as a multi-county jurisdiction? The new region is now funded by One County in total and One city in total and one School District which is located partially in two counties? The taxpayer revenue from the School District is paid legally to the county contracting with the EMS operator and thus is fully represented in the region project as a whole. Prohibiting a part of a county qualified as "522" district seems not to be the intent of this grant. Details of this region's jurisdictions will be fully accounted for in the narrative of the grant.</p>	<p>Within the definition for "qualified entity" in O.A.C. 310:642-1-3, the following is included: "or their associations or sponsoring organizations, such as... cities or counties that operate ...licensed ambulance services.</p>
30-Apr-12	<p>29. I did not apply for the OERSSIRF grant last year, although I did apply in 2010. The forms have changed considerably. I have a couple of questions: 1) The forms that I retrieved from the website are not fillable. Are they to be printed and filled by hand, or am I doing something wrong/ (2) The form has a narrative section, but it is also not fillable. Is it ok to attach the narrative and other documentation to the primary form?</p>	<p>There are no requirements defining the method of documentation on the RFP. An applicant may use any method they choose to provide legible information.</p>
1-May-12	<p>30. I was wondering if there is a copy of a successful grant from a past year that is available for viewing so that we may see how the formatting needs to look?</p>	<p>Yes, Anyone may schedule a time to review previous grants. Additionally if a person wants to receive a copy of a grant, a request may be made. There will be a charge for copies. There is not a charge for examining the grants in person.</p>

2-May-12	31. Is the Oklahoma Highway Patrol EMS program eligible for grants from OSDH for training/equipment (eg. yearly local action grants)? The answer would obviously be critical to whether an application for grant monies would be completed and submitted. If the answer is "yes", could you send Lt. Massie the information for the next available cycle of grants?	Within the definition for "qualified entity" in O.A.C. 310:642-1-3, the following is included: any person or organization licensed, certified or approved by the Department ...such as EMS Personnel
4-May-12	32. Since this is the first time for us to apply for a State grant of any kind, we are unfamiliar with the payment timeline and process if we are awarded a grant. Is there a WEB site that describes the funding process for when and how we receive funding when we submit an invoice against the approved grant benchmarks. Can we submit monthly progress invoices against quarterly benchmarks? Do we need a benchmark for the need for draws and/ or partial payments and/or deposits? How long does it take for the State process to produce a check?	The specifics of payments will be part of the contract that is signed between the Department and the awardees. In general, a invoice is submitted to the Grant Manager when purchases are made or anticipated. When the invoice is received, it is processed in our payment system and the appropriate forms are sent to our accounting division. The time line does flucuate with volume. Electronic payments are also anticipated to be part of the payment system.
4-May-12	33. The instructions say for all pages to be 3-hole punched with a singled staple in the upper left-hand corner. My question is do you want the staple through the entire packet which would include the propsal (1-11) AND all of the other forms such as 070a, 076a,, comprehensive narrative, etc???	Yes