Mississippi Department of Education

Request for Proposal for
Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant
FY22 (2021-2022)

Amendment Number One
Vendor Questions and Answers
March 18, 2021

1. RFP Page 13, number 16. GRANT PERIOD

QUESTION: When does the spending of matching funds begin for FY22? Is it July 1, 2021? For example, if we purchase police vehicles in July 2021 with local funds, can those expenditures be considered part of our matching funds for the FY22 MCOPS grant?

The grant period is expected from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with a liquidation period ending July 15, 2022.

The grant period will begin and be effective when all signatory officials have signed the grant agreement. All purchases to be used for matching funds should be made within the grant period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The purchase of police vehicles may be used as matching funds if the police vehicle will be used as part of the grant program.

2. RFP Page 37, Form 9

QUESTION: How should a district list SROs in its application if it is currently in the process of hiring district employees as SROs for the 2021-2022 school year to replace Sheriff’s Officers? Our district has a current MOU with the local sheriff’s department for four SROs for the 2020-2021 school year but anticipates hiring district-employed SROs for the 2021-2022 school year. Should our application list the current sheriff SROs since we have not yet hired for the 2021-2022 SY?

Form 9 is required for EACH Law Enforcement Officer included in the MCOPS grant application. Your application should list the Officers for the 2021-2022 school year that you intend to hire.

However, Page 12, number 3. Program Activities provides “Funds cannot be used to simply hire campus enforcement officers (certified police officers who merely provide an armed presence) or school safety officers (non-commissioned security personnel). MCOPS funds must be utilized for certified SROs or those that will complete the MDE SRO certification course within two (2) years of employment in that position.”
3. RFP Page 7, number 7. SUBMISSION AND DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

QUESTION: Is email acceptable for delivery of the grant?

Email is not an acceptable form of delivery of the grant.

One (1) original sealed proposal must be received by Friday, April 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m., CST, at the following address based upon the delivery method used:

Ship Proposals to: Monique Corley, Director
(FedEx, UPS, etc.) Office of Procurement
Mississippi Department of Education
Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant
FY22 (2021-2022)
359 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201
(Do NOT OPEN)

PLEASE NOTE: In person deliveries of proposals will not be accepted or considered for an award.

RFP Page 8, number 8. RISK OF DELIVERY

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to ensure and verify that the proposal package, in its entirety, is received by the deadline. Due to the periodic disruptions to normal mail delivery, we strongly encourage you to utilize an alternate method (e.g., a commercial carrier such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service, U.S. Postal Service Express mail, or a courier service) to deliver proposal packages to the MDE.

4. RFP Page 35, Form 7

QUESTION: Question about the SRO training logs, at the bottom appears to be a signature line; is that only for the SRO to sign or is that for the supervisor to certify the records he has gathered for the log? It has been my experience the SRO seldom sees this log; the supervisor or department admin pulls the training records to complete the log.

The School Resource Officer Training Log provides for the signature of the School Resource Officer.

5. General

QUESTION: Should pending trainings such as MASRO conference, NASRO training, or active shooter training scheduled for the summer be noted on the training log as pending?

The School Resource Officer Training Log submitted with the proposals due on 5:00 p.m., CST, Friday, April 2, 2021, shall include all training hours obtained by SROs through the date of submission.

All awarded Grantees for school year 2021-2022 will be required to submit a revised SRO training log, if the officers did not have the required hours upon submission of the grant. Failure to submit a revised Form 7 by 5:00 p.m., CST, Friday, January 14, 2022, will result in the district being non-compliant with the specifications of the MCOPS grant, and the districts will not be awarded funding for the grant period. (See Section 21: Audit).
NOTE: This amendment is hereby made a part of the Mississippi Department of Education’s Request for Proposal Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools Grant (RFP). This document must be signed and returned with your response to the RFP to acknowledge that you received the amendment and that you have accounted for it in your response to the Request for Proposal.

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Authorized Signature of Proposer                                                 Date

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Printed Name of Proposer