

**SC Abstinence Education Grant Program
FY2018-RFGA-MC-802 – State Evidence-Based Proviso (34.46) funds**

Questions received by August 3, 2017 with responses

Questions received from Representative #1:

In RFGA #FY2018-RFGA-MC-802 (State Evidence-Based), it mentions that the grant period will be for 9 months starting Oct 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. We have questions regarding that statement:

1. In proviso 34.46 (DHEC: Abstinence until marriage Evidence Based Funding), it is stated that “monies will be paid over a 12 month basis for services rendered. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward to fulfill the department’s contractual agreement” (see attached). Question: Is it allowable to contradict this proviso? The proviso language has been honored every year since this funding stream began.

Response:

As stated in proviso 34.46, carry-forward of FY 2018 funds beyond June 30, 2018 will be allowed for grant agreements funded under this proviso. After receipt of questions and other input, a 12 month budget period will be allowed for FY2018. A revised copy of the RFGA with changes **highlighted** has been posted on our website at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/ChildTeenHealth/Teens/AbstinenceEducation/>

DHEC’s budget office has advised our program that it is best to utilize state funding within the fiscal year it was awarded, so we will be planning for how best to transition all state funds to a July 1 to June 30 cycle over the next year, allowing time for applicants to also make the transition in program planning.

2. If it is allowable to contradict the above mentioned proviso, will these funds be redistributed starting July 1, 2018 (assuming the legislature includes this funding next fiscal year) for program continuity?

Response:

Carry-forward of FY 2018 funds beyond June 30, 2018 will be allowed as stated in Proviso 34.46.

3.If it is allowable to contradict the proviso, could the transition to alignment start July 1, 2018 because it takes time to efficiently plan for this big of a financial adjustment?

Response:

Our program will be working with the DHEC Budget and Contracts offices during the FY 2018 year to transition state-funded grant agreements for FY2019 to a state fiscal year cycle.

4. Depending on the answers to our questions, we request the opportunity for follow up questions after the published deadline for questions. We appreciate your understanding, as a change from a 12-month plan to a 9-month plan will likely generate further questions.

Response:

If applicants have further questions regarding these responses or the revision to FY2018-RFGA-MC-802, please forward them to Lisa Hobbs, Program Manager, at hobbslb@dhec.sc.gov by 5:00 pm on August 10, 2017.