

Abstinence Education State Proviso 34.45 (Emerging Programs) RFGA

FY 2016-RFGA-MC-703

Questions received by 5pm on 8/5/2016 with Responses

Questions from Representative #1:

Please correct conflicting due dates for the recently released RFGA for Emerging Programs. On pages 1 & 2 there is a deadline of August 31 at 2:30 PM, but on page 6, there is a deadline of August 24.

Response:

The correct due date for applications for both the Emerging and Evidence-Based RFGAs is August 31, 2016 at 2:30 pm. We agree that there is an incorrect due date on page 6 of the Emerging RFGA, and we apologize for the conflicting information. A revised copy of the RFGA with changes highlighted in yellow has been posted on our website at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/ChildTeenHealth/Teens/AbstinenceEducation/>

Question received from Representative 2:

RFGA-MC-702 Page 3 E. and RFGA-MC-703 Page 3 E. specify the delivery area and SC's target population as high-risk males and females ages 10-19. Does this mean applicants should submit grant applications to serve only high-risk adolescents?

Response:

The Title V State Abstinence Education Grant Program (AEGP) focuses on providing abstinence education programs to those youth who are most likely to bear children out of wedlock. The Title V program defines that as youth, ages 10 to 19, who are homeless, in foster care, live in rural areas or geographic areas with high teen birth rates, or come from racial or ethnic minority groups. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/resource/aegp-fact-sheet>

Since these state proviso funds make up the state's 42.8% required match for Title V funds, the program utilized the same criteria to determine priority areas of the state for Abstinence programs. In an effort to prioritize counties of SC with greater need related to out-of-wedlock pregnancy, the program ranked counties based on 3-year rates for the following risk factors:

- Out of wedlock birth rate, ages 10-19 females,
- Birth rate, ages 10-19 females,
- Abortion rates; ages 10-19 females,
- Sexual transmitted disease rates; ages 10-19 females, and
- Pregnancy rates; ages 10-19, females.

Although we have tried to prioritize the areas of greater need, high-risk youth reside and go to school in all counties of our state. Applicants may propose programs to serve youth populations in a variety of settings in any county of the state. If counties other than Priority Areas 1 or 2 are

included in an applicant's plan, the applicant must provide justification for the inclusion of lower priority counties.