

ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES, INC. (dba ACAM)

RFP No. NextGen3, Next Generation of Youth (NextGen) Workforce Development

For

NEXT GENERATION OF YOUTH (NEXTGEN) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

FAQs

- 1. Is it required that at least 50% of all work-based learning jobs are in the Gulf Coast Workforce Board's (GCWB) identified high skills, high growth industries?**
 - a. Yes.

- 2. Is it required that at least 50% of all training courses be conducted in the GCWB's identified high skills, high growth occupations?**
 - a. Yes.

- 3. The link for the TX Comptroller's website for the evidence of good standing requirement does not work; will I still be eligible if that is why I can't provide proper evidence?**
 - a. Evidence of good standing from the TX Comptroller is required. Please use this link <https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/coa/search.do>

- 4. We would like to apply for your NextGen funding opportunity, but wanted to ask if there is a prerequisite to obtain the quoted certification of "qualified contractors, registered to work in the state of Texas"?**
 - a. Applicants must submit the required documents as described in the RFP. ACAM will conduct a risk assessment of all preliminarily awarded vendors. Contracts will not be awarded to any organizations that are debarred by the federal government or the State of Texas.

- 5. Please confirm if this deadline announcement is accurate: For consideration, ACAM must receive proposals no later than 5:00 PM CDT on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.**
 - a. Confirming the deadline to submit responses is Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:00 pm CST.

- 6. Does being a work-based learning site for Workforce Solutions disqualify you from applying for this grant?**
 - a. No.

- 7. Our organization has an annual operating budget less than \$1M so our Board of Directors (BOD) has set into motion Financial Reviews to be conducted by an outside accounting firm every other year. Our most recent Financial Review was conducted for 2022, so we do not have a full financial audit in our possession. Is a Financial Review an appropriate substitute?**
 - a. If awarded an audit will be required based on the single audit threshold.

- 8. Would our organization be responsible for confirming eligibility of youth served or would we work in conjunction with our local Workforce Solutions office to do that?**
 - a. Your organization will be responsible; please see the Youth Services Guidebook and Guidelines posted on the website for further information.

- 9. If we have applied for a separate TWC grant, for 18 years of age and older, are we allowed to submit a proposal for the NextGen RFP?**
 - a. Yes.

- 10. What is the typical turnaround time for funds once reimbursement is submitted?**
 - a. Approximately 60 days contingent upon when the awarding agency reimburses ACAM.

- 11. Certificate training costs will be paid by the Financial Aid Payment Office (FAPO); what other costs are reimbursed through FAPO?**
 - a. All direct client expenses as described in the RFP.

- 12. We would like to partner with another nonprofit organization to provide a component of the services; is this allowed?**
 - a. Collaboration with partner(s) is encouraged but subcontracting or subawarding for workforce services is not allowed.

- 13. How many awards are anticipated?**
 - a. A contract or contracts will be awarded up to the maximum amount of funding.

- 14. Is there a recording of the optional pre-proposal conference held on December 19, 2023?**
 - a. No.