

EKG Request for Proposal Questions and Responses

Question(s) Submitted October 7, 2026

- I am currently preparing proposals for Brunswick County (Central Area) and a multi-county proposal for New Hanover and Pender Counties (Eastern Area). I understand that these must be submitted as separate proposals; however, I would like to formally request clarification regarding the multi-county agreement process prior to today's deadline. While reviewing the Multi-County Agreement Guide, I noted the statement that "*a new security role, Multi County Agreements Create and Administer, will be created.*" In accordance with the guidance provided in the document, I have consulted with my Area Consultant, Pam, and have copied her on this email. Specifically, I am seeking clarification on whether there is a separate agreement/application that should be used for a multi-county proposal, or if I should complete the agreement under New Hanover County and indicate within the agreement narrative/body that services will also be provided in Pender County. As I am submitting both a single-county proposal for Brunswick County and a multi-county proposal for New Hanover and Pender Counties, I want to ensure that I am following the correct process and using the appropriate agreement format for each submission.

RESPONSE: *Direction from your Area Consultant should be followed. The RFP states in the NCALLIES Submission Issues section of the RFP:*

Contact must be made to the Area Consultant assigned to the host county applying for funds prior to 12 noon on October 16, 2026. See Attachment E: DPS Area Consultant and County Assignments.

- Is there a clear path to pull up the actual application? We found a link, but it didn't take us to it. Do we need signatures from Wake's County Commissioners, Finance Office and JCPC Chair before we submit our proposal? Please confirm our proposal should be entered in NCALLIES.

RESPONSE: *The Proposal Requirements and Submission Process section of the RFP provides the below statement with a working link to the application that states:*

To be considered for funding, applicants must:

- Complete and submit the online application in NCALLIES no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 16, 2026. The application can be accessed by [clicking here](#) and following the directions listed on the webpage.*

The RFP does not include the requirement of local signatures.

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- What is the amount of funds allocated to Mecklenburg County and is there a cap/limit on how much can be requested to effectively run the program?

RESPONSE: *A maximum amount an agency can request has not been set. Applicants should present their application to match the needs of their catchment area and present a budget that reflects expenses needed to cover programming.*

- If funded, does the organization have to attend monthly meetings in-person like Mecklenburg County JCPC requires?

RESPONSE: *This is a Governor's Crime Commission funded pilot project and not connected to DPS JCPC funds. There is a one-time required informational virtual meeting all awarded applicants must attend. Details of the date/time will be included in funding decision letters.*

- When serving two counties (Union and Anson) what is the maximum amount of funds that will be granted? Will the funds be granted per county or one amount to cover both counties? Does this grant require a cash match? If yes, at what percentage?

RESPONSE: *A maximum amount an agency can request has not been set. Applicants should present their application to match the needs of their catchment area and present a budget that reflects expenses needed to cover programming.*

Funds will be awarded per application, not per county.

As stated in the RFP: While funds for this pilot project require no local match to apply for funding, applications must provide a CASH match in the project budget when including Capital Outlay expenses, see the Chart of Accounts distributed along with this RFP. The percentage of the required cash match is based on a formula calculated for each county statewide. When unsure about this percentage, contact the DPS Area Consultant assigned to the county the applying sponsoring agency is in.

See Attachment E: DPS Area Consultant County Assignments.

Question(s) Submitted October 6, 2026

- For an existing JCPC-funded program, may EKG 2.0 be offered as dedicated sessions on days the program already operates, provided EKG has separate curriculum delivery, attendance, service hours, and cost records? Or must EKG sessions be held on a different day?

RESPONSE: *No, separate days to deliver this curriculum is not expected but applicants must clearly describe in the Operations section of the application the proposed operating schedule to deliver the EKG curriculum.*

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- I am not seeing the previously submitted questions/responses updated on the website.
RESPONSE: *In an effort to get responses to questions as quickly as possible, EKG RFP questions are posted on the DPS website by 5pm on the day received at: [Community Programs Requests for Proposals | NC DPS](#).*

The RFP states all questions must be received no later than 11:59pm on October 7, 2026 with responses posted October 9, 2026. The above website link is listed in the RFP as the posting location.

- May an eligible agency submit separate EKG 2.0 applications for multiple Judicial Districts in which it currently provides DPS/JCPC-funded services, with each application proposing a distinct service area, budget, and number of youth to be served?

RESPONSE: *Yes.*

- For an applicant proposing to serve a multi-county Judicial District, if the applicant currently operates a DPS/JCPC-funded Restitution/Community Service program in one county within the district but not in another, may youth referred from the other county's Restitution/Community Service program participate in the applicant's EKG 2.0 program and receive community service credit for those hours?

RESPONSE: *Yes. The application must specify all county catchment areas referrals could be received from so the other counties would be included. Additionally, KG programming*

- We are specifically seeking clarification as to whether EKG 2.0 hours may count toward a youth's community service requirement when the EKG 2.0 provider and the youth's Restitution/Community Service provider are different agencies.

RESPONSE: *Yes. The RFP allows for youth to earn community service hours of credit from their participation in EKG classes but states when an existing agency receives EKG funding. An exception will be granted to an agency that is awarded EKG funding, to accept referrals from an existing DPS JCPC funded program, to receive community service credit. The restitution/community service agency must make a referral to the agency delivering the EKG curriculum and have documentation of the hours reported to the referring agency at time of the termination of the youth from the agency facilitating the EKG curriculum.*

Question(s) Submitted October 5, 2026

- Are applicants required to follow the 16-week curriculum exactly as outlined, or is there flexibility to adapt and modify the curriculum to better meet the needs of our participants and community?

RESPONSE: *The 16-week curriculum must be followed as outlined.*

- What is the top amount that can be awarded?

RESPONSE: *Applicants should present their application to match the needs of their catchment area and present a budget that reflects expenses needed to cover programming.*

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- If Washington County 4-H is asking for the amount, do we need to match with county funds?

RESPONSE: *As stated in the RFP: While funds for this pilot project require no local match to apply for funding, applications must provide a CASH match in the project budget when including Capital Outlay expenses, see the Chart of Accounts distributed along with this RFP. The percentage of the required cash match is based on a formula calculated for each county statewide. When unsure about this percentage, contact the DPS Area Consultant assigned to the county the applying sponsoring agency is in.*

*See **Attachment E: DPS Area Consultant County Assignments.***

- Although EKG 2.0 is being implemented as a pilot, has the Department established an anticipated or recommended cost per youth, funding range, or other budget benchmark that applicants should consider when developing their proposed budget and estimated number of youth to be served?

RESPONSE: *No, the Department has not established any of those. Applicants should present their application to match the needs of their catchment area and present a budget that reflects expenses needed to cover programming.*

- Does the Department anticipate funding one provider per county or Judicial District, or may multiple providers be funded to deliver EKG 2.0 within the same county or Judicial District?

RESPONSE: *To avoid a duplication of services, multiple providers will not be selected for funding in the same county, however, there may be more than one provider in a Judicial District depending on the county catchment area a provider proposes services for. For example, Judicial Districts with multiple counties, a provider may not cover all of those counties.*

- I currently have the required documents uploaded in NCALLIES for another application; do I have to resubmit them for this grant?

RESPONSE: *Any documents uploaded in response to other request for proposals apply to that funding stream. In the section of this RFP titled **Proposal Requirements and Submission Process** that your agency is currently responding to, that section states:*

To be considered for funding, applicants must:

e. Upload the following documents into NCALLIES if the agency is a Non-Profit organization:

- 1) No Overdue Tax Form (must be notarized);*
- 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Policy Statement (must be notarized)*
- 3) Non-profit agency's Proof of 501(c)(3) status; and*
- 4) Non-profit agency's Conflict of Interest policy.*

NOTE: #1 and #2 were distributed along with this RFP.

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Questions Submitted September 30, 2026 to October 1, 2026

- Is the EKG 2.0 curriculum or a 16-week outline available for applicants to review?
RESPONSE: *Yes, a copy of the curriculum has been distributed by the Community Programs Section Area Offices and also posted on the DPS website by [clicking here](#).*
- What session frequency and duration are required? Would one 60-minute session per week meet the curriculum requirements?
RESPONSE: *Dosage and duration can be found in ATTACHMENT B: Priority Services and Definitions of the Request for Proposals, no less than 2 hours weekly.*
- What qualifications and training are required for facilitators? Could our Instructional Leader lead sessions with a community partner serving as co-facilitator?
RESPONSE: *Staffing requirements for group facilitation can be found in the JCPC and Community Programs Section-Funded Programs Minimum Standards Policy manual by [clicking here](#). (20 Skill Building, 20.4 Staffing).*
- Are curriculum materials and facilitator training provided, or should these costs be included in our budget?
RESPONSE: *No, neither are provided. There will be a required informational section awarded programs must attend and the curriculum will be covered but not a “training.” The date and time for this informational section will be included in award letters.*
- May eligible youth already enrolled in our JCPC-funded program participate in EKG during existing program hours, with grant funds covering additional EKG delivery costs?
RESPONSE: *Youth participating in this pilot project must be specifically referred for these services to the funded agency and entered into the NCALLIES client tracking database.*
- Could you confirm the application and questions deadlines? The RFP lists October 16 as the application deadline, but October 21 for questions and October 28 for responses.
RESPONSE: *Corrections were made to the RFP deadline with Community Programs Section Area Offices re-distributing the RFP. The revised RFP can be found on the DPS by [clicking here](#).*
- Where can they find and review the new Educating Kids about Gun Violence 2.0 (EKG) curriculum
RESPONSE: *A copy of the curriculum has been distributed by Community Programs Section Area Offices and also posted on the DPS website by [clicking here](#).*

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- Is this a DJJ kiddo's only program or open to direct referrals(this is what It looks like) but I believe they are considering this as a Level 2-Intensive Intervention service and if that is true will Exception request forms be required?

RESPONSE: *Programming is open to at-risk youth as well as juvenile court referred youth. This is not an Intensive Intervention Services (IIS) program. The IIS application is being utilized in NCALLIES, but this is a separate funding source (GCC) for a two-year pilot project.*

- Is this program that is being implemented strictly only for DJJ involved youth?

RESPONSE: *No, programming is open to at-risk youth as well as court referred youth.*

- Do you have access to the EKG 2.0 curriculum and/or guidelines for implementation so that we can include the program outline in our RFP?

RESPONSE: *A copy of the curriculum has been distributed by Community Programs Section Area Offices and also posted on the DPS website by [clicking here](#).*

- Has the EKG 2.0 curriculum changed with delivery/model etc?

RESPONSE: Yes. This newly edited curriculum has been developed to align with research and best practices modeled upon the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) and its effectiveness in the reduction of recidivism for high-risk juveniles. The EKG 2.0 16-week curriculum is an expansion of the former EKG 1.0 2-day curriculum, which was developed by the Fayetteville Police Department and taught to 7th and 9th graders within the school setting. The expanded 16-week version allows for greater opportunities to take a deeper dive into firearm use impacts, teenage stressors, coupled with focused dialogue on the consequences of antisocial behaviors, while also offering skill building in prosocial behaviors and sound decision-making. The curriculum is structured around a short film entitled, "The Crux". The film serves as the foundation for discussion and learning around decision points facing today's teenager, with specific focus upon legal, medical, and emotional consequences of choices made that may affect one's future.

- I have been certified as a trainer in the EKG 2.0 program that was rolled out back in 2023 through the center for safer schools and from what I remembered the classes needed to be taught by law enforcement so I am curious if the program has changed and I want to ensure my RFP is going to align with the requirements of the program itself.

RESPONSE: *The curriculum no longer has the requirement of only facilitation by law enforcement. Staffing requirements for group facilitation can be found in the JCPC and Community Programs Section-Funded Programs Minimum Standards Policy manual by [clicking here](#). (20 Skill Building, 20.4 Staffing).*