

RFP 2026-015 Public Assistance Grant Funding Application Consultant Services

#	Questions	Answers
1	<p>Scope of Work: Section 11: Category Z Management Cost Cap (Page 24): It appears HCSO will not authorize consultant funding for any cost that exceeds the Category Z management grant. Additionally, it appears HCSO expects the consultant to continue performing services without billing to complete the project. Please confirm that this is HCSO's intention. Please confirm if a vendor will be excluded or deemed non-responsive if they cannot agree to this section.</p>	<p>HCSO does not intend for the Awarded Supplier to continue performing direct billable services without compensation. The intent of Section 11 is to limit the Awarded Supplier's direct, billable disaster reimbursement support services to the applicable FEMA Category Z Management Cost cap, unless HCSO expressly authorizes additional direct billable work in writing prior to starting work.</p> <p>As reflected in Section 10, services under this RFP are provided on an as-needed basis and may be limited to specific tasks, services, deliverables, or areas of support identified by HCSO for a particular event. HCSO does not anticipate that all services will be required for every event, or that the Awarded Supplier will necessarily be responsible for the entire project from beginning to end.</p> <p>The non-billable assistance referenced in Section 11 is intended to function as a limited transition or off-ramp if the Category Z cap is reached. This assistance would be related only to the work actually performed by the Awarded Supplier and may include status coordination, knowledge transfer, identification of pending items, explanation of work completed, location or organization of supporting documentation, and similar low-level assistance needed so HCSO understands the status of the assigned work when billable services cease.</p> <p>This provision is not intended, and HCSO will not require the Awarded Supplier to continue full project performance, complete additional substantive work, or provide ongoing direct billable services without compensation. This clarification does not limit the Awarded Supplier's separate obligation under Section 9 to correct errors, omissions, or deficiencies in its own work product that are attributable to the Awarded Supplier.</p> <p>The Awarded Supplier may invoice for authorized billable work in accordance with the RFP's invoicing and payment provisions. HCSO will not withhold payment solely pending FEMA obligation, provided the invoice is proper, the services are acceptable, and applicable HCSO payment procedures are satisfied. If a Supplier cannot agree to Section 11, the Supplier must identify the requested exception or deviation in its Proposal Response as required by the RFP. Any such exception will be reviewed by HCSO in accordance with the RFP. A Proposal taking exception to Section 11 may be rejected or deemed non-responsive if HCSO determines that the exception fails to meet the RFP requirements or is not in HCSO's best interest.</p>