

Addendum #1

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For

GRO Fund Professional Programs and Services
“Providing Services for Engaging, Educating and
Supporting Local Communities”



MID-REGION COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

Procurement No. 2025-05 Issued: September 11,
2024 Proposals Due: October 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
(MST)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Mid-Region GRO Fund Program

1. Why can't the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) simply give the funding from the GRO appropriations to the entity that requested the funding?
 - a. The MRCOG GRO Fund Program is subject to the [New Mexico State Constitution](#), the [Procurement Code of the State of New Mexico](#), and the procurement policies of our organization.
 - b. Article 9, Section 14 of the New Mexico Constitution, also known as the "anti-donation clause", prohibits the state or other governmental entities from directly giving funding to private people or entities unless certain legal requirements are met.
 - c. State law does NOT allow the MRCOG to give money directly to non-governmental entities. GRO Fund appropriations were a minimum of \$160,000 each. Any appropriations intended for non-governmental entities must be awarded through a Request for Proposals (RFP) under the Procurement Code of the State of New Mexico.
2. How can we access a GRO Fund appropriation?
 - a. If you are a non-governmental entity and believe you are eligible for a GRO Fund appropriation, look for the appropriation in the published Request for Proposal (RFP) available on our website <https://www.mrcog-nm.gov/660/Government-Results-Opportunity-GRO-Progr>. There are seven (7) Requests for Proposals based upon the category of the GRO fund appropriations.
 - b. Each RFP has separate elements you can bid on. The elements match the language of each GRO fund appropriation contained in the law that was passed creating the GRO fund.
 - c. Please reference the RFPs to find the GRO fund appropriation you are looking for.
 - d. Once you find the GRO appropriation in one of the RFPs, follow the requirements of the RFP to submit the necessary information to bid on the appropriation.
 - e. If you have questions about the RFPs or the procurement process you may contact Phil Pino (rfp@mrcog-nm.gov), Chief Procurement Officer (CPO). Because this is an open procurement, **DO NOT contact any other member of MRCOG to discuss the procurement.**
3. Where can I locate my appropriation if I'm not sure which category it's in?
 - a. A list of appropriations under each RFP element can be found here, <https://www.mrcog-nm.gov/660/Government-Results-Opportunity-GRO-Progr>
4. Do we have to have a current audit to respond to the RFP?
 - a. No, section 4.4 of all seven RFPs states, **"If independently audited financial statements are not available, the Offeror must provide a rationale and submit alternative documentation (e.g., a D & B report) that allows the Evaluation Committee to assess the Offeror's financial stability."**
5. When can we expect to hear the results of the RFP process?
 - a. The RFPs will close on October 11, 2024, and the selection of finalists will be the week of October 21, 2024.
6. The draft contract that MRCOG will enter into with each recipient of the GRO funds is included in the RFP. Once the procurement process is completed the MRCOG can execute the agreements with the GRO recipients. We urge you to review the contract during the procurement process to eliminate possible delays in receiving funding.