

Texas Department of State Health Services
Title X No-Cost Extension Request
Grant Number: FP-HPA-060898-31-00

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is requesting a no-cost extension of Title X funds to facilitate an orderly transition of family planning services in Texas. The goals are 1) to support client continuity of care through the transition of Title X funds and 2) to retain provider infrastructure for women's health services across the state as new funding is solidified.

Transition Plan

DSHS currently supports 39 family planning delegates. (Note: Prior to March 31, 2013, DSHS funded 41 delegates; two delegates did not renew their contracts.) On March 28, 2013, all 39 delegates were offered six-week extensions to their FY2012 DSHS Family Planning contracts to facilitate the transition either to Women's Health and Family Planning of Texas (WHFPT) administered Title X funds or to pending state funds. DSHS chose to issue extensions to all contractors allowing contractors time to make business operation plans while the final WHFPT funding roster is still in flux. These contract extensions will expire May 14, 2013.

Allowance to continue use of these funds will support the provision of services for approximately 19 non-WHFPT contractors through August 31, 2013. Additionally, a portion of the requested no-cost extension will be used to fund the six-week contract extensions for all contractors, including the estimated 20 contractors who will join the WHFPT coalition.

In FY2012, these 19 non-WHFPT contractors saw approximately 37,980 unduplicated clients. Without the requested funds, these clients will be without family planning services and many agencies may be forced to reduce clinic hours or close clinics entirely. At this time, it is unclear if there will be a WHFPT funded agency in all areas in close proximity to current DSHS non-WHFPT providers. So clients may not have an easy referral location. These 19 non-WHFPT contractors will likely apply for funds through an expanded state funded Primary Health Care program which will launch in November 2013. The ability to extend contracts for these agencies until August will ensure this infrastructure stays intact until these agencies can transition to new sources of funding.

Permission to use these funds through August 2013 will also provide DSHS with additional time to reconcile current contractor billing. Family planning delegates are permitted 60 days following the end of the contract term to bill for services. Payment of these bills may take an additional 30 days through the program claims administrator.

Timeline

Activities to transition current DSHS family planning contractors that plan to be part of the WHFPT coalition will continue through May 14, 2013.

Activities to transition current DSHS non-WHFPT family planning contractors will continue through August 31, 2013.

Category	Start Date	End Date	Amount	Notes
TOTAL				
SALARIES				

Explanation of Unexpended Funds

As of April 3, 2013, DSHS has an unspent balance of \$2,328,077. These funds are from the Client Services/Grants line item of the FY2012 budget. The current amount includes unspent funds allocated to several large contractors who were unable to solidify service expansion, as anticipated, during the project period.

The approval of the no cost extension is critical to the orderly transition of family planning and women's health services in Texas. DSHS respectfully requests approval for the proposed transition plan.