

**Questions & Answers**

Q	Bidder Question	DHS Answer
1.	Can dollars be utilized towards administrative duties of DRCC management, through the Mental Health Administrator’s salary? Can a parttime person be hired to manage volunteer recruitment, training, and engagement, under the directive of the MHA, DRCC Coordinator, or other relevant staff?	<i>Funds cannot be used to supplement County Mental Health Administrators salaries; additional part-time staff can be hired.</i>
2.	The Association would like clarity on what are considered allowable costs for the training. Recruitment, and engagement dollars? Are the following allowed: food and event giveaways? Gas gift cards and other allowances for DRCCs who mobilize for responses? Backpacks, t shirts, and other materials to be utilized during a DRCC response? Equipment such as tablets to utilize during DRCC responses? Targeted paid media campaigns?	<i>DRCC deployment items, travel costs, and communication tools, and media campaigns are allowable, food is not allowable.</i>
3.	Will there be guidance offered on what types of paid trainings and speakers can be paid for with these dollars?	<i>Yes, as needed. Trainings are expected to prepare DRCC’s for roles in a response and self-care issues that arise from a response.</i>
4.	What is the spending time frame to utilize the funds?	<i>10/2023-10/2024</i>
5.	How much access can county mental health administrators and DRC coordinators have to the disaster and terrorism branch training modules? Can they be utilized from a train the trainer model where they can be locally offered?	<i>At this time all trainings will be facilitated by DTB staff who have been trained in the FEMA CCP model.</i>
6.	There is a concern about sustainability following the end of the grant cycle. New initiatives or incentives will be great for the time. There is reimbursement or purchasing power.	
7.	There is difficulty regarding recruitment of volunteers in this current landscape where it proves difficult to hire paid staff.	
8.	Will the scope of DRCC response be changing to reflect the different types of disaster responses where DRCCs are requested? A tornado response and death of a child requires a different set of skills and specialty.	<i>We do expect to create specialized training tracks within the DRCC using BSCA funding.</i>

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9.	Can the Disaster and Terrorism Branch provide information on how many DRCCs are repeated on various county lists statewide?	<i>Yes, DTB will access and disseminate that information.</i>
10.	What will the reporting requirements look like – programmatic and fiscal?	<i>A monthly report is required, format to be provided</i>
11.	Can you provide an example of the attestation (RLI Item #5) required?	<i>Example Provided: "I hereby affirm that as a recipient of BSCA DRCC grant funding, the <b>(Insert County Name)</b> DRCC program will comply with the outlined reporting requirements; additionally, we are in agreement to use these designated funds solely for purposes approved by New Jersey's Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Disaster and Terrorism Branch." Note: Any such similar language will suffice.</i>
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