



## Attachment A: Pre-Application Consultation Process

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requires all applicants to engage in a pre-application consultation before submitting an application for grants from the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP, see RFA Section 2.3). The consultation will allow the prospective applicant to discuss the proposed project along with other applicable programmatic considerations, including those related to site acquisition, such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), permitting, land use and land entitlements, service coordination and services partnerships, and long-term financing approaches.

Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), a consulting and research firm focused on improving health and human services systems, is serving as the administrative entity for BHCIP. AHP assists state and local organizations to implement and evaluate a wide range of services focusing on mental health treatment and recovery, substance use disorder treatment and prevention, workforce development, homelessness, housing, long-term services and supports, and criminal justice.

Beginning in June 2022 and as part of the RFA process, AHP will provide a pre-application consultation and individual agency/county technical assistance (TA) to each prospective applicant. In addition, AHP will offer ongoing general training and TA throughout the life of the project. Applicants are required to complete a pre-application consultation survey and consultation to determine their understanding of the RFA requirements prior to submitting their application. In addition, applicants will be required to discuss how their proposed project addresses the State Priorities and fills local and/or regional gaps for children and youth as identified in Manatt Health's report, *Assessing the Continuum of Care for Behavioral Health Services in California*. An AHP implementation specialist will work with applicants to support them in these areas by connecting them with subject matter experts in real estate, financing, and programmatic best practices serving children and youth, including pregnant/postpartum women and their children, to bring targeted TA to applicants and grantees.

Applicants can [access the pre-application consultation survey online](#).

