



Attachment A: Pre-Application Consultation Process

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requires all applicants to engage and complete a pre-application consultation (PAC) before submitting a Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant application. Refer to Section 2.3 of the BHCIP Round 5: Crisis and Behavioral Health Continuum Request for Application (RFA). 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.

By October 2022 and as part of the RFA process, AHP will provide a PAC 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 PAC survey and consultation to determine their understanding of the RFA requirements prior to an application submission. Applicants will be required to discuss how their proposed project meets local gaps identified in the “Assessing the Continuum of Care for Behavioral Health Services in California” report and addresses state priorities. An AHP implementation specialist will be assigned to applicants to provide support and connect them with subject matter experts in real estate, facility financing, and programmatic best practices for serving individuals in need of crisis and behavioral health services.

Applicants can access the PAC survey [on the program website](#).