

FY26 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

[Request for Application](#)

Questions and Answers

**Q 1.** What is the maximum amount of funding that can be requested? The estimated funding indicates \$300,000 but does that mean that only one grant application will be funded for the entire state if this is the funding amount?

\$300,000 is the total amount of funding allowed for this RFA, you may propose a lesser amount. We are not limiting the number of sites to be funded. The number funded will depend on the strength of applications received and the amounts being requested. The strongest application(s) for the FY26 NC MIECHV program will be determined by an external group of reviewers with experience with maternal and child well-being; systems level expertise; program and policy implementation; social services and family support; behavioral health and crisis response; and leadership and advocacy.

**Q 2.** Our agency already provides 3 of the models listed on the HomVEE website with MIECHV approval: Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up and SafeCare are models that have a duration of less than 2 years. I see that the program must last more than 2 years. Does that mean the above 2 interventions are not eligible for funding? If they are eligible, can you explain what is meant by "program must have a duration of a minimum of 2 years"?

Service duration is the length of time for which home visits are offered to participants. The model defined service duration must be a minimum of two years, not less than two years.

**Q 3.** Can you confirm that PAT is eligible for funding through this RFA?

Yes, PAT is eligible for MIECHV funding.

Is this renewable once awarded? If so, what is the process?

Successful applicants **will not need** to reapply, and funding will be sustained if funds continue to be available.

How can PAT implementation support be funded? Should each PAT program put that in their budget or is there something that should be submitted from the State office for this? Or is that something that DCFW applies for should a PAT program be awarded a grant?

The program should put all costs involved in implementation in their budget; this includes any national office fees connected to implementation.

Can Smart Start funding be considered matching grant funds?

A match is not required to be met at the local program level, meeting the match is tasked to the state level MIECHV team.

There is reference to "intensive" services – that is the definition of intensive for MIECHV funding?

*The MIECHV Program supports the implementation of early childhood home visiting models to help pregnant women and families with young children to improve their health and well-being. Federal law requires awardees to use MIECHV funds to provide or support targeted, intensive home visiting services. Home visiting models that provide universal services and/or offer only a limited number of visits do not meet the eligibility requirements.*

To ensure home visiting models have a high degree of research-based evidence of effectiveness, sufficient service duration, and offer support to families beginning prenatally, models eligible for consideration for implementation support by the NC MIECHV Program must meet the following requirements by HRSA:

- Listing on the HomVEE website as eligible for federal MIECHV funding.
- Listing on the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare with a "Scientific Rating" of 1, 2, or 3, and not be identified as a "non-responder".
- Have service duration of the program last a minimum of two years.
- Provide in-person home visits as the primary service delivery strategy.
- Provide the opportunity for the prenatal enrollment of participants; and
- Have implementation support available from the model developers.

Is Visit Tracker considered a "compatible data collection system"?

Yes, Visit Tracker is a compatible data collection system.

**Q 4.** Once we start the application process on the site, will we be able to save and return to the application to complete it or make changes before finally submitting it? Or will we need to complete and submit it all at once? Will we be able to print a copy of it as well?

You will submit the application through the [dcfw.wchmiechv.26rfa@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dcfw.wchmiechv.26rfa@dhhs.nc.gov), it will not be completed online.

Please confirm the definition of 'Key Staff' that is mentioned in section E of the RFA:

Key Staff are the personnel in leadership positions, identified by the applicant as the individuals whose professional experience, technical knowledge, and responsibilities are essential for the successful implementation of the proposed project. Key staff's work is critical for achieving the project's objectives and they must contribute a measurable and a significant amount of time to the project.

Section C- should we print out our most recent reports to put in this section? Thinking about the current Client Risk Report also. We are already a MIECHV site and are already doing this.

Please provide a statement saying that you are a current MIECHV funded site that has historically and is currently meeting this requirement and this should be sufficient.

Section B- mentions letters of support. How many are needed? We also have MOUs for all the counties we serve, so we can provide those. Is there a template for letters of support? Is there a word limit?

MOUs can serve as letters of support. There isn't a minimum number of letters required, template, or a word limit.

It mentions that the budget narrative needs to include the costs for the data collection system. We are already paying for DMCN for our team. Should we take a % of that payment? If so, what would you suggest?

To adequately budget for DMCN, you will take the percentage of the cost to cover the MIECHV funded personnel. For example, if you have 10 home visitors and 2 would be MIECHV funded through the RFA, 20% would be the amount to include in your budget narrative.

Section D- Supporting documentation mentions "A description of how the applicant will staff the project, including the name, resume, and qualifications of each of the proposed team members". Does this mean the NFP team or the job description we are creating? If it is the entire team, do we need to provide CV for our whole team? The word 'resume' is what I am addressing. I think it is the position we are creating. I don't know how detailed it should be.

See the second response to question 4 for the definition of key staff. Any new position would only need to have a description of the qualifications required for a person to be hired into that position since you would not have a name and resume for a position that has not been created, posted, and hired for yet.

Can you confirm that the **'Implementation'** mentioned here refers to the **NFP implementation with the LIA?** or does it refer to other funding and challenges?

Yes, implementation is specific to the applicant's delivery of services with fidelity for the model proposed in the application.

Challenges and success would be anything that would substantially hinder or strengthen the applicant's ability to meet the goals and objectives proposed in their application. These may be at the agency or program level, or both.

Other funding sources would be any funding they receive that goes or will go to support the implementation of the model being proposed.