

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHH)
SFP PY 2014/15
Questions and Answers
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1. Can we bid a higher amount than our existing award?

Yes. Your proposed funding request will be reviewed and determined along with the contents of your proposal narrative. If your organization is a current or former recipient of Wagner-Peyser funds to serve Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing jobseekers, the expenditure reports (invoices) and spending activities for those funds may also be used as a guideline to determine the funding amount rewarded for new contracts.

2. Do you accept Education Interpreting Performance Assessment (EIPA) for interpreter certification?

The EIPA is an acceptable certification for Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing interpreters if they meet the standards and requirements for membership with the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). **Note:** Interpreters who have passed the EIPA written test, scored at least a 4.0 on the EIPA performance test, and meet RID's educational requirements may now join RID as certified members and maintain certification through the RID Certification Maintenance Program (CMP) and Ethical Practices System (EPS).

3. Is there a minimum for goals and objectives? Currently, on both the federal and local levels, a minimum has not been determined for goals and objectives related to providing services for the Deaf and/or Hard Hearing populations. The primary objective is outlined in your proposal submittal. Prospective bidders should develop their goals and objectives based on the geographical area they proposed to serve, the deaf and/or hard of hearing residing within that area and the job market projection.