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Subject: FW: CRF money for Designated and Specialized Agencies

The request for CRF money for Designated and Specialized Agencies is as follows.

1. Training needs: \$557,000. This will support remote work, training on trauma related to isolation and other pandemic exacerbated issues, training on technology for clinicians, training for community partners and businesses in working with community members with volatile reactions to the pandemic and its restrictions, training for staff in engaging clients and assisting them in navigating the pandemic, training equipment such as electronic boards, telehealth/communication carts, white boards and so on.
2. IT needs: \$1,033,500. This would address software services, IT infrastructure to support remote work such as client and staff connectivity; ergonomic remote office set-ups, and related hardware and equipment
3. PPE and Equipment needs: \$1,744,000 This is for face masks and shields gloves, thermometers, tents and heaters for the tents; umbrellas, plastic barriers, sanitation supplies for offices and kits for cars and other physical equipment for new service modalities.

The total request is \$3,334,500. I suggest that these funds be granted as a total, rather than specifying individual amounts for the three categories.

This information was developed from a survey of 15 of the 16 Designated and Specialized Service Agencies. (A very short turn around time was requested, thus one did not respond.) The 16 entities serve the entire state and have 5,240 employees. I did not think to ask how many people they serve.

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