

#	RFP Section	Applicant Question	City of Austin Answer
1	Section II: RFP Instructions and Timeline	Regarding Excel files containing Appendices A and B: According to the RFP, there are supposed to be multiple tabs in each of these Excel workbooks. However, we are only seeing 1 tab in each workbook. If there are in fact multiple tabs in each Excel file, would you please re-post Appendices A and B?	The links to appendices A and B have been fixed on the RFP webpage. When you click on Appendix A, you will now see that Excel document has two tabs. When you click on Appendix B, you will see that Excel document has 8 tabs.
2	Section IV: Description of Facility, Program, Funding, and Operator Requirements	Given the subsidy requirement and cost responsibilities for the operator, would the City of Austin consider a management fee model?	No, the City will not consider a management fee model, but the City is offering the facility space free of charge to the child care operator, and also covering other facility-related expenses.
3	Section IV: Description of Facility, Program, Funding, and Operator Requirements	Can you provide us some insight on building a center for 88 FTE headcount?	<p>Based on the overall square feet available for a child care program in the Dove Springs Public Health Facility, it was determined that a program could serve approximately 88 children while adhering to NAEYC staff-to-child ratios.</p> <p>The table on page 5 of the RFP shows how those ratios might be applied to the six classrooms by age group, as an example. Once you develop a proposal for that number and mix of children, you can propose alternatives in the same facility size if you choose (see question 3 in Section IV, Program). If you choose to propose an alternative, please edit the table on page 10 of the RFP to indicate the approach you prefer.</p>
4	Section IV: Description of Facility, Program, Funding, and Operator Requirements	Was there a needs assessment done?	There was not a needs assessment done. Child care was identified as a priority service for the Dove Springs public health facility by City Council because it is located in a zip code that lacks affordable, high-quality child care seats for working families. According to Children At Risk's child care desert maps, 78744 is a subsidized child care desert and a high-quality child care desert.

5	Section IV: Description of Facility, Program, Funding, and Operator Requirements	Is there an opportunity for the center to be larger if done in partnership with the operator?	No. The floor plan of the Dove Springs Public Health Facility, including the child care center, has been finalized.
6	Section IV: Description of Facility, Program, Funding, and Operator Requirements	Do you have more details on what will be the duties or expectations of the child care operator that might take over the facility?	The City of Austin is seeking a qualified child care operator to manage the child care center according to the provisions described in the Request for Proposal. The successful applicant will enter into a social services agreement with the City of Austin by and through its Austin Public Health department and be required to meet the program requirements (RFP page 5), the funding responsibilities listed in the Funding Information table (RFP pages 5-6), and the operator requirements pages (RFP pages 6-7). Additionally, the operator would manage the child care program as a profit and loss business or as a non-profit organization without relying on a subsidy from the City of Austin.