



NeighborImpact

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Introduction

The Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) is accepting proposals for a grant writer to assist with up to two (2) Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA) grant applications:

- First application is identified to support Continuums of Care (CoC) with high number of unsheltered people experiencing homeless across the region.
 - HUD sent an informational email on 02/28/2020; no further details are known at present, including timeline.
- Second application is a regular funding competition known as the "Consolidated Application" which brings more than \$500,000 to our region to support the continuum of homeless services

NeighborImpact serves as the fiduciary agent on behalf of the HLC.

Background

The HUD Continuum of Care grant funds are awarded annually to providers in the Central Oregon Continuum of Care, OR-503, to provide rental subsidies with case management to households experiencing literal or chronic homelessness. Central Oregon is defined as Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The CoC Program is designed to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness and to provide the services needed to help such individuals move into transitional or permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability. More broadly, the program is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other efforts targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and allow each community to tailor its project(s) to the particular strengths and challenges within that community. Each year, HUD awards CoC Program funds competitively to nonprofit organizations, States, units of local governments, and/or instrumentalities of State or local government, collectively known as recipients. In turn, recipients may contract or sub grant with other organizations or government entities, known as sub recipients, to carry out a grant's day-to-day project operations.

Scope of Project (2 funding applications)

The details of the scope of the first application are unknown at this time.

The regular Consolidated Application and technical submission are estimated to take a minimum of 200-250 hours. The successful respondent will be required to commit to the

timeline. The CoC application is a highly technical document requiring a thorough understanding of the terminology used in the HUD application. Information for the application is gathered from the CoC governance body, local jurisdictions and a community needs assessment.

Statement of Work

- Communicate and coordinate with Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC)'s governing board, the grants committee, the Independent Review Team Coordinator, and all project applicants in careful cooperation with the grants chair to ensure that the application and all required documents are collected in a timely manner
- Draft the narrative sections of the application with input from the grants committee
- Provide training and support to Independent Review Team/Coordinator to facilitate project review processes and scoring of applications which will be completed by a volunteer Independent Review Team
- Ensure that project applications are completed in a timely manner with all required documentation and steps
- Review the Final Grant Inventory Worksheet to ensure the amounts requested in project applications and consolidated application do not exceed allowable requests listed in the Notice of Funding Allocation (NOFA)
- Coordinate with HLC/NeighborImpact to ensure that all required postings are available on the HLC website
- Request necessary data from CoC HMIS lead in a timely manner
- Complete entire CoC grant application in proper order and make available for upload in no fewer than 80 days from the release date of the NOFA

Timeline

HUD may potentially release the NOFA between May and August 2020. Upon release of the NOFA, there is a 90-day window for completion of the grant application. The contractor will be selected prior to April 20, 2020.

Proposals are due electronically to the HLC Grants Chair, via grants@cohomeless.org no later than 5:00 pm on April 3, 2020.

If you have additional questions after reviewing this RFP document, contact the HLC Co-chair by email at chair@cohomeless.org

Required Proposal Elements/Evaluation Criteria

- Summary of qualifications
- Summary of experiences/resume
- Statement of availability
- References
- Demonstrated experience with a prior Continuum of Care or Federal grant applications
- Must meet Independent Contractor criteria
- Excellent technical writing skills

Compensation

Please include a detailed proposed budget with dollar amount requested to fulfill contracted obligations.

Contract

Contract for Professional Services available for review upon request.