

\$1M Asylum-Seeker Support RFP
FAQ

Questions from Office Hour on 3/4/2024

Q: Why is there no translation in Spanish?

A: We can translate documents as needed, the contract will be in English, but we will need the vendor to understand the contract in English.

Q: More information about the quarterly report?

A: Quarterly reports are due 2 weeks after each quarter of the year. We will have a simple template with 4-5 questions regarding the status of the program, including how many people have been served and specific questions about progress to meeting the scope of work. Also, we will ask if any technical assistance is needed.

Q: Are you looking for proposals seeking collaboration or will there be an opportunity for subcontracting?

A: There is no specific language that prohibits subcontracting, so subcontracting is allowed. There is no advantage in building relationships with other providers, but we encourage it.

Q: Thank you for this presentation. Is this one-time funding, or do you expect continued support for asylum seekers?

A: This funding for now is one-time, but this does not mean King County will not allocate more funding in the future.

Q: Can you tell us more about the scoring process?

A: It will vary based on the number of applications received. We have some members of community and King County staff serving in the panel. The scoring panel will be assigned applications to review, and each application will be reviewed by at least two people. The scores will align with the detailed rubric that is listed in the RFP.

Q: Is there a maximum amount we should be budgeting for?

A: No maximum or minimum award amount. We will allocate the available dollars based on the amount of top scoring applications.

Q: Do the Program Services activities and employment include Small Business Development?

A: No, not at this time. The intent of this RFP is to provide immediate housing support and wrap-around services to asylum-seeking individuals and families.

Q: Will the quarterly progress report include a financial portion?

A: We will receive information about your financials from the information on the monthly invoices and we do not have specific questions about financials for the quarterly report.

Q: What are you envisioning for deliverables, depending on the type of work?

A: Deliverables will depend on the specific scope of work for each organization but can look like the number of individuals and families served, amount of financial assistance provided and for what purposes, etc. We negotiate with you based on your scope of work.

Q: if used for rental assistance what would that proposal look like?

A: if your organization has a process established, it may be good to describe that in the application. If not, then describe how you envision connecting community to these services and ensuring that their needs are met.

Q: Asylum seekers have to be at the Riverton Church site to be served?

A: Asylum seekers do not have to be at the Riverton Church site.

Q: We don't have capacity to do all this work but would love to sub-contract with others to continue to serve asylum seekers. We are already providing mobile medical services to this community at RPUMC. How might we go about sub-contracting for this opportunity?

A: We encourage you to partner with other organizations if you'd like to subcontract with others. Feel free to share your contact information with organizations that you are interested in partnering with. You may contact other organizations to see if they may be interested in sub-contracting with you for this opportunity.

Q: If we had a rental unit available for which this funding would cover someone's rent for 12 months, what is the expectation after 12 months if the household is not yet financially self-sufficient to afford the rent? Also, could we create a new unit set-aside and still be in compliance with fair housing?

A: The expectation is that your organization has a plan for when the funding runs out to sustain the support or help individuals and families find other resources.