



Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ)

For Continuum of Care Operations Support Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Questions and Answers:

1. Can you please repeat the exact interim rule from HUD for reference?

Answer: CoC Program Interim Rule 24 CFR Part 578.

2. Is the County considering awarding multiple bidders for individual components of the six-part scope of work? In other words, is the County accepting applications for less than the full scope of work?

Answer: Yes, respond for whichever scopes of work you are bidding on.

3. Is there anyone doing this work currently or is this a new contract for newly established services?

Answer: Yes, EveryOne Home, a project of the Tides Center.

4. Is the County able to provide additional information for the “mobilizing resources” item?

Answer: The HUD planning grant which is used to support this contract may not cover all expenses associated with additional areas of community outreach, engagement, and independent sustainability separate from, or in addition to, the work performed in this contract.

Ex: A CoC operations support agency involved in providing this work may want to provide incentives to volunteers participating in this work. Those expenses may exceed available HUD funding and may require fundraising on the part of the agency. This is where mobilizing additional resources could be beneficial.

5. Is the County interested in reviewing proposals that go beyond the scope of work? If there are additional activities enumerated?

Answer: Yes, additional information is welcome to the extent it can support the components in the scope of work. We can only score and evaluate based on what's published in the RFQ. Additional opportunities to negotiate scope of work is available in the contract development process for the selected bidder.

6. When submitting a budget, should the budget be itemized by the six individual components of work in the scope?

Answer: The budget can be a combined proposal that encompasses the full scope of work you are bidding on.

7. Does the CoC NOFO portion of the scope of work (3b) include facilitative support, or a more limited convening role?

Answer: Facilitation may be required as a component of CoC required activities related to the NOFO.

8. Who will be serving on the RFQ Scoring Committee?

Answer: Qualification of Bidder(s) will be performed by County staff and/or others who have expertise or experience in homeless or affordable housing programs, policy, and development. These experts will evaluate and verify applicant responses. The County Selection Committee members may be designated anonymous as a part of this process.

9. Is there a page limit for the RFQ submission?

Answer: No, there is not a page limit, but submissions should be complete and include all the required information as specified in the RFQ.

10. Can you clarify what impact the following process can/will have on the ranking/scoring of projects? Qualification of Bidder(s) will be performed by County staff and/or others who have expertise or experience in homeless or affordable housing programs, policy, and development. These experts will evaluate and verify applicant responses. The County shall notify applicants of the qualification outcome.

Answer: Submissions will be evaluated by a committee and will be ranked in accordance with the requirement in the RFQ.

11. Is there a limit to the number of references that can be included in the application?

Answer: A minimum of 3 references are required. Reference submissions must meet the specified criteria in the RFQ (Section E).