



Notice of Funding Availability for Employment Services

Issue Date: **10/28/2022**

Responses Due: **November 18, 2022**

Not Later Than: **5pm**

LATE RESPONSES SHALL NOT BE
CONSIDERED.

AN OPTIONAL INFORMATIONAL SESSION
WILL BE HELD ON **November 4, 2022 at
11am**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) seeks responses from all qualified providers (see attachment A for a full list of the procurements). The Metro Supportive Housing Services Program (SHS) is a regional funding program to address homelessness and housing stability, prioritizing Communities of Color. The program aims to increase housing stability and equitable services delivery across the region through inclusive community engagement, investments in programs that advance equity, and tracking indicators that demonstrate success in these areas. Approaches that deliver culturally-responsive and/or culturally-specific services, will be prioritized.

1. GUIDELINES



Joint Office of Homeless Services

The following values outlined in the Metro Work Plan are incorporated into Multnomah County's local implementation plan and are intended to guide the program implementation at all levels:

- Strive toward stable housing for all
- Lead with racial equity and work towards racial justice
- Fund proven solutions
- Leverage existing capacity and resources
- Innovate: evolve systems to improve
- Demonstrate outcomes and impact with stable housing solutions
- Ensure transparent oversight and accountability
- Center people with lived experience, meet them where they are, and support their self-determination and well-being
- Embrace regionalism: with shared learning and collaboration to support systems coordination and integration
- Lift up local experience: lead with the expertise of local agencies and community organizations addressing homelessness and housing insecurity

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) is launching an employment related programming expansion of \$235,000 that will prioritize low barrier employment opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, individuals experiencing or at risk of long-term homelessness throughout Multnomah County.

JOHS has invited local housing and homelessness service providers who may be interested in expanding their existing employment services or developing new employment services to express their interest in becoming part of this effort.

3. Required Submittal

- 2023 Employment Programs Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) - required submittal outlined in Section 5
- JOHS Budget Template (also linked as Appendix A, required with each proposal)



4. Informational Session (Optional)

- An optional Information Session will be held on Friday, November 4th, 2022, 11 am - 12:30 pm.
- Join Zoom Meeting
- <https://multco-us.zoom.us/j/92359518870?pwd=YXJBUIld3NEZmNWNwdDZUOHdiY3A5dz09>

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- *If you need translation or have other access needs, please reach out to me at natalie.arreola@multco.us

5. Evaluation

(1) Readiness to Provide Low-Barrier Programming: 1 - 5 points

Applicant's response demonstrates familiarity and competence in the provision of low-barrier employment programs, or a readiness to provide this programming based on other work they have done. Score:_____

(2) Service Delivery Practices: 1 - 5 points



Applicant's response demonstrates a high degree of familiarity and/or experience, delivering person-centered, trauma-informed services to people living unsheltered including to those with behavioral health challenges. Score:_____

Culturally Specific Provider: 2 points

Applicant identified as a Culturally Specific Service Provider in response. Score: _____ (if yes, 2pts)

East County commitment: 2 points

Applicant identified programmatic service delivery commitment to East County in response. Score: _____ (if yes, 2pts)

(3) Service Delivery Practices - Racial Equity: 1 - 5 points

Applicant's response demonstrates a high degree of familiarity and/or experience, delivering culturally responsive or specific services, including but not limited to specific practices that support unique service delivery to racially diverse individuals. Score:_____

Racial Equity Plan: 2 points

Applicant has a Racial Equity plan that they attached to their response. Score: _____ (if yes, 2pts)

(4) Demonstration of Understanding Contract Essentials: 1 - 5 points

Applicant demonstrates experience with contracting with public agencies, or, in articulating the support they would need from the Joint Office to be successful, demonstrates a good understanding of the essential elements of successful contracting. Score: _____

(5) Leverage: 1 - 5 points



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Applicant identifies resources that outreach participants could access by virtue of other programs in the organization, or partnerships that the organization has or seeks to form. If resources don't exist, applicant sufficiently illustrates how they would seek to build relationships and work collaboratively with other system partners. Score: _____

Total Points out of 31 _____

6. Definitions

- **Anti-racism**

Anti-racism names and addresses racism as a root cause of inequities impacting the lives of Black, Indigenous, and all People of Color (“BIPOC”), including Latinx, Pacific Islanders, and Asians, as well as Immigrants and Refugees or color, and negatively impacting all people living in the United States, and acts to counter the effects of racism in society through racially equitable policies, programs and procedures. Anti-racist organizational policies, programs, and procedures follow the understanding of racism as a root cause of social inequities affecting Black, Indigenous, and all People of Color, act on this understanding and act to correct racist inequities and disparities.

- **Homeless Information Management System (HMIS)**

A local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. Local jurisdictions are responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards.

- **Chronic homelessness**

People who are chronically homeless have experienced homelessness for at least a year – or repeatedly – while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical disability.

- **Trauma-informed care**

An approach, based on the knowledge of the impact of trauma, aimed at ensuring environments and services are welcoming and engaging for service recipients and staff.

- **Person-centered approach**



The person is placed at the center of the service and treated as a person first.
Focuses on the person and not their condition or disability.

7. Attachments

Attachment A

JOHS Request for Programmatic Qualifications (RFPQ) and service components are listed below.

RFPQ	Expiration	Title	Service Categories or Components
NSRF-5898202	3/31/2027	Tri-county SHS	Wrap-around Supports
RFPQ-26-2019 RFPQ-51-2020	6/30/2024	JOHS Adult Services	Income Acquisition & Employment

Attachment B

FY 2023 JOHS Budget Packet