

DEPARTMENT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



Violence Against Women Prevention and Intervention Grants Programs

Request for Proposals for the San Francisco Response to Human Trafficking Grant Opportunity

Response to RFP e-questions Submitted by 4:00 pm Friday, August 30, 2013

Please Note: Some of the questions submitted were program specific, and we were unable to answer those programmatic questions.

- I work as a consultant with a human trafficking non-profit in San Mateo County that meets all of the qualifications to apply for this grant except for the fact that they work with foster youth being trafficked in San Mateo County. I see that your grant is exclusive to San Francisco County NGO's. Is there any exception that can be made or is that not possible given the parameters of the funding stream the grant is coming from? Figured it would not hurt to ask.
 - We realize that there are great programs working in neighboring counties, but this grant is specific to agencies working and serving clients within the City and County of San Francisco.
- 2. The RFP defines young adults as "up to 24 years" old. The city's typical definition is up to the individual's 25th birthday. Does the RFP intend to include youth who are 24 years old as well?

Yes, we will consider youth who are 24 years old, or up until the individual's 25th birthday.

- 3. What is the funding source of the funds allocated to this RFP?
 - The funds allocated to the San Francisco Response to Human Trafficking Grant Opportunity are from the City's General Fund, and although the RFP has been assigned a maximum amount that may be available, the release of this RFP must not be construed as a commitment that funds will become available. The release of the RFP is neither a commitment, nor guarantee that funds will become available.
- 4. Is there a possibility to supplement this grant opportunity with other governmental dollars?

Agencies may and are encouraged to supplement their proposed programs with other public/private funding, but there are currently no additional City funds identified by the Department to supplement this grant opportunity.

5. Our agency is not located in San Francisco, but we provide services to clients in San Francisco – are we eligible to apply?

No, while we realize that there are successful programs working in neighboring counties, this grant opportunity is specific to agencies that have a physical office or community space, and are working in and serving clients within the City and County of San Francisco.

6. Is labor trafficking part of this proposal?

We are specifically focused on child sex trafficking, which we see as a part of labor trafficking, for this grant opportunity.

7. Do clients have to fit into an age range?

Yes, we are seeking applications that provide comprehensive prevention and intervention services that are responsive to the needs of youth and young adults, up to 24 years old, or any subset. Please see Question 2 above: We will allow services to individuals who are not yet 25 years old.

8. We provide intervention and advocacy services, as part of a comprehensive approach, to our residential clients - do we have to house minors?

There is not a requirement to house minors with these grant dollars. Applicants are encouraged to provide comprehensive service models that will coordinate and address the critical and wide-ranging service needs of sexually trafficked youth and young adults.

9. Do you have an idea of how many clients you want to see served?

No, the number of clients to be served is not specified as a requirement.

10. If we are already an approved City Vendor and in compliance with 12B Equal Benefits Declaration – do we need to resubmit these forms?

No, if you are already in compliance with 12B Equal Benefits Declaration - Non Discrimination in Contacts and Benefits, you do not need to submit anything further. To verify your agency's compliance with the 12B requirement, please contact the Contract Monitoring Division of the City Administrator's Office at 415-581-2305.

11. *Is the grant gender specific?*

No, we recognize that this is an issue that affects all genders.

12. Just a quick question about the requirement of one community training within the grant term. I assume we would provide one community training in the January - June 2014 period, then another during the 12-month period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Yes, we require that you provide one community training within the January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014 grant period, and one community training during the July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 grant period.

13. In the Priority Services – Scope of Work section e. Conduct one (1) community training, to be presented annually, within the terms of the grant, does community training refer to the larger community or can it be the service provider (public and non-profit) community?

We are leaving this to the discretion of the application/grantee.

14. Is there a lower age limit on the target population? I thought I heard 12 - 24 but that could have been another conversation.

No, there is not a lower age limit on the target population.

15. We are thinking of submitting application in partnership with other organizations in order to provide holistic services to young survivors of sex trafficking. We would provide employment-related legal services to survivors, our partner organization would provide immigration legal services and a third partner would provide counseling and support services. Does this model reflect the type of services you are hoping to support?

We support partnerships and a collaborative approach to service provision.

16. Do I understand correctly that the total amount of funding available for all applying organizations is \$75,000 for the first year and \$150,000 for the second year?

Yes, the total amount of funds available is \$75,000 for the first 6 months January 1, 2014 -June 30, 2014, and \$150,000 for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. We will entertain proposals up to the total amount.