Emergency Shelter: Call for Proposals

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services ("Department") requests proposals from community-based organizations with the capability to meet specific needs of youth in care. The Department seeks to increase its emergency shelter capacity throughout the State of Illinois. A summary description is provided in the narrative below with further detail in subsequent sections of this Call for Proposals. If you are interested and able to submit a Proposal responsive to this Call, the State appreciates and welcomes your Proposal.

PLEASE NOTE:

This Call for Proposals is exempt from the requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code under the Purchase of Care exemption provided in 30 ILCS 500/1-10(b)(3). However, recipients will be required to complete the Department's specific contractual requirements, including licensing requirements, prior to awarding a contract or grant agreement.

Brief Description:

The Department acknowledges an increased need to expand its emergency shelter capacity in order to adequately care for youth who recently came into the care of the Department or who have disrupted from their most recent living arrangement. These youth need a short-term care setting until a long-term placement is identified. The emotional and behavioral health needs of these youth vary, but in all cases, these youth have a history of abuse and/or neglect. Many of the youth in this population experience emotional, psychological, behavioral, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities or other learning challenges.

Scope of Need:

The Department is seeking proposals for emergency shelter programs for youth throughout the State of Illinois between the ages of 8 and 20 who have significant emotional and behavioral health needs. Although this population is roughly 1% of the total population of youth in the Department's care, the Department is in need of additional providers with the capacity, expertise, and innovative programming to provide immediate safety and well-being for this population of youth. Emergency shelters offer short-term living arrangements and crisis stabilization services to youth who recently have been removed from their homes or who may have disrupted from their most recent living arrangement. Programs ideally are community-based, home-like settings that offer immediate housing and stabilization services. Services should be trauma-informed and include therapeutic support (milieu services); crisis stabilization; medication monitoring; and intake services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In order to serve clients close to their home

community, the Department currently needs both English and Spanish speaking emergency shelter services in each of its four regions of the State (Northern, Cook, Central and Southern).

Please address each of the following:

- Brief statement expressing interest in providing emergency shelter services;
- Provide a brief profile of the agency, organization, and/or entity, including:
  - A brief description of past/current experience in child welfare, human services, and social services
  - Experience in delivering crisis, short-term stabilization interventions to youth
- Responses to the following:
  - Who will deliver the programming? (description of staff roles)
  - How does the proposed programming offer a multidisciplinary approach to service delivery?
  - How will supervision be provided to support the program?
  - Where in the State will the work be delivered?
  - What is the projected client capacity, including age ranges?
  - A detailed program evaluation and continuous quality assurance plan.
- Cost analysis
  - Rate determination should include allocation for staffing and resources. Provider should consider the number of clients served per month and per fiscal year.

Proposals that do not adhere to the form and content of this Call for Proposals may not be considered.

Proposal Submission Deadline: January 31, 2022

Vendor Meeting: January 5, 2022 1:00PM (Webex link to follow)

Proposals should be sent to:

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