COIC RFQ CED 24-01: Alternatives to Unsanctioned Camping

Addendum 1: RFQ Timeline update & Response to Initial Questions

Notice:

On Thursday, March 21st, the CHRO Board voted to extend the deadline, and update the RFQ timeline accordingly, to the following:

Questions Deadline - 3.31.24 at 11:59 pm
COIC Response to Questions - 4.3.24 by 5 pm
Deadline for Submission of Statements of Qualifications - 4.12.24 by 11:59 pm
Notice to Shortlisted Organizations – (Anticipated) April 2024
Deadline for Proposal Submission – (Anticipated) May 2024
Notice of Intent to Award - (Anticipated) Summer 2024

Questions were submitted to the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) from several vendors via email and through the Open House. The responses will also be available in Addendum 1 on the RFQ posting on the COIC website.

Rick Russell, Mountainview Community Development, 3.20.24 –

1.) In what time frame is the CHRO expecting shelter operations to begin and end?
    a. Timeframes would be developed in the next step of the process once an entity is negotiating with a Public Agency Partner. We're seeking applications that respond to the immediate needs of those living unhoused.
2.) How long are sheltering operations expected to endure, given the funding allocation?
    a. This will also ultimately be decided in the next step of the process once an entity is negotiating with a Public Agency Partner. We know that providers need sustainable funding to operate programs. Funding commitments will depend on the ultimate proposed program design and operations plan.
3.) What funding resources are available beyond the $1.5 million allocated from Deschutes County ARPA funds?
    a. The Cities of Bend and Redmond and the State of Oregon have also committed to providing resources for this solicitation. Given strict requirements from Federal and State funding sources, without knowing what programs are being proposed yet, it's hard to say exactly how much funding is available from each entity. Please include a high level estimate of the costs of the proposed project in your solicitation to inform public agencies on the funding necessary for success. We're also interested in hearing about non-monetary needs as well, for instance support navigating a permitting process, etc.
4.) Can you give greater clarity to who will comprise the Intergovernmental Review Team?
    a. The IRT will include a representative of each organization contributing resources to this process, as well as a representative from COIC and the Continuum of Care. At this time, those entities are Bend, Redmond, Deschutes County, and the State of Oregon.

Questions asked in Open House, 3.19.24 –

1.) When do ARPA Funds have to be spent by?
    a. ARPA Funds must be obligated (contracted) by 12/31/24 and spent by 12/31/26.
2.) If someone sued a provider due to a project on one of these pieces of property, would a local government support/protect the provider entity from legal liability or would providers be expected to provide their own defense?
    a. Applicants should be prepared to support their own legal defense. There are a number of circumstances in which a local government might support an applicant's defense, but each entity has been clear that they would not take on an entire operation's legal liability at this time.
3.) Would public agencies be willing to pursue zoning changes on behalf of an applicant for a subject property?
    a. The City of Bend would work with an operator (most likely) through the existing Safe Parking and HB3395 framework - Legislation and City Codes | City of Bend (bendoregon.gov)
    b. The City of Redmond would work with the provider through the existing Safe Parking Code or Supportive Shelter Code.
    c. Deschutes County Property Management could consider pursuing a zoning change on behalf of a partnering entity, depending on the details of the proposal. Zone changes involving resource zoned lands (Exclusive Farm Use, Forest Use) require approval from the Board of County Commissioners.