

NEW DIRECTIONS
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
Request for Grant Applications

Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Grant Applications is to solicit Dallas County municipality proposals to implement alternative response models aimed at reducing reduce police intervention during 911 calls in the areas of

- mental health,
- substance abuse, and;
- homelessness

Criteria for Evaluation of Qualifications

An evaluation committee will review all submitted information and provide recommendations for grant award. The funding decisions will be based on the following considerations:

1. Ability to significantly improve the quality, scope or delivery of 911 responses to mental health, substance abuse and homeless calls.
2. The degree of experience the submitter has in providing the intended services.
3. Ability to meet reporting requirements and timelines for completion as set forth by the Dallas County.
4. The administrative and programmatic capacity to manage the volume of work.
5. Ability to sustain program and services beyond grant term.
6. Other factors determined to be in the best interest of the County in the County's sole discretion.

Rubric

35 Points – Adequacy of proposed approach to the tasks described in the proposal requirements section.

30 Points – Organizational Capacity and Resources

20 Points – Cost: requested dollars from agency

10 Points – Sustainability of planned program

5 Points – Collaboration or municipality consortium

Submission Requirements

- a. All applications must be submitted through Dallas County's online application process that is accessible directly from our website through the New Directions submission portal.
- b. The submission portal will be open Monday, November 9, 2020 – Monday, December 14, 2020. All proposals must be submitted within this time frame for consideration.
- c. **All proposals must contain the requirements as outlined below.**

Proposal Requirements

1. Mission/Strategic Plan
2. Provide a clear description of the program and rationale/need for services. Identify if the proposal is part of an existing program or a new program.
3. Identify the Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) to be implemented and cite the specific source of credible research, evaluations, and literature that designates the practice as evidence-based. This should include best practice models that integrate physical health and mental health; best practice psychotherapy and psychosocial treatment programs for adults and if possible together with substance use screening, assessment and treatment; and best practice programs aimed at addressing needs of the homeless population. Examples of previous success implementing the proposed programs/strategies may be provided.
4. Describe your organization's capacity and resources to implement the evidence-based practice or program and the specific activities, efforts and steps taken to date to ensure readiness to implement. This includes City Council approval, administrative support, and other ways your organization has demonstrated the adoption of these measures.
5. Describe how you plan to integrate the program into the core services of your organization and continue the program following the end of the grant term.
6. Identify the age range of your target population, geographical area, current number served, the projected number of individuals to be served directly by the services and the vulnerable nature of the population. Describe how this particular program will improve both the delivery of services and mental health treatment outcomes for the population served.
7. Provide a proposed budget for the two-year grant funding period (examples: personnel and benefits, equipment, training, space, administrative).
8. Provide a description of how the organization plans to implement the program and incorporate the EBP into your core services. The description should include names and titles of the persons responsible for implementation and a timeline identifying major activities that would occur during each year of the grant term. Be sure to include a marketing and/or community engagement strategy.
9. Describe the services and activities to be provided and the specific measurable results and outcomes that you wish to achieve during the grant period. If applicable, cite evidence that the proposed services and activities are likely to lead to the desired outcomes. Such evidence may include, for example, research studies, proven models and regular evaluations.
10. Identify collaborative partners and stakeholders and their roles. Indicate relevant coordination with other resources to implement the program and/or support broader systems/community changes.

11. Explain how the outcomes of the program will be measured and reported. Identify who will be responsible for performing the evaluation and describe how the results will be used and disseminated. Quarterly reporting to Dallas County will be required if awarded grant funds.

12. Identify other funding sources, i.e. grants, city funds, etc., that may be utilized as part of proposal

Note: All costs directly or indirectly related to the preparation of a response to this program shall be the sole responsibility of the respondent of this RFG and shall be borne by the same.