



*Community, Housing and Human Services Department (CHHS)*

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

*Eviction Prevention*



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Community, Housing and Human Services (CHHS) Department is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Eviction Prevention. These funds are provided through the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant.

### Total amount available:

Eviction Prevention SFY 24		
July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024	Indirect Administration	\$35,200.00
	Rent/Operations	\$964,301.00
Eviction Prevention SFY 25		
July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025	Indirect Administration	\$35,200.00
	Rent/Operations	\$964,301.00

\*please note that these funds do not carry over year to year, you must submit expend each years funds in the period listed.

The most competitive proposals must be able to clearly demonstrate the following:

1. Matching/leveraged funds and/or services;
2. Clear and well thought out project scope;
3. Clearly defined performance measures (are they reasonable/attainable) that align with project scope;
4. Project milestones are reasonable and well thought out; and
5. Quality of entire application packet

CHHS reserves the right to amend this NOFA at any time.

## PROJECT TYPE

### Eviction Prevention

The chosen providers will administer homelessness prevention funds which help households who are at risk of homelessness to maintain or obtain stable housing and avoid homelessness. Services include housing-focused case management and temporary rent subsidies. Eligible households for homelessness prevention must meet both housing status and income requirement. Per SDG guidelines 2.9.4 at least 10 percent of total eviction prevention funds must be awarded to By and For Organizations

- Households must meet a minimum of one of the following definitions of “at risk” of homelessness;
  - Have a missed rent payment and currently owe all or part of a rent payment (current or past months); OR
  - Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR
  - Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR
  - Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; OR
  - Lives in a hotel/motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR
  - Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room: OR
  - Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care.
- Households must have an income at or below 80% Area Median Income as defined by HUD. Spokane County income limits can be found at [www.huduser.gov](http://www.huduser.gov) under income limits.
  - Income is defined as money that is paid to, or on behalf of, any household member. Income includes the current gross income (annualized) of all adults (18 years and older) household members and unearned income attributable to a minor. Income eligibility determinations are based on the household’s income at program entry. Income inclusions and exclusions are listed in the Electronic Code of Federal

Regulations, [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov), Title 24 – Housing and Urban Development: Subtitle A 0-99: Part 5: Subpart F: Section 5.609 Annual Income.

- Income recently terminated should not be included.
- Homelessness prevention programs must prioritize households most likely to become homeless and must use the *CHG Targeted Prevention Eligibility Screening Tool\** to verify eligibility.
- Income and Housing Status must be documented using the *CHG Verification of Household Eligibility and Income Recertification\** Form.

\*these tools and additional guidelines can be found at <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/consolidated-homeless-grant/>

**NOFA CONTACT**

Questions related to this funding notice should be directed to the Community, Housing, and Human Services Department.

[chhsrfp@spokanecity.org](mailto:chhsrfp@spokanecity.org)  
 Spokane City Hall – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.  
 Spokane, WA 99201  
 (509) 625-6325

**TIMELINE**

April 24, 2023	Announce RFP on CHHS department website, <a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/chhs/">https://my.spokanecity.org/chhs/</a> , and by email distribution to the CHHS department Interested Parties List.
May 9, 2022	Technical Assistance Workshop #1: 1:00-2:00 PM Virtual, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:jcerecedes@spokanecity.org">jcerecedes@spokanecity.org</a> 24 hours in advance.
May 11, 2022	Technical Assistance Workshop #2 : 5A 9:00-10:00 AM Virtual, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:jcerecedes@spokanecity.org">jcerecedes@spokanecity.org</a> 24 hours in advance
<b>May 19, 2022</b>	<b>Applications DUE by 5:00 PM. Late submittals will not be accepted.</b> > Please submit <b>electronic copies</b> to <a href="mailto:chhsrfp@spokanecity.org">chhsrfp@spokanecity.org</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Printed hard copies will not be accepted</li> <li>○ Don't forget the required attachments</li> </ul>
May 22-26, 2022	Applications reviewed
June 9th, 2022	Announcement of awards (pending City Council Approval)
June 19-July 3, 2022	City Council approval of recommendations (date subject to change)
July 2023	Contracts out for signature
July 2023	Project Start

**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE/TERM**

Funding for this NOFA will be made available following City Council approval. The anticipated contract terms between the City of Spokane and Subrecipient are expected to extend 2 years from July 1, 2023, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Eligible applicant/recipients include:

- By and For Organizations (per SDG guidelines 2.9.4 at least 10 percent of total eviction prevention funds must be awarded to By and For Organizations)
- Governmental entities serving within the City of Spokane

- Public and private nonprofit organizations – typically 501(c)(3)
- Private for-profit organizations
- Faith-based organizations

## SUBRECIPIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SPOKANE

The City of Spokane will enter into a subrecipient agreement with successful applicants. The City defines a Subrecipient as an entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity (City of Spokane) to carry out eligible activities as defined in federal, state, or local regulatory guidance.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Agencies awarded funds will maintain an active City of Spokane business license
- Agencies awarded funds will maintain an active Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) number (see below)
- Agencies awarded funds will maintain the following minimum insurance thresholds:
  - General Liability Insurance on an occurrence basis with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,500,000.00 each occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage. Supplemental umbrella insurance coverage combined with the General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,500,000.00 each occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage is also acceptable. It shall provide that the CITY, its agents, officers and employees are Additional Insureds but only with respect to the GRANTEE's services to be provided under this Agreement; and
  - Automobile Liability Insurance with a combined single limit, or the equivalent of not less than \$1,000,000.00 each accident for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including coverage for owned, hired or non-owned vehicles.
- Agencies awarded funds will not sub-award funds to any other entity.
- Awarded funds will be paid to Subrecipient for eligible expenses on a **reimbursement** basis.

**Note:** Beginning on April 4, 2022, as part of the federal government's transition for all federal awards, all entities doing business with the federal government will use the Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) assigned by the General Services Administration (GSA) through the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). Therefore, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) will no longer be able to accept a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number as a valid identification number.

### What is the UEI?

Beginning April 4, 2022, the federal government will stop using the DUNS number issued by Dun & Bradstreet to uniquely identify entities. At that point, entities doing business with the federal government will use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) assigned in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) and will no longer use a third-party website to obtain their identifier. Entities are able to manage organizational information, such as legal business name and physical address associated with a UEI, directly from [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).

### What does this mean for Recipients?

No action is required if you have an existing and active registration in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). If you are registered in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), your UEI has already been assigned and is viewable in your [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) account. Your UEI is located below the DUNS number on your entity registration record. Please ensure your legacy DUNS number is accessible in a recipient's records for historical reference where needed, as the DUNS number will no longer be visible to users in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) after April 4.

New [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registrants will be assigned a UEI as part of their SAM registration. More information about the UEI transition is available through the U.S. General Services Administration's [website](https://www.gsa.gov). If you are a new applicant for federal funds, you must register in SAM and obtain a UEI beginning on April 4, 2022. You may continue using your DUNS number for applications submitted prior to that date. Beginning on April 4, you will be required to list your UEI in lieu of the DUNS number on all submissions.

Again, Recipients may continue registering for and using the DUNS number up through April 3, 2022. On and after April 4, 2022, all recipients will need to apply for a UEI as part of the SAM registration process, regardless of any applications for a DUNS number pending with Dun and Bradstreet.

### Where can I get more information?

Questions about the conversion from DUNS to UEI should be directed to GSA. Information about the UEI transition can be found on GSA's webpage, [here](#).

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be available beginning **Monday, April 24, 2023** on the Community, Housing and Human Services department website <https://spokanechhs.org/>.

**Application submission deadline Friday May 19, 2023, at 5:00 PM**

**Applications submitted after this deadline *will not* be considered for funding.**

Complete applications will be submitted electronically (via email) to [chhsrfp@spokanecity.org](mailto:chhsrfp@spokanecity.org). CHHS will not accept hard copies of the application. Applications that do not contain the required attachments will be considered incomplete and not eligible for funding consideration. In some instances, the required attachments may require multiple email submissions.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to be sure the proposals are submitted ahead of time. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals in advance of Friday, May 19, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

## APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance workshops will be available as follows:

### Workshop #1

**May 9, 2023**, from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Virtual- Please RSVP to [jcercedes@spokanecity.org](mailto:jcercedes@spokanecity.org) 48 hours in advance.

### Workshop #2

**May 11, 2023**, from 9:00 am – 10:00 am, Virtual- Please RSVP to [jcercedes@spokanecity.org](mailto:jcercedes@spokanecity.org) 48 hours in advance.

Staff will review the contents of the funding notice, application process and provide guidance that will make proposals more competitive. CHHS encourages applicants to attend one of the two sessions offered.

Applicants seeking technical assistance **must RSVP** with CHHS staff ([jcercedes@spokanecity.org](mailto:jcercedes@spokanecity.org)) 48 hours in advance of the dates and times specified above.

## APPLICATION REVIEW AND RATING PROCESS

All applications will go through the following evaluation and review process:

### 1. Part II- Project Proposal Evaluations

- a) The CHHS RFP Committee will review the applications;
  - i. Members will score, rank, and make funding recommendations.
    1. *Does the proposal have an adequate amount of leverage from other funding sources? Do the leverage letters support matching funds/leverage claimed in the application?*
    2. *Is the proposed scope of work clear and well thought out?*

3. *Has the applicant clearly tied their proposal to the funding priorities and target populations?*
  4. *Do the performance measures fit with the proposal scope? Are they reasonable and attainable outcomes?*
  5. *Do the (proposal) milestones appear reasonable and well thought out?*
  6. *How do you rate the overall application?*
- ii. Forward approved recommendations to the CHHS Director (or designee) and Mayor's Office for final recommendation and request for action by the Spokane City Council

## 2. Part II- - Notice to Applicants

- a. Notice to Applicants on funding recommendation authorized by the Community Housing and Human Service Board on or after June 19, 2023.
- b. Review and approval by City Council June 19- July 3, 2023
- c. Applicant debriefs to unsuccessful applicants
  - i. Upon request, a debriefing conference may be scheduled with successful/unsuccessful applicants. Debriefing may be conducted in person or on the telephone.
- d. Appeal Procedure
  - i. Applicants wishing to appeal a funding decision must make their appeal to the CHHS Director, [jcerecedes@spokanecity.org](mailto:jcerecedes@spokanecity.org)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PROPRIETARY INFORMATION / PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Materials submitted in response to this competitive process shall become the property of the City.

All applications received shall remain confidential until the award of contract recommendation has been filed with the City Clerk for City Council action. Thereafter, the Applications shall be deemed public records as defined in RCW 42.17.250 to 42.17.340, "Public Records."

Any information in the application that the applicant desires to claim as proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the provisions of state law shall be clearly designated. Each page claimed to be exempt from disclosure must be clearly identified by the word "Confidential" printed on it. Marking the entire application exempt from disclosure will not be honored.

The City will consider an applicant's request for exemption from disclosure; however, the City will make a decision predicated upon state law and regulations. If any information is marked as proprietary in the application, it will not be made available until the affected applicant has been given an opportunity to seek a court injunction against the requested disclosure.

All requests for information should be directed to the RFP Coordinator.

### REVISIONS TO THE RFP

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, addenda will be posted on the Community, Housing and Human Services Department website, [my.spokanecity.org/CHHS](http://my.spokanecity.org/CHHS). Applicants are encouraged to monitor the website for any changes and/or notifications.

The City also reserves the right to cancel or to reissue the RFP in whole or in part, prior to final award of a contract.

### RESPONSIVENESS

All applications will be reviewed by the RFP Coordinator or designee to determine compliance with administrative requirements and instructions specified in this RFP. The applicant is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of the RFP may result in rejection of the application as non-responsive.

The City reserves the right at its sole discretion to waive minor administrative irregularities.

#### **MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

The City encourages participation in all of its contracts by firms certified by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). Applicants may contact OMWBE at 360/753-9693 to obtain information on certified firms.

#### **MOST FAVORABLE TERMS**

The City reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the application submitted. Therefore, the application should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms which the Contractor can propose. There will be no best and final offer procedure. The City does reserve the right to contact an applicant for clarification of its application.

#### **COSTS TO MAKE APPLICATION**

The City will not be liable for any costs incurred by the Applicant in preparation of an application submitted in response to this RFP, in conduct of a presentation, or any other activities related to responding to this RFP.

#### **NO OBLIGATION TO CONTRACT**

This RFP does not obligate the City to contract for services specified herein.

#### **REJECTION OF APPLICATIONS**

The City reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all Applications received without penalty and to not issue a contract or grant agreement as a result of this RFP.

### **CONTRACT TERMS**

#### **CITY OF SPOKANE BUSINESS LICENSE**

Persons / firms doing business in the City or with the City must have a valid City of Spokane business license. Questions may be directed to the Taxes and Licenses Division at (509) 625-6070.

#### **ANTI-KICKBACK**

No officer or employee of the City of Spokane, having the power or duty to perform an official act or action related to contracts resulting from this RFP shall have or acquire any interest in the contract, or have solicited, accepted, or granted a present or future gift, favor, service, or other thing of value from or to any person involved in the contract.

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

Agency shall not assign, transfer, or subcontract its interest, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the authorizing official for the City of Spokane.

#### **NON-WAIVER**

No delay or waiver, by either party, to exercise any contractual right shall be considered as a waiver of such right or any other right.

#### **SEVERABILITY**

In the event any provision of a resulting contract should become invalid, the rest of the contract shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **DISPUTES**

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be performed under the laws of Washington State. Any litigation to enforce said contract or any of its provisions shall be brought in Spokane County, Washington.

#### **NONDISCRIMINATION**



No individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in the administration of or in connection with this agreement because of age, sex, race, color, religion, creed, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation including gender expression or gender identity, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or use of a service animal by a person with disabilities.

#### **LIABILITY**

The applicant will be considered an independent contractor and the Agency, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors shall not be considered to be employees or agents of the City. The Agency shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from all loss, liability, damage, death or injury to any person or property arising from the performance or omission of the Agency, its agents or employees, arising directly or indirectly, as a consequence of this contract.

#### **INTERNAL AUDITING CONTROL**

The Agency shall establish and maintain a system of internal accounting control which compiles with applicable generally accepted accounting principles and governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. A copy of the Agency's most recent audited financial statement shall be kept on file in the Community, Housing and Human Services Department. The City has the right to supervise and audit the finances of the Agency to ensure that actual expenditures remain consistent with the spirit and intent of any contract resulting from this RFP. The City of Spokane and/or its funding agencies and auditors may inspect and audit all records and other materials and the Agency shall make such available upon request.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION:** The City of Spokane is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs, and services for persons with disabilities. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Christine Cavanaugh at (509) 625-6383, 808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, Washington, 99201; or [ccavanaugh@spokanecity.org](mailto:ccavanaugh@spokanecity.org). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact Ms. Kris Smith at (509) 625-6383 through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1. Please contact the City forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date.

**EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT INFORMATION:** The federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), 15 U.S.C. 1691 et seq., prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or marital status, or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to contract); because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program; or because the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The federal agency that administers compliance with this law concerning this creditor is the Consumer Response Center, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. For information regarding the ECOA, see [http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/hce/housing\\_ecoa.php](http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/hce/housing_ecoa.php).

**EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION:** The City is pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the Nation. The City encourages and supports an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

**WASHINGTON LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION INFORMATION:** We do business in accordance with the Washington Law Against Discrimination, RCW 49.60, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, disability, HIV/Aids and Hepatitis C status, use of guide dog or service animal, sex, marital status, age (employment only), families with children (housing only), sexual orientation/gender identity, and honorably discharged veteran or military status.