

HOST Contracts

Safety, Housing, Education, & Homelessness Committee
February 3, 2021



“These workers, these people here, they actually
really care.”

- Joseary Arizmandi, a guest at the Coliseum
this summer

HOST's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Overview



In 2020, HOST issued first shared procurement for programs/services spanning housing continuum

Why issue shared procurement?

- Opportunity for alignment in programming and investments
- Consolidate contracts with similar purposes and resources, reducing number of contracts HOST and its partners need to process and manage
- Support multi-year contracts where possible



NOFA Overview (con't)

- Released on August 7, 2020
- Included requests for proposals across HOST Divisions
- Majority of NOFA resolutions to be presented to committee Feb. 24, 2021

Housing Opportunity

- Housing Counseling
- Down Payment Assistance
- Community Housing Development Organizations

Housing Stability

- Tenant/Landlord Counseling
- Rental/Homeowner Access and Modification Program (RHAMP)
- Emergency Home Repair (EHR)
- Single Family Rehabilitation Program (SFR)
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance (TRUA)
- Eviction Legal Defense

Homelessness Resolution

- Shelter Operations
- Shelter Programming
- Outreach Programs
- Employment Services
- Rehousing Interventions
- Supportive Housing
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs
- Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Relief Program (ESG-CV)

Eviction Legal Assistance

Colorado Legal Services – Eviction Legal Assistance

Program Overview

- Began as a City Council led pilot in 2018
 - Awarded 2019 & 2020 DEDO/HOST contract to continue the program
 - Partnerships and coordination with DHS Outreach Case Coordinator, Rent/Utility Assistance providers, Colorado Poverty Law Project
- Provides free legal advice and full representation in pending eviction action as well as education and outreach. Created in-person services in City and County building where eviction court is held (currently being held mostly virtually).

Colorado Legal Services – Eviction Legal Assistance

Program Outcomes

Utilizing two full-time attorneys and one full-time paralegal:

- 2019 served 601 unduplicated households
- 2020 served 558 unduplicated households



Colorado Legal Services- Eviction Legal Assistance #21-0086

Contract Term (3-year)	1/1/2021-12/31/2023
Funding Source	Affordable Housing Fund
3-year Contract Amount	\$1,112,520

Scope of Work

Colorado Legal Services to administer eviction legal assistance to eligible households in the City and County of Denver. Lawyers and paralegals will provide tenants with legal information and advice, full legal representation, as well as education, outreach, and referrals for resolving civil legal matters related to an eviction or impending eviction. Hardship may be related or unrelated to COVID-19. Will serve approximately 1,800 unduplicated households (600/program year).

Safe Outdoor Space

Procurement Background

- HOST issued RFP on 10/29/2020, seeking an experienced provider for the management of Safe Outdoor Space and/or other innovative approaches to temporary outdoor programming, such as Safe Parking programs, as part of its ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- HOST sought responses from service providers experienced in trauma-informed, person-centered approaches to persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- HOST sought proposal(s) from service providers interested in providing managed oversight at city owned or controlled sites and/or at privately held sites where the proposer has demonstrable site access for operations and services

Colorado Village Collaborative (CVC) #21-0090

Contract Term:	1/1/2021-12/31/2021
Funding Source	General/Special Revenue Funds
Contract Amount	\$899,569

Scope of Work

This project will provide emergency outdoor sheltering and serve individuals currently experiencing homelessness at two managed sites by providing safe outdoor space to socially distance, access to hygiene facilities, and supportive staffing to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. One site is located at the Denver Community Church (1595 Pearl St., Denver, CO 80203) and the second site is yet to be determined. The project will be a collaborative effort between Colorado Village Collaborative (lead applicant) and St. Francis Center (subcontracted partner)

SOS Investment

Other Bidders

- CVC was not the only responsive bidder to the RFP
- Total of two bids received

Funding May Provide:

- Startup capital facilities, staffing, operating/supply costs for up to two SOS sites

Process for Determining Additional Site

- CVC will be responsible to identify proposed sites and work with City to assess best options for the second site

Outcomes:

- Program to provide baseline metrics on: usage (i.e. number of nights served), demographics of participants, and program exits that permanently resolve homelessness

SOS provides a service-enriched environment through partnership with various community-based organizations facilitating health and housing case management outside of the program contract or program budget. Since SOS is a limited duration, it will rely upon coordinated professional supports from various existing agencies.

Action Requested Today

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- Resolution #21-0086 – Colorado Legal Services, Eviction Legal Defense, \$1,112,520
- Resolution #21-0090 – Colorado Village Collaborative, SOS, \$899,569