



Notice of Funding Availability

Issue Date: 1/25/2023

Responses Due: **2/10/2023**

Not Later Than: 6:30 PM

AN OPTIONAL INFORMATIONAL SESSION WILL
BE HELD ON **2/1/2023 at 1pm**

Refer Questions to: christopher.sage@multco.us

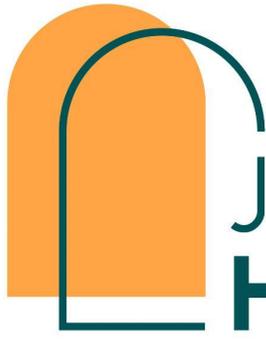
1. INTRODUCTION

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for hygiene and storage services in Multnomah County, OR. JOHS seeks responses from qualified vendors interested in receiving capital outlay funds to stand up hygiene and storage facilities in our community. If you remain interested, please review the scope provided and submit responses outlined in the attached instructions by **6:30PM on 2/10/2023**. Replies should be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to christopher.sage@multco.us. Responses will be used to evaluate and prioritize providers for these contracted services.

2. GUIDELINES

The following values outlined in the Metro Work Plan are incorporated into Multnomah County's local implementation plan and are intended to guide the program implementation at all levels:

- Strive toward stable housing for all
- Lead with racial equity and work towards racial justice
- Fund proven solutions
- Leverage existing capacity and resources
- Innovate: evolve systems to improve



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- Demonstrate outcomes and impact with stable housing solutions
- Ensure transparent oversight and accountability
- Center people with lived experience, meet them where they are, and support their self-determination and well-being
- Embrace regionalism: with shared learning and collaboration to support systems coordination and integration
- Lift up local experience: lead with the expertise of local agencies and community organizations addressing homelessness and housing insecurity

3. SCOPE OF WORK

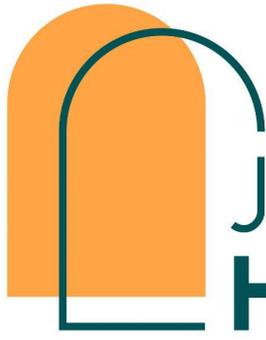
For those experiencing unsheltered homelessness, access to basic hygiene services is one of the most challenging needs to meet. The importance of addressing basic hygiene needs was made even more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the importance of hand washing and basic sanitation to prevent the spread of disease. This NOFA continues an FY 2022 investment in basic hygiene services for the unsheltered population, with a focus on increasing access to toilets, hand washing, laundry, and showers in areas currently most underserved with those resources.

JOHS is seeking an expansion of these critical services with a capital investment of \$1,000,000 that will prioritize urban rest stop programs, mobile showers, and other hygiene options based upon the recommendations of [PSU's February 2022 study](#). The study recommends the creation of urban rest stops, increased restroom access, mobile hygiene services, trash collection, and storage solutions. The FY 2023 investment will be for capital purchases for creation or expansion of ongoing services, with operational funds being budgeted for next fiscal year.

This NOFA is being extended to providers who have qualified for the Outreach and Engagement service component, both in the SHS and 2019 RFPQs.

JOHS is seeking proposals that demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to the following program components:

- **Low Barrier:** Low barrier outreach and engagement programs should be designed to expedite and not delay a participant's return to permanent housing. Programs should follow established best practices to deliver low-barrier outreach and engagement services. These service components may vary, but providers should endeavor to reduce



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as many barriers as possible.

- **Informed Service Delivery:** Programs are expected to adhere to best practices in engagement and service delivery, including providing trauma-informed, person-centered, and culturally responsive or culturally specific services. Peer support and programs that allow for participant involvement in ongoing program and site development are encouraged.
- **Commitment to Racial Equity:** Outreach and Engagement providers should work continuously to reduce and eliminate racial disparities in service access and provision. In accordance with that expectation, providers should engage in ongoing racial equity work in regards to their organizational structure; staff; policies, procedures, and practices; programming; biases; restrictions; and community engagement.
- **Culturally Specific Services:** The JOHS strongly encourages the participation of culturally specific service provider organizations, minority-owned, femme-owned, emerging small organizations, and service disabled Veterans in providing these services. Approaches to this work that deliver culturally-responsive and/or culturally-specific services will be prioritized.

4. NOFA Application Submission

Step 1:

If you are interested in this opportunity to stand up additional hygiene and/or storage services, please review the attached documents.

Attachment A - Hygiene and Storage NOFA Proposal Submission Outline

Attachment B - FY23 JOHS Budget Packet (required with submission)

Attachment C - Sample JOHS Contract (subject to change)

Step 2:

An optional information session will be held on **2/1/2023 at 1pm** to elaborate on this process, the intentions for this funding, and to address any questions.

Step 3:

A review committee will evaluate and score proposals. Selection emails will be sent out subsequently. More information about this process will be discussed during the information session.

5. Informational Session (Optional)

An optional Information Session will be held on Wednesday, February 1st, 2023, 1pm-2pm.



Topic: **Hygiene and Storage NOFA Info Session**

Time: Feb 1, 2023 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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