

ESG-CV Info Session

Q and A

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Q. This is the current process for domestic violence providers in Ramsey county we have to go through Coordinated Entry (CE) for initial CE assessments and referrals, DV providers have to get approval from clients, who are victims of violence to share their info in HMIS? Is there a reasonable alternative system for DV providers to be active participants and also maintain confidentiality? And would DV providers not have to do the navigation of services for CE?

A. Yes, that is the process when you refer directly into CE. An alternative would be to train DV staff in CE assessments so that DV staff can create a coded spreadsheet that mimics CE priority list for referrals. DV providers possibly would not have to do the navigation in CE for families; would need CE approval.

Q. Do you know the number of people on the current RRH priority list?

A. We just have one list now for RRH and PSH list considering that we are not using the VI-SPDAT. The last report from the Coordinated Entry for Everyone committee was a little over 1200 (youth, singles, families).

Q. Can a start-up organization apply considering that there is not match requirement?

A. Yes, they can apply considering that there is no match requirement. Although, it will be important that you demonstrate in your application that you have a minimum of 2 years of experience in outreach or rapid rehousing (RRH).

Q. Is this funding (ESG-CV) only in the services in the city of St Paul and not in other areas of Ramsey County (geographically)?

A. Yes, this funding is specifically for services within St. Paul.

Q. Are you looking to distribute the entire \$8 million on this first LOI?

A. This LOI is distributing \$250,000 for street outreach, \$500,000 for RRH, and some incremental spending. Separately from the LOI, we are also distributing funding to sustain and expand emergency shelters. We will possibly be looking into a homeless prevention LOI, considering the potential issues with the State's Eviction Moratorium.

Q. In the application, should we ask for what we need or should we retrofit the ask to what the community needs?

A. You'll want to ask for what you would need and the Ranking Committee may reach back out to make adjustments to the ask either reduce the amount or increase the amount depending on if you would be able to do more.

Q. *If we say that we can serve more households; like if we say we can serve a certain amount of singles and certain amount of families, then we serve more of one group than another group, would that be an issue?*

A. You'll want to try to serve as many households as possible so that should not be a problem.

Q. *Would it be ridiculous for providers, like DV providers who have (privacy) challenges with HMIS, to apply even if they want to find another option for referrals apposed to CE? So, like the DV providers to refer people into their own program.*

A. No, you will want to apply. If the Ranking Committee has questions, they will reach out for more information. For RRH, all referrals must come through CE per the federal statutes.

Q. *So, the maximum ESG funding for this LOI is \$500,000 (for RRH), do you have a sense of what grant amount is too small?*

A. No grant is too small. After reviewing your application, the Ranking Committee may reach back out to see if you could expand services, depending on your proposal.

Q. *I have done RRH for families for over two years, does that fulfill the requirement for RRH experience for single adults?*

A. Yes, your experience doing RRH for families will qualify for the RRH experience requirement if you plan on doing RRH for single adults. You just want show that you have experience with the RRH process. The same would apply for outreach.