

DOH Homeless Services Array Review and Redesign Request for Proposals
Questions and Answers.

1) Is this project examining DOH funding and services or all funding for the homelessness response system? If the latter, will that information be made available, or will the contractor be responsible for identifying it? The contractor will start by analyzing DOH funding, but the goal is to work with the contractor to identify additional sources of funding for the homeless response system. DOH staff will work with the contractor to identify other state agency partners with homeless response system funding to complete a full analysis. The contractor can also bring their experience with funding opportunities that Connecticut may not be taking advantage of after meeting with DOH staff to understand the resources that the State of Connecticut uses for its homeless response system.

2) In reference to "regions," is this defined by DOH regions? Or will analysis need to be conducted by regions for other systems, such as Coordinated Entry? Regions is defined as Connecticut's 7 Coordinated Entry Systems, known locally as the Coordinated Access Networks (CANs).

3) Are the primary stakeholders shelter employees? Or would feedback also include other providers? Feedback would include representatives from all sectors of the homeless service system, such as homeless outreach, diversion, shelter, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing.

4) Can we assume we are making revisions to existing contracts that will be reviewed prior to execution? Yes, the goal is for DOH to work with the contractor to revise existing contract documents to allow for more effective and efficient use of existing homeless response system funding.

5) Is there an anticipated budget limit? At this point in time there is not an anticipated budget limit.

6) On p. 5, Section I.B.10 requires submission of an electronic copy of the proposal and an original proposal with original signatures. Can you please confirm that only the electronic version is required? A proposal that is solely electronic is acceptable for this request for proposals.

7) On p. 14, Section IV.E references required attachments, but only lists resumes. Are the other required attachments F, G, and H? Resumes are a required attachment for staff that would be working on this project. Other items that should be included in the attachments would be an organizational chart and a job description for staff that will work on this project if the contractor is anticipating hiring staff for this opportunity.

8) We could not find the RFP listed at the following sites. Can you please confirm it is listed? <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/BidBoard>. This link does work. In the search box, search the term "homeless" and the RFP should appear.

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