



## Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA): Domestic and Sexual Violence (DSV) InReach Services

### Questions and Answers (Q&As)

**Question:** How does this new funding opportunity relate to the current InReach services delivered by JOIN (Adult Homelessness Services Provider)?

**Answer:** The DSV InReach Services (NOFA) funding opportunity is mutually exclusive from the existing contract held by JOIN. JOIN's current InReach services contract has a specific focus area of serving Adult System shelter programs, whereas DSV InReach Services will have a broader focus that encompasses shelter programs across the Adult, Family, and Youth Systems of Care.

**Question:** If the applicant is a contracting entity with JOIN InReach Services, are they still eligible to apply?

**Answer:** Yes. Any provider interested and eligible to contract with JOHS for DSV InReach Services is invited to apply. As a reminder, eligible applicants must be State Qualified Victim Services Providers. Applicants unable to meet this condition will not be considered for funding. Additionally, providers who are not qualified under Multnomah County's DV/SA RFPQ (*RFPQ-25-2022*) must answer the 3 questions that appear on Part A (Screening Question: Experience Delivering Domestic and/or Sexual Violence Services) of *Attachment A: Domestic and Sexual Violence (DSV) InReach Services Proposal Instructions*.

**Question:** Do DV/SA Multnomah County RFPQ qualified providers need to apply under this NOFA?

**Answer:** This NOFA is an allocation process, NOT a procurement process designed to qualify providers to deliver services. All interested providers must submit a proposal for this NOFA regardless of their Multnomah County RFPQ qualification if they are



interested in receiving funding for DSV InReach services under this NOFA. If you are a qualified vendor under the Multnomah County's DV/SA RFPQ (RFPQ-25-2022) and interested in this funding opportunity, you should respond to the Part B - Proposal Questions, available in *Attachment A: Domestic and Sexual Violence (DSV) InReach Services Proposal Instructions*.

**Question:** Can a provider propose working with a specific shelter(s)? (i.e. Applicant proposes a partnership in which they work exclusively with certain Continuum shelters.)

**Answer:** Applicants can certainly propose priority shelters they would like to work with. Applicants are also encouraged to identify any existing partnerships they may have with partner organizations/shelters within the community. JOHS, however, cannot guarantee at this time which shelters will be prioritized for services. Service sites will ultimately be determined in collaboration with JOHS based on community need and other factors

**Question:** To what extent are DSV InReach Services FTE expected to provide services to participants residing in DSV Shelters? *This question is based on the following language within the NOFA - "Provision of DV/SA advocacy in emergency shelter settings, including DV/SA Confidential Shelters"*

**Answer:** In general, the extent to which DSV InReach FTE will support participants in DSV Shelters will occur in the context of a shelter "safety swap" scenario in order to support participants in obtaining a bed in the DSV Shelter System. The majority of services will be focused on supporting survivors who are accessing shelter services in the Adult, Family, and Youth Homeless Systems of Care. There will likely be "co-advocacy" opportunities across programs.

**Question:** Can you please clarify the housing placement expectations?

**Answer:** Each DSV InReach FTE will be expected to utilize the accompanying Rental/Client Assistance funds to support at least 10 Households in obtaining permanent housing within a fiscal year (July - June). The 10 Households served would be supported via "agency based decisions," meaning the households would receive no more than 6-months of housing assistance and would not be presented to RCT (Resource



Coordination Team; DSV Case Conferencing). Additionally, if households are in need of longer term rental assistance, the DSV InReach advocate would refer them to RCT. The goal is for each DSV InReach advocate to achieve 5 successful RCT placement for those households needing more than 6 months of rental assistance. Referrals to RCT are not guaranteed placements, but it will be a crucial avenue to help connect survivors with continuum resources that may be better able to meet their needs.

**Question:** With new housing placement expectations, will the DSV System be poised to receive additional housing funds to be able to support the need?

**Answer:** As we continue to grow the pool of referrals that can come through the Resource Coordination Team we also continue to grow the pool of housing resources available to survivors via RCT. Currently JOHS is working on planning efforts to bring Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Long Term Rapid ReHousing (RRH) opportunities to the DSV Coordinated Access System.

**Question:** How will DSV InReach Services referrals function?

**Answer:** Referral practices have yet to be determined. With the wide scope of potential shelter sites to partner with, it is important to acknowledge that the anticipated need of DSV InReach services is larger than the capacity of the proposed staffing/project. There will be a continued need to assess and implement priority considerations on where and who the DSV InReach FTE will serve. As part of program design and contract negotiations, further determinations around referral practices will be made once partnering agencies are identified.

**Question:** Can an applicant propose a reduced scope of work or reduced program measures (outputs and outcomes)?

**Answer:** Applicants may propose a different configuration of services or scope of work, contingent on the program meeting the identified outputs and goals identified in the DSV InReach Services NOFA. Applicants may not, however, propose reduced program measures.



**Question:** Can applicants apply for a portion of the funding available? For example, could one agency submit a proposal for 1 DSV InReach FTE, and/or, could two agencies submit a collaborative proposal to house 1 DSV InReach FTE at each of their sites?

**Answer:** Applicants may apply for any portion of the funding that feels appropriate to their program proposal. Applicants may for example submit a proposal for the full allocation (\$440,000.00) and 2 FTE or they may instead opt to submit a proposal for half the allocation (\$220,000.00) and 1 FTE. Note: The expectation is that both DSV InReach FTE will function as a team to support the work activities, regardless of what agencies are funded.

**Question:** Can an applicant propose an FTE budget that goes beyond the \$89,000.00 budget estimate?

**Answer:** Applicants should submit a budget consistent with the true costs associated with their proposed FTE; applicants may propose an alternate budget breakdown to better align with their program costs. FTE costs should be inclusive of salary, wages, fringe, material and services, and indirect administrative costs. Applicants should include an indirect admin rate that is consistent with any approved Federally Negotiated Rate or JOHS approved Cost Allocation Plan. Organizations without a previously approved indirect admin rate should use the de minimis rate (10%).

**Question:** Is the budget for DSV InReach services anticipated to increase over time in order to align with living wage and fair market rate considerations?

**Answer:** While it is difficult to guarantee budget increases across time, we note that the County tends to adjust budget via a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) on an annual basis. COLAs are not guaranteed however, and are contingent on County and City budget approval processes. The JOHS goal is for investments to be in agreement with both livable wages and fair market rates and we will continue to advocate for such investments.

**Question:** Are there any match requirements for providers contracted to deliver DSV InReach services?



**Answer:** No, there is no formal requirement to provide “match” toward this program. Organizations are encouraged to leverage any resources that may further support program participants or the program overall.

**Question:** Will providers receive a copy of the *NOFA - DSV In Reach Services Presentation Slides*, offered during the December 6 Information Session?

**Answer:** Yes - slides will be shared via email. If for any reason you do not receive the slides, please contact Maria Alvarez-Lugo at [maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us](mailto:maria.alvarez-lugo@multco.us).