



Frequently Asked Questions

RFP for Funding and Technical Assistance to Plan and Implement Keeping Families Together Supportive Housing in Minnesota and Washington

The following questions and responses are being provided to assist organizations interested in applying to CSH's *Funding and Technical Assistance to Plan and Implement Keeping Families Together (KFT) Supportive Housing in Minnesota and Washington* RFP competition. Please direct any additional questions to 1Roof@csh.org by September 30, 2020.

Resources

1. Q: Will a copy of the Bidders Webinar presentation be made available?

A: A video recording of the presentation has been posted online and is available to view from the RFP webpage [here](#).

Applicant Eligibility and Experience

2. Q: Can an organization/agency who is currently engaged in a One Roof initiative implementing KFT also engage in an application to serve the same county or geographic region through this current KFT RFP opportunity?

A: No. The following geographic areas are not eligible to be included within the proposed service area through this current KFT RFP opportunity: Hennepin County, MN King County, WA; Snohomish County, WA.

3. Q: Can an organization/agency who is a current partner engaged in a One Roof initiative implementing KFT in a community be excluded from applying for this opportunity in a separate region and/or county?

A: An organization or agency may serve multiple counties/regions, or may be statewide. While a community/jurisdiction may be ineligible due to the presence of a current One Roof/Keeping Families Together initiative in their community/jurisdiction, partners in that effort may also serve an entire state or broader region and be a potential eligible applicant for other communities/regions within their service area. While only one application will be accepted per lead agency, an agency/organization may be involved in more than one application as a partner.

4. Q: Can an organization/agency with a statewide or large regional service areas serve as a partner in multiple applications?

A: Yes. While only one application may be submitted by a lead organization, it is anticipated that there will be some common partners across multiple applications. For example, a statewide Public Child Welfare Agency, a Balance of State Continuum of Care, or multi county services provider, could likely serve communities who may not currently be engaged in a One Roof initiative implementing KFT.

5. Q: Is an applicant required to already have a housing program?

A: No. This opportunity is intended to support selected communities through the phases and steps for planning and implementation of Keeping Families Together supportive housing. The application asks for applicants to identify what housing and services



resources that may exist or be available to create capacity for successful local implementation.

- 6. Q: It seems that the applicants may need to serve an urban/suburban population, based on the examples provided during the Bidders Webinar. Is there a possibility that a rural county would be selected to be funded?**

A: CSH encourages urban, suburban and rural counties and regions to consider this opportunity. Multiple counties may choose to join together as a region. Examples may include existing multi-county regional partnerships for child welfare, Continuums of Care, or other such geographic approaches to coordination.

- 7. Q: Is it a requirement that an applicant must have participated in a prior webinar or learning conversation to be eligible?**

A: No. Prior engagement in CSH training or technical assistance offerings is not an eligibility requirement for applicants responding to this RFP.

Time Commitment and Expectations

- 8. Q: How much staff time should select sites anticipate being involved with each of the three phases over the course of the grant period?**

A: Although CSH cannot provide an exact estimate in terms of number of hours, it is important that the lead agency and staff person be prepared to devote significant effort and time to ensure that this initiative stays at the top of the many competing priorities in the community and can keep moving forward quickly. There are likely to be community, partnership and proposal related differences that will impact the necessary staffing commitment from the lead agency, core project leadership team and other stakeholders. Applicants may find that a range of .20 to .50 of a full-time employee acting as the project lead will be needed for an effort such as this to be successful.

- 9. Q: When would funding and technical assistance be expected to commence?**

A: CSH expects to announce site selection by mid-November, 2020 with an initial funding disbursement likely in December 2020 after any remaining requirements and an executed agreement with CSH are completed. We anticipate technical assistance beginning with the selected communities in January 2021.