



Seattle Department of Education & Early Learning

Request for Investment - Homelessness and Housing Supports 2022 RFI

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#	Question	Answer	Date & Origin of Question	Date Answered
1	Question(s): Do applicants need to provide all services or can they focus on one area? For example, we provide just financial assistance.	Answer(s): Yes, the 3 components need to be offered by a single applicant.	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
2	Question(s): Do applicants have to serve all of Seattle or can applicants focus on one geographic location within Seattle?	Answer(s): No applicants don't have to serve all of Seattle but individuals served have to reside in Seattle.	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
3	Question(s): Are these slides posted online?	Answer(s): Yes, the slides are posted on DEEL's website at link below: https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/DEEL/FundingOpportunities/RFIs/2022/HHS%20RFI/2022_HHS_RFI_Info%20Session_041922.pdf	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
4	Question(s): Is there a preference to partnership with schools?	Answer(s): There is no preference to applicants that partner with specific schools.	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
5	Question(s): Can you go over the expected time commitment for the co-design process?	Answer(s): Pages 13-15 of the RFI outline the co-design process. There is no specified time commitment for the co-design process but it is expected that successful awardees will fully engage in the process and take the time needed to finalize program details.	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
6	Question(s): Can we take a quick look at the budget template?	Answer(s): The budget template can be found at the following link: https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/DEEL/FundingOpportunities/RFIs/2022/HHS%20RFI/HHS.Budget%20Submission%20Template.xlsx	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
7	Question(s): Is financial assistance an allowable cost?	Answer(s): Successful awardees will be required to provide emergency assistance funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provider will help the family 	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11

		<p>by issuing emergency assistance dollars to prevent the family from falling further into homelessness and help stabilize the family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds can be used by the family to pay for rent, housing deposits, and other housing-related expenses. 		
8	<p>Question(s): If we assist an SPS family in obtaining stable housing and they end up finding low-income housing outside of the SPS enrollment area, can the student remain enrolled in their SPS school even if their residence is outside of SPS's enrollment area?</p>	<p>Answer(s): McKinney-Vento students are entitled to remain enrolled in their "school of origin" until the end of the school year in which they attained permanent housing, which in this example would be the SPS school they were enrolled in before becoming McKinney-Vento eligible.</p> <p>At the end of the school year, the student would need to enroll in local school district in which they are permanently housed.</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
9	<p>Question(s): Is there expectation on how much we work or spend with families?</p>	<p>Answer(s): No, there's no minimum expectation on how much time you work or spend with families. The intent of programming is that the needs of families are addressed thorough financial assistance, coaching and case management so their housing situation can be stabilized.</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
10	<p>Question(s): What is the maximum amount of funding per family for emergency funding?</p>	<p>Answer(s): The general maximum amount of flexible emergency assistance funding per household is \$3000/household, with an exception on a case-by-case basis maximum of \$6000/household.</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
11	<p>Question(s): For financial assistance, do we give it directly to the tenant or to the landlord?</p>	<p>Answer(s): Financial assistance can be provided directly to the tenant or to the landlord depending on the circumstance as long as it addresses the stated need of the family.</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
12	<p>Question(s): Do you have an idea for minimum scope of work?</p>	<p>Answer(s): At a minimum, the scope of work will include emergency assistance funding, referral/connection to services, and client-centered housing case management. Additional details on the scope of work can be found on page 2 of the HHS RFI.</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
13	<p>Question(s): Is the client assistance a complete ask? BSK has a separate investment for it.</p>	<p>Answer(s): For this investment, all 3 elements (emergency assistance funding, referral/connection to services, and client-centered housing case management) need to be addressed.</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
14	<p>Question(s): For the budget, are you looking for ratio between client and staffing?</p>	<p>Answer(s): No. DEEL does not require a specific client to staff ratio and defers to the applicant on how to best provide programming and services.</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
15	<p>Question(s): This is the 2nd time this funding is being offer, will this funding be around in the</p>	<p>Answer(s): This funding is part of the current FEPP Levy that runs until 2026. It is unknown as</p>	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11

	future?	to whether or not this funding will be available in the renewal of the levy.		
16	Question(s): Can emergency assistance funding be used for non-related housing expenses or services that help stabilize unstably housed SPS families?	Answer(s): Non-housing or housing-adjacent expenses are currently not eligible uses of emergency assistance funds.	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
17	Question(s): Do you have info on how many referrals were made in the past year?	Answer(s): This information is not shared publicly.	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
18	Question(s): How many SPS students qualify for McKinney-Vento services?	Answer(s): There are approximately 1800 SPS students currently eligible for McKinney-Vento services.	TA Session 5/4/22	5/11
19	Question(s): For the questions on Work Plan attachment, does each subset of the question need to be answered individually or does the City want to ensure the main question is answered but each of the subsets are addressed in some way in the answer?	Answer(s): Each lettered Work Plan question should be answered individually. For example, for 1. Program Overview, there should be separate responses to questions A - L.	Sent: Monday, May 09, 2022 8:17 PM To: DOE_DEELFunding <DEELFunding@seattle.gov>	5/11