

Bridging the Gap - Innovative Solutions to Homelessness Letter of Interest

Introduction

The City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is sending out this “all call” Letter of Interest (LOI) to our business, corporate, faith, and nonprofit communities to assist in innovative solutions to shelter our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. **We are seeking to facilitate donations of space and other resources to supplement the City’s \$1.3M Bridging the Gap Shelter and Storage Request for Proposals (RFP), which is intended to fund the operating and staffing costs of 100 new shelter beds and storage solutions specifically for people living unsheltered in Seattle.** HSD’s \$1.3M investment will fund homeless service providers that have the expertise to serve the homeless community, but may lack the space, storage, food, access to laundry and showers, and other features needed to provide shelter and help people transition to permanent housing.

This LOI is targeting donated or rate-reduced space and resources. Responses from this LOI will provide additional space and resources for the services proposed in the Bridging the Gap Shelter and Storage RFP. For example, a donation of space for shelter beds or storage might assist a homeless service provider who did not have access to space.

Completed LOIs are due to the City of Seattle on January 20, 2017. See the end of this document for details.

Letter of Interest Questions

Thank you for offering to donate space or resources to develop new shelter beds to support people experiencing homelessness and living unsheltered in Seattle. Space for shelter is a primary need, however there are many opportunities available.

1. Please provide a brief description of your proposed donation(s):	
2. Please complete all relevant information in the following sections:	
A. Space:	
- Location:	
- Square Footage:	
- Dates the space would be available	
- Does project need facility improvements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please describe: <input type="checkbox"/> No
- Rent Amount:	<input type="checkbox"/> Donated <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Rate: _____ (\$/sq. ft. per year)

	<input type="checkbox"/> Market Rate: _____ (\$/sq. ft. per year)	
- Does the space have a sprinkler system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
B. Services:		
- Meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Donated	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Rate (<i>list rate</i>)
- Janitorial/Pest Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Donated	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Rate (<i>list rate</i>)
- Laundry	<input type="checkbox"/> Donated	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Rate (<i>list rate</i>)
- Showers	<input type="checkbox"/> Donated	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Rate (<i>list rate</i>)
- Jobs or Job Training	Approximate #	
C. Funding:*		
- Amount to donate:	\$	
D. Other (examples of needed items or services include – hygiene supplies, socks, animal care, storage, etc.)		
Other: Please provide a <i>brief</i> description of your proposed donation:		

**for qualified shelter expenses to be determined, based on need.*

Completed Letters of Interest should be submitted to HSD by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Friday, January 20, 2016.

Proposals for Donation can be submitted either in person or by mail to the addresses listed below.

Seattle Human Services Department
 Letter of Interest Response – Bridging the Gap Innovative Solutions to Homelessness
 Attn: Tara Beck

Delivery
 700 5th Ave., 58th Floor
 Seattle, WA 98104-5017

Mailing Address
 P.O. Box 34215
 Seattle, WA 98124-4215

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Tara.Beck@seattle.gov

Note: This Letter of Interest is part of “[Bridging the Gap](#)” to [Pathways Home](#), Seattle’s person-centered plan to support people experiencing homelessness.