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Response to Questions Submitted to Sexual Assault Services Program LOI

1. What is the dollar amount available for sub-grants under this program?

\$336,000

2. How many awards **to** you expect to make?

The number of awards is dependent upon the number of viable, fundable proposals. Proposals should not exceed \$336,000 and budget period is one year. A no cost extension to sub-grant awards may be available.

3. Scope of Work/Underserved Populations: Page 6 of the Solicitation notes special emphasis will be placed on specific populations. Will special consideration be given to other vulnerable populations, e.g., those struggling with homelessness and/or persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities?

Underserved communities are communities consisting of “populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and include populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age), and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate.” 42 U.S.C. § 13925(a)(39).

4. Technical Proposal/Client References: Page 8 notes client references must be provided. Please define clients. Agencies or individuals? If individuals, please provide guidance on how best to adhere to confidentiality regulations in meeting the requirements listed (e.g., name, address, dates of service).

In lieu of individual referrals, if an agency is providing services/programming currently, and an independent evaluation was completed demonstrating its effectiveness, said agency could provide a copy of the evaluation.

Personal identifying information can be redacted from individual references.

5. Technical Proposal/Work Plan: Page 8 notes the work plan should follow a Logic Model design. Submit in narrative form in body of response or matrix format as an attachment?

Respondents should be able to provide all of the components of a Logic Model Design as a narrative or a table.

6. Cost Proposal/Scoring: Page 11 includes a formula by which the Cost section of responses will be calculated. Can PSGAO please clarify with an example?

The vendor with the lowest cost proposal shall receive one-hundred percent of the available points for cost. All other vendors shall be awarded cost points based on the following formula:

$$(lowest\ cost\ proposal / vendor's\ cost\ proposal) \times available\ points$$

For example: If the vendor with the lowest cost proposal (Vendor A) bids \$65,000 and Vendor B bids \$100,000 for monthly fees and services fees and the total points available were twenty-five (as example), Vendor B cost points are calculated as follows:

$$\$65,000/\$100,000 \times 25 = 16.25\ points$$

7. Cost Proposal: The Solicitation does not cite a match requirement. Would PSGAO confirm there is no match required?

This program has no cost share or match requirement.

8. Attachments: May/should responses include letters of support and/or memoranda of understanding as attachments?

This is recommended, particularly if the proposal includes collaboration with other groups or agencies, or specifically indicates that subcontracts will be utilized.