

## RFP: Response to Human Trafficking Program (RHTP)

### OVERVIEW

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for organizations interested in providing services to State-confirmed Human Trafficking Victims under the New York State Response to Human Trafficking Program (RHTP). The RHTP supports the goals of the OTDA to effectively respond to human trafficking by:

- Addressing issues facing trafficked persons, including lack of access to mainstream services;
- Easing the transition of trafficked persons into the State’s assistance programs and bridging their needs until federal certification occurs;
- Empowering trafficked persons to be effective partners in their own case management;
- Supporting outreach to other providers to help identify victims of human trafficking; and
- Supporting local collaborations such as the Domestic Violence Task Force or other Trafficking Task Forces.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on January 19, 2018.

### FUNDING

Funding will be distributed equally across the following three regions:

- New York City (Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, and Richmond counties);
- Metropolitan Region (Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, and Rockland counties); and
- Rest of State (all other counties).

Each region will receive one-third of the total funding available. Applicants may apply and be funded for more than one region and there may be more than one award per region. Funds allocated through this RFP may only be used for services provided to and in support of confirmed victims and their families, where applicable, who are otherwise ineligible to receive mainstream services. Funding may not be used for construction and/or renovation costs.

Awarded agencies will be paid for achieving specific deliverables/outcomes and will not be reimbursed for line item expenses. Payment rates for each required deliverable/outcome are outlined below:

Deliverable/Outcome	Maximum Rate
Community Education	\$500
Task Force Development	\$1,500
Comprehensive Services I – Assessment Phase	\$3,600
Comprehensive Services II – Interim Phase	\$2,700
Comprehensive Services III – Transition Phase	\$2,700

Applicants must propose unit rates for the deliverables/outcomes that do not exceed the above maximum rates. The applicant's award request will be calculated by multiplying the rates for each deliverable/outcome by the units to be achieved per deliverable/outcome.

Contracts will last for three years beginning on April 1, 2018.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

In order to qualify for funding under this RFP, applicants must be one of the following types of non-governmental organizations located in New York State:

- Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, including charitable organizations that are incorporated, registered, and in good standing with the Charities Bureau;
- Faith-based organizations; or
- Educational institutions.

## **TARGET POPULATION**

The population targeted in this RFP are adult foreign-born, State-confirmed trafficked persons who are not eligible for other benefits and/or services due to the lack of an eligible immigration status. Individuals who are otherwise eligible for federal, state, or local benefits and services are not eligible participants under this program.

## **PROGRAM SERVICES**

Awardees will provide the following services to trafficked persons and their families:

- Case management services;
- Shelter/rental assistance;
- Health assessment;
- Medical care (including prescriptions);
- Mental health counseling;
- Legal services;
- Food; and
- Other identified service needs, such as substance use disorder screening and treatment or employment preparation.

## **APPLICATION**

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Program Specific Questions and Related Uploads (30 points)
- Work Plan (45 points)
- Budget and Related Uploads (25 points)

Contracts will be awarded to proposals with the highest overall score based on the above criteria.

## Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by January 19, 2018. There will be an optional Bidder's Conference Call on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in which OTDA staff will respond to questions regarding the RFP. The dial-in number for the conference call is 866-394-2346 and the code is 4300590625.

Additional questions should be submitted to Malgorzata Sekowska at [malgorzata.sekowska@otda.ny.gov](mailto:malgorzata.sekowska@otda.ny.gov) by December 21<sup>st</sup>. Questions will be posted by December 29<sup>th</sup> on the OTDA's website [here](#). Awards are expected to be announced on March 9, 2018.