Human Resources Administration
Department of Social Services

Request for Proposals

Atlantic Assessment Shelter Medical Services

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This Request for Proposals is issued through the HHS Accelerator system to those organizations prequalified in the relevant service areas. Likewise, proposals must be submitted through the HHS Accelerator system in the manner set forth in the 'Procurements' section of the system by those same prequalified organizations. Go to www.nyc.gov/hhsaccelerator to learn more.

Basic Information

RFP Release Date	January 8, 2018
Proposal Due Date	February 28, 2018 by 2:00 pm
Pre-Proposal Conference	Date: January 31, 2018 Time: 10:00 am Place: 150 Greenwich Street, 37th Floor, New York, NY 10007 Please note security at 150 Greenwich Street requires that all visitors provide identification (with picture) to be admitted into the building. To expedite security processing, please send an email to Accoprocurements@hra.nyc.gov with the names of the individuals expected to attend from your organization no later than the day before the Pre-Proposal Conference. **Please include RSVP and the title of the RFP in the subject line of the email.** Please arrive at least fifteen (15) minutes early to ensure adequate time for security procedures. In addition, proposers should bring a copy of the RFP that would indicate the purpose of the individuals' visit to the building.
Shelter Site Visits (optional)	Date: January 24, 2018 Time: 11:00 am Place: 1322 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216
Anticipated Contract Term	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021, with one 3-year renewal option
Agency Contact Person	Cinnamon Warner: accoprocurements@hra.nyc.gov
Anticipated Funding and Payment Structure	• Anticipated total maximum available funding: $2,892,072 for three years ($964,024 annually) • Anticipated number of contracts: 1 • Anticipated Payment Structure: Line item budget
Minimum Provider Qualifications	• To propose for this RFP, the proposer must have a 501(c)(3) IRS Determination letter to be eligible to propose.
Questions Regarding this RFP	• Questions regarding this RFP must be transmitted in writing to the Agency Contact Person. • Questions received prior to the Pre-Proposal Conference will be answered at the conference. • Substantive information/responses to questions addressed at the conference will be released in an addendum to the RFP to all organizations that are prequalified to propose to this RFP through the HHS Accelerator system, unless in the opinion of the Agency, the question is of proprietary nature.
Subcontracting	Subcontracting is permissible under the following conditions: • The proposer will identify any proposed subcontractor in the proposal. • Agency assumptions as set forth in the Program Expectations and other sections of this RFP apply equally to any proposed subcontractor(s). • All contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to DHS approval before expenses are incurred and payments made.

Proposal Submission Instructions

General Guidelines	• All Proposals must be submitted utilizing the Procurement Tab of the HHS Accelerator system at www.nyc.gov/hhsacceleratorlogin by providers with approved HHS Accelerator Applications, including Business Application and required Service Application(s) for the areas listed in the Services and Providers Tab. • Proposals received after the Proposal Due Date and Time are late and shall not be accepted, except as provided under New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules, Section 3-16(o)(5). • Please allow sufficient time to complete and submit Proposals, which includes entering information, uploading documents and entering log-in credentials. The HHS Accelerator system will only allow Providers to submit Proposals prior to the Proposal Due Date and Time. • Providers are responsible for the timely electronic submission of proposals. **It is strongly recommended that Providers complete and submit their Proposals at least 24 hours in advance of the Proposal Due Date and Time.** • Resources such as user guides, videos, and training dates are listed on at www.nyc.gov/hhsaccelerator. For more information about submitting a proposal through the HHS Accelerator system, please contact Help@mocs.nyc.gov.	
Proposal Details		
Basic Information	• Atlantic Assessment Shelter Medical Services	
Provider Contact	• Select member of your organization who will be primary contact	
Funding Request	• Enter total funding request	
Site Information	• 1322 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216	
Proposal Documents		
Required Documents	**Document Type**	**Description**
	Proposal	Structured Proposal Form
	Key Staff - Resumes	Key Staff Resumes and/or Job Descriptions
	Organizational Chart	Program Organizational Chart
	Budget	Completed Proposal Budget summary, including Start- up budget (if applicable)
	Property Management Plan	Completed Property Management Plan
	Doing Business Data Form	Completed Doing Business Data Form
	IRS Determination Letter [501(c)(3)]	IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter
	Linkages	From organizations providing community service, health services, subcontractors, and partners

Additional Requirements for Documents	• Proposal document file size cannot exceed 12 MB.
	• Proposal documents must be in one of the following file formats: Word (.doc, .docx), PDF (.pdf), and Excel (.xls, .xlsx).
	• Only one document file can be added to each required document slot. If you need to combine documents, complete one of the following steps:
	  ○ For Word documents: Cut and paste contents of all resumes into one Word document.
	  ○ For PDF documents: Combine files into a single PDF.
	  ○ For Printed documents: Scan the multiple documents into a single document.	

Section 1 – Program Background

A. Program Goals and Objectives

The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is seeking an appropriately qualified medical provider to provide medical and behavioral health services at a 394- bed assessment shelter for homeless men at Atlantic Men's Shelter – 1322 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216. The description for this site is listed below in Section 1. B. Site Providers. The contractor selected through this RFP will provide the services in accordance with New York State Codes, Rules and Regulations, Title 18, Part 491 (18 NYCRR 491), DHS policies and procedures, and related court decrees.

DHS' overall goals and objectives with respect to this procurement are to expand and refine medical and behavioral services at this site, so that it is more tailored to benefit the population served at the Assessment Shelter. Services include providing comprehensive medical and behavioral health assessments, support, referrals and linkage to care in the community at the front door of the system. This will ensure that clients' needs are identified and addressed so that they can succeed in transitioning into permanent housing. Clients diagnosed with Serious Mental Illness will have an HRA 2010e completed at the assessment site to expedite their approval for supportive housing. Care coordinators will provide health promotion and coaching on key health issues, refer and link clients to medical and behavioral health services. The contractor will provide crisis prevention and intervention, conduct assessments, and provide short-term care and counseling to both clients on the assessment side and the general shelter.

Providers are required to have services on site for clients. Those services have been outlined below. Preference will be given to contractors who are able to provide integrated healthcare within their agency, thus minimizing the need for sub-contractors. If sub-contractors are utilized, it should be limited to one sub-contract, thus maximizing integration of care. In addition, providers are expected to have affiliations with tertiary care centers and/or large healthcare systems for access to specialty care.

B. Site Profile

Atlantic Men's Shelter – 1322 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Atlantic Men's Shelter is an assessment facility with a total of 394 beds located at 1322 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn. This site serves as one of four single adult men assessment shelters. Social services are customized to a 21-day assessment of clients and recommendation for program type. Clients receive a brief psychiatric evaluation and medical assessment from the onsite medical provider.

The Atlantic Men's Shelter was formerly the Atlantic Armory. The building was completed in 1895 and is eight stories high. The facility contains client dormitories, laundry areas, dining area, recreation area, administrative offices including space for social service and case workers, and medical offices

As a shelter, three meals a day are provided in addition to clean linens, toiletry essentials, a lock/locker to secure valuables, a safe and respectful environment, and case management services. Case management services are built around each individual's unique set of strengths and aid the client as they move from emergency shelter to permanent independent living. Case management services include entitlement enrollment, employment assistance, financial management, substance abuse/mental illness support, medical management, and permanent housing assistance.

Section 2 – Clinical Expectations and Proposal Instructions

A. Experience

1. Expectations:

a. The contractor would have tax-exempt not-for-profit status under 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

b. The contractor would have at least five years of successful demonstrated experience in operating medical and behavioral health (mental health and substance use) services. Preference will be given to providers who are able to deliver integrated medical and behavioral health services.

c. The contractor would have at least five years of successful demonstrated experience in serving homeless and/or low-income clients and optional experience serving clients who have had contact with the criminal justice system Preference will be given to providers of healthcare with homeless designation and providers with demonstrated success in caring for the homeless and achieving demonstrable positive outcomes.

d. Personnel would have the appropriate qualifications degree, certification, and/or licensure, and experience as needed to perform in their respective role, i.e., MD, NP, LCSW, to effectively provide the requisite services to homeless clients.

e. The contractor would have the organizational capability to manage the delivery of services, administrative, and financial components of this program.

2. Proposal Instructions:

a. Complete Section A of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 1-4.

b. Attach an IRS Determination Letter for 501(c)(3) status.

3. Evaluation:

a. This section would be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposer demonstrates relevant experience to operate the program based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **20 points** in the Proposal Evaluation. Greater consideration will be given to contractors who can provide integrated medical and behavioral health services on-site.

B. Assessment

1. Clinical Expectations:

a. All assessment shelter providers would provide clinical services on-site as described below. The contractor may provide the services directly or via sub-contract or MOU with an Article 28 organization. Preference will be given to providers who would provide the services directly and those who have or will obtain Article 28 designation. Providers who bill Medicaid or other insurances will report the revenues which they received in reimbursement to DHS or the shelter contractor and will subtract the reimbursement amount from their monthly invoice. Medical contractors will receive a 5% bonus, up to $100,000 per year, for reimbursements they receive from billing Medicaid and other insurances.

b. A senior Medical Provider staff would be identified and designated as the Medical Director for the Shelter.

c. If used, the MOU or subcontract would be subject to the review and approval of DHS.

d. The contractor would ensure that medical and behavioral health services are available 6 days a week at a minimum of 8 hours a day on weekdays, with evening hours at least 2-3 days per week. They will also provide services on one weekend day, for a minimum of 4 hours.

e. The provider would be responsible for the health of shelter clients, offering primary care, linkage to Care, Care coordination, and communication with hospitals and outside providers.

f. The provider would offer routine immunizations according to DOHMH/CDC recommendations:

including, hepatitis A and B, influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, etc.

g. The contractor would ensure that a complete medical history and physical, which includes a screening for psychiatric and substance use disorders, is available for each new client within 72 hours of admission. The behavioral health screening will include the DAST-10, AUDIT-C, PHQ-9, questions regarding any history of mental illness, and suicidal/homicidal ideation. If all the screenings are negative and the client does not present any concerning behavior, the client would not be referred for a more comprehensive behavioral health assessment. The contractor would ensure that the relevant information is entered in the appropriate sections in CARES based on guidance from DHS provided at the time of contracting. The contractor or clinical staff will enter the information into CARES within 2 calendar days of completion of assessment. Access will be given to selected staff.
h. If a full history and physical examination has been completed by another medical provider within the previous month and a signed copy is received by the medical provider, a new physical examination is not needed. In such cases, the medical provider would review and update the history and physical examination with the client and arrange for on-going care as needed.
i. Clients who report having a history of behavioral health issues or present concerning behavior will be referred by medical or shelter staff for a comprehensive behavioral health assessment. Clients would be seen by clinical staff to complete a Brief Psychiatric Assessment using a standard tool provided by DHS within 10 business days of entry to the shelter.
j. Shelter staff would identify and prioritize clients who are in need of immediate medical or psychiatric evaluation or care for examination by the clinical staff. If a client is in need of medical attention but is refusing to enter the clinic, the contractor would evaluate the client wherever he is in the facility. Contractors would complete a medical evaluation on at least 70% of new clients per month and a Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment on at least 70% of new clients per month that are referred following the medical evaluation. These targets will be increased to at least 80% of new clients per month, if and when additional funds become available to increase staffing. 90% of the evaluations will be entered in CARES within 2 days.
k. The following guidelines and timeframes will be used for prioritizing clients:
    i. Stat Referrals – someone who needs to be seen by a medical provider immediately as the client is likely to be sent to the hospital. Examples of stat referrals include, a client who is delirious, heavily intoxicated, in acute withdrawal, or acutely psychotic.
    ii. Urgent Referrals –clients will be seen within 24-48 hours. Examples of urgent referrals include clients with uncontrolled asthma, diabetes, recent hospitalization, and AOT orders.
l. Clients who have a medical or behavioral health issues will be linked to care for follow-up treatment.

1.a <u>Legal Requirements:</u>

a. The contractor would ensure that staff follow infection control guidance.
b. The contractor would ensure that all clients sign HIPAA-compliant releases of information, including the release of information to DHS.

2. <u>Proposal Instructions:</u>

a. Complete Section B of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 5-9.

3. <u>Evaluation:</u>

a. This section would be evaluated based on the quality of the proposed plan to provide assessment services based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **<u>10 points</u>** in the Proposal Evaluation.

<u>C. Medical Services</u>

1. **Clinical Expectations:**
   a. The medical examination would be comprised of review of any acute illness, communicable diseases, chronic diseases common in the population (hypertension, cardio-vascular disease, etc.), and mental health and substance use disorders; any prior or current treatments; history of prior medical or behavioral health hospitalization; history of overdose or detoxification; and history of violence, arson, and any current outpatient mental health services, including AOT order or having at ACT team.
   b. Each new client would receive a tuberculosis test, preferably the QuantiFERON® blood test(QFT) , and if not available, a Tuberculin Skin Test (TST). Clients with a positive QFT or TST must receive a chest X-ray. Those with an abnormal chest X-ray must immediately reported to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Bureau of TB Control for follow-up.
   c. Clients diagnosed with tuberculosis will be assisted with transportation to a DOHMH TB clinic for care as needed and for Directly-Observed Therapy ("DOT") services. DOT can also be provided on-site, in collaboration with or through DOHMH Bureau of TB Control.
   d. Relevant infectious disease screening should be offered following DOHMH or CDC recommendations, including HIV and hepatitis C and B testing. Clients with HIV would be referred to both HRA's HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) and Ryan White care coordination program, and those with hepatitis C would be linked to a hepatitis C comprehensive care provider and/or HCV Patient Navigation Program.
   e. The contractor and medical provider will cooperate with DHS, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on communicable disease containment, outbreak investigations, response to a client's death, natural or man-made emergency, or other crisis.
   f. The medical provider will inquire about the client's relationship with a primary care provider and date or month of last visit to that provider and the existence of an on-going relationship with the provider.
   g. If the client does not have a primary care provider or has not seen their provider in over a year, the shelter medical provider will provide essential medical services, including episodic care and access to medications via prescription or on-site, and referral information, including the list of Health and Hospital facilities and of federally qualified health centers that provide services to homeless persons.
   h. The contractor would provide episodic care or assist the client in accessing urgent care as needed. Clients with Medicaid managed care, Medicare Advantage and exchange plans can be linked preferentially to City MD for urgent care, instead of going to the ED.
   i. The contractor would provide access to dental care, podiatry services, and other specialty services, either on-site, directly at their central location, or by MOU or linkage to Care.
   j. The contractor would develop and implement an appropriate and effective plan for emergency response, and for transferring clients to affiliated hospitals or clinics for treatment when necessary, including an on-call system for phone/email coverage 24hrs/7 days a week. The medical provider would assist the shelter in managing urgent cases, primarily via phone or email consults. True medical emergencies will be managed by calling 911.
   k. For clients who need to be taken to the emergency department (ED), the medical providers would discuss directly with EMS regarding client's condition and needs, and will provide a written referral to psychiatric or medical ED (including copies of medical records and a summary of the situation). The medical provider Medical Director would talk to the ED staff as needed to ensure all relevant information is communicated to the ED. The medical provider would follow-up by phone call on the same day to verify plans and discuss with hospital staff.
   l. If admitted, the medical provider would be responsive to the hospital staff and take responsibility to communicate with the hospital and avoid medically inappropriate discharge of the client back to the shelter. The medical provider would ensure that the DHS institutional referral procedure is followed for clients admitted to the hospital and being discharged to

shelter. Medical staff would oversee reviews of the referral forms and documents and discuss with hospitals any client referrals that may be medically inappropriate for shelter.

m. The medical provider would handle all consult requests from the shelter and communicate with outside providers and hospitals as needed, including managing visits to emergency departments, admissions and discharges. The medical provider is responsible, as the provider of medical services to all shelter clients, for providing coverage and consultation 24/7 as needed. If the medical provider is unable to resolve an issue with a hospital, the medical provider would request a consult with the DHS office of the medical director, following the DHS medical consult procedure and using the consult request form.
n. The medical provider would complete forms needed for diversion to other settings (i.e., PRI for Nursing Home placement; M11Q for Home Health Aide application; or supportive hosing form).
o. The contractor would have wheelchair-accessible passenger vehicles available for transporting residents, who require special assistance to travel clinics, service agencies, and for other special situations, where appropriate.
p. The facility would be ADA accessible.
q. The contractor would make condoms available to clients for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
r. The contractor would obey by the non-smoking policy of the City of New York and provide smoking cessation education, including information on the NYS Quit Line (https://www.nysmokefree.com/) and access to nicotine replacement therapy.

2. Proposal Instructions:

a. Complete Section C of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 10-12.

3. Evaluation:

a. This section will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposed plan to provide medical services based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **10 points** in the Proposal Evaluation.

D. Behavioral Health Services

1. Clinical Expectations:

a. The scope of behavioral health services would include screening and assessment, psychiatric evaluation, stabilization, referral and linkage to community-based treatment, and substance use disorder and follow-up services with the treatment provider. Shelter clients should be encouraged to use community-based treatment services. For clients who are unable to use community-based treatment services, the contractor and/or its sub-contractor would provide treatment services on site.
b. Crisis Prevention - In many instances, behavioral problems escalate over time. Site staff would consult with their clinical provider at the first sign of need from a client and not wait until the situation is at crisis level. Site staff would request that the clinical provider see clients that are decompensating or becoming more medically frail and the site clinical staff must be responsive to the site and evaluate the client as needed. Potential problems should be anticipated and plans made prior to weekends and holidays on how the cases can be managed. Site staff and clinical providers would ensure that a detailed note is left in the client's chart with a summary of the client's clinical problems.
c. The on-site clinical provider would provide linkage to care and assistance in enrolling into Medicaid Health Homes or complete a Single Point of Access (SPOA)
d. The contractor would develop and implement an appropriate and effective plan for emergency response and for transferring clients to affiliated hospitals or clinics for treatment when necessary, including an on-call system for phone/email coverage 24hrs/7 days a week. The

medical provider would assist the shelter in managing urgent cases, primarily via phone or email consults. True medical emergencies will be managed by calling 911.

e. For clients who need to be taken to the emergency department (ED), the medical providers would discuss directly with EMS regarding client's condition and needs, and will provide a written referral to psychiatric or medical ED (including copies of medical records and a summary of the situation). The medical provider Medical Director would talk to the ED staff as needed to ensure all relevant information is communicated to the ED. The medical provider would follow-up by phone call on the same day to verify plans and discuss with hospital staff.
f. If admitted, the medical provider would be responsive to the hospital staff and take responsibility to communicate with the hospital and avoid inappropriate discharge of the client back to the shelter. The medical provider would ensure that the DHS institutional referral procedure is followed for clients admitted to the hospital and being discharged to shelter. Medical staff would oversee reviews of the referral forms and discuss with hospitals any client referrals that may be medically inappropriate for shelter.
g. The medical provider would handle all consult requests from the shelter and communicate with outside providers and hospitals as needed, including managing visits to emergency departments, admissions and discharges. The medical provider is responsible as the provider of medical services to all shelter clients to provide coverage and consultation 24/7 as needed. If the medical provider is unable to resolve an issue with a hospital, the medical provider would request consult with the DHS office of the medical director, following the DHS medical consult procedure and using the consult request form.
h. The contractor would complete mental health evaluations to be included on the HRA 2010e supportive housing application.
i. The contractor would provide regularly scheduled clinical supervision and case conferences to discuss complex cases and include IMT, AOT, ACT, Care Coordination and other service providers as appropriate.
j. The provider would offer or facilitate access via agreements with outside organizations to syringe exchange programs and other harm reduction services. See DHS Syringe Access, Provision, and Disposal draft policy and the Overdose Prevention draft policy and procedure.
k. The provider is expected to make rapid naloxone administration available at ALL times through training shelter staff. This can be done either by becoming a State-Certified Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, or training sufficient staff to have coverage on all shifts. The provider would work with DHS to establish a system to have naloxone on site at all times. DHS would facilitate training, as needed.
l. The clinical provider would be expected to work with shelter staff to train as many at-risk clients as possible, directly or via shelter staff, to identify signs of overdose and be able to administer naloxone intranasally.

2. Proposal Instructions:

a. Complete Section D of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 13-18.

3. Evaluation:

a. This section will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposed plan to provide mental health services based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **10 points** in the Proposal Evaluation.

E. Care Coordination

1. Clinical Expectations:

a. A care coordinator or patient navigator would be assigned to coordinate client's medical and behavioral care with the provider's medical clinic and shelter staff as well as with any outside

medical and behavioral health providers as necessary.

b. The provider would check all available data sources including, but not limited to, discussions with the client, records from referral sources, CARES, and PSYCKES, to identify providers involved in the client's care (e.g., Health Home Care Coordinators, Primary Care Providers, Assertive Community Treatment Teams, Intensive Mobile Treatment teams, Assisted Outpatient Treatment, substance use disorder services providers, clinics, PROS, etc.) and request the client's written consent to communicate with those providers for the purposes of coordinating care. With written consent, the provider would reach out to the other providers involved in the client's care, to establish contact and initiate services collaboration.
c. Primary care: the provider would assess whether the client has a primary care provider at the time of the medical assessment. If client has a primary care provider, the contractor would communicate with the primary care provider (PCP) and share a copy of the assessment and continue on-going communication with the PCP via the care coordinator to verify that the client is receiving needed care.
d. If the client doesn't have a primary care provider, the care coordinator would link the client to a community-based PCP, as appropriate, according the client's managed care plan, and/or link the client to a nearby Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC'"). If the client does not have a PCP and the DHS shelter houses an Article 28 clinic, the client would be offered on-going medical care and follow-up services there. If necessary, clients would receive assistance in changing Medicaid Managed Care Plans or PCP, as per protocols developed for NYC homeless populations.
e. The Care Coordinator would coordinate care and liaise, on behalf of clients, with hospital Emergency Department and in-patient unit staff.
f. The contractor would coordinate with all other providers, or teams serving the clients, including but not limited to DOHMH and its Mobile Crisis and Assisted Outpatient Treatment ("AOT") teams, Intensive Mobile Treatment Teams, and Assertive Community Treatment Teams; hospital social workers and medical/psychiatric staff, in compliance with DHS Hospital Discharge Protocols; and with DHS.
g. Following the medical and behavioral health evaluation, the care coordinator would ensure the client is connected in 15 days to community-based medical and behavioral health service providers as recommended by the evaluations.
h. For clients receiving specialty care (HIV, Hepatitis C, dialysis, etc.), and may have their own specialized care coordinators, the contractor would also facilitate are coordination and continuity of care.
i. Through establishing and maintaining contacts with providers in the neighborhood, the care coordinator would advocate for timely and adequate community-based services.
j. The Care Coordinator would promote health and wellness among clients through education and enhancement of motivation to initiate and maintain services.

2. Proposal Instructions:

a. Complete Section E of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 19-21.

3. Evaluation:

a. This section will be evaluated based on the proposed plan to provide care coordination services based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **10 points** in the Proposal Evaluation.

F. Staffing Plan

1. Clinical Expectations:

a. The contractor's proposed staff would have the appropriate clinical qualifications to effectively

provide the requisite services to meet the needs of the target population. With the current budget, the following clinical positions should be included: 2 FTE Medical Clinicians, 1 FTE Psychiatric NP, and 1 FTE LCSW. In addition, 1 FTE Care Coordinators should be included in the proposed staffing pattern. If and when additional funds become available, an additional Medical Clinician, LCSW, and Care Coordinator will be added.

b. All staff members will have at least two (2) years of experience in providing services to Homeless individuals, and/or low-income clients. Staff members would also have cultural competencies for providing the proposed services and also have opportunities for ongoing professional development and training.
c. The contractor would employ and maintain staffing, which includes the positions indicated in a., to ensure operational success in providing medical and behavioral health assessment, follow-up care, care coordination, and emergency coverage, including evening and weekend hours to maximize the access to medical and behavioral health services for clients. With the current budget and staffing, the contractor is expected to complete at least 250 medical assessments for new clients per month and 150 comprehensive psychiatric evaluations for new clients per month. If and when additional funds become available, the contractor would be expected to complete at least 350 medical assessments for new clients per month and 200 comprehensive psychiatric evaluations for new clients per month. The contractor would ensure on-call coverage for phone/email 24hrs/7 days a week.
d. DHS reserves the right to interview and review the credentials of key program staff, including the medical director, and to approve the contractor's employees who work in the shelter.
e. The contractor would develop a staffing pattern that will ensure that team members have the necessary skills and training to achieve the program goals for this population.
f. Recommended Clinical Staffing Model:
    i. These clinical teams will be overseen by a master's level clinical director, preferably an LCSW or equivalent.
    ii. The teams will get to know the clients they serve, well, and meet regularly to discuss the clinical approach for individual clients and best practices. These meetings will be facilitated by the team leader.
g. Crisis Prevention, De-Escalation and Management - The contractor would train all staff with direct client contact, including sub-contractors, in mental health first aid, trauma-informed policies and procedures relevant to the staff's role, and crisis de-escalation techniques.

2. <u>Proposal Instructions:</u>

a. Complete Section D of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 22-24.
b. Proposers should attach:
    i. An organization chart specifically for the proposed program, indicating lines of supervision.
    ii. A resume and/or description of the qualifications of proposed program staff. If resumes are not available, include the intended job descriptions with qualification requirements. Specify administrative, managerial and clerical positions and indicate whether staff members work full-time or part-time.

3. <u>Evaluation:</u>

a. This section will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposed staffing plan to operate the program, based on the criteria in this section. It is worth a maximum of **<u>10 points</u>** in the Proposal Evaluation.

G. <u>Data Collection, Quality Management, and Performance Evaluation</u>

1. <u>Program Expectations</u>:

a. **Data Collection:**

i. The contractor would ensure that all the relevant information is collected on the forms provided by DHS or their own forms or EMR, as long as the information needed by DHS to be entered into CARES is collected.
ii. All data required by DHS is entered into CARES.

b. **Quality Management:**
i. The medical provider would establish a quality management program and develop appropriate indicators, with DHS.
ii. The medical provider would send a copy of the indicators monthly to DHS and review the performance indicators with their relevant staff.
iii. The contractor would collaborate with DHS on surveys and program review, as needed, to understand the needs of the population in order to provide better services.

c. **Reporting, Monitoring and Performance Evaluation:**
i. The contractor would report on clients served and activities, using tools designed and provided by DHS. This includes providing documentation that the 70% monthly target was reached. The monthly target consists of the contractor addressing 70% of the referrals received in a given month, which includes new clients to DHS, and returning clients. In addition, the contractor would see 70% of clients who need to be seen for follow-up after their initial assessment. These targets will be increased to at least 80%, if and when additional funds become available to increase staffing. The contractor would document in CARES for clients who have not shown up for their scheduled appointment, including what steps were taken to reach out to the client to engage in services.
ii. The contractor would report on clinical services, referrals and relevant outcomes as defined by DHS.

d. Payment may be withheld for non-reporting and poor performance. Monthly reports are due by the 15th day of the following month.
e. DHS would monitor the contractor and evaluate service delivery based on site visits and ongoing data and service reporting. DHS reserves the right to terminate or reassign the contract if the contracted services are not provided according to the requirements expressed in the RFP.
f. The contractor would report on staff productivity, new hires, and replacements for staff that left the agency.

2. Proposal Instructions:
a. Complete Section G of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 25-27.

3. Evaluation:
a. This section will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposer demonstrates a plan to establish a quality management program and meet performance targets based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **10 points** in the Proposal Evaluation.

H. Partnerships (Linkages and Community Relations)

1. Clinical Expectations:

a. **Linkages**
i. The contractor would establish referral relationships with appropriate community providers and will disseminate information about community-based programs and services to clients through care coordinators.
ii. The contractor would make referrals for clients to needed community-based providers. Direct linkage or warm hand-off is expected.
iii. The contractor would follow up with community-based service providers to ensure that referred clients are participating in the service and that services are received in a timely manner and are adequate.

iv. The contractor is expected to have affiliations with tertiary care centers and/or large healthcare systems for access to specialty care.

2. Proposal Instructions:

a. Complete Section H of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, questions 28-29.

3. Evaluation:

a. This section will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposer demonstrates a viable plan based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **10 points** in the Proposal Evaluation.

I. Budget Management

1. Program Expectations:

a. DHS anticipates that the payment structure for contracts awarded under this RFP will be line-item budget reimbursement.

b. The total maximum available funding for this contract is $2,892,072 for three (3) years ($964,024 annually).

2. Proposal Instructions:

a. Proposers should complete and attach the Proposal Budget Summary (Attachment D).

i. If a Start-Up Budget is required, proposers must also complete the Start-Up Budget Summary tab and include a separate Budget Narrative justifying all costs

b. Complete Section I of Attachment E: Structured Proposal Form, question 30.

3. Evaluation:

a. This section will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposer presents a viable budget to operate the clinic based on the expectations listed in this section. It is worth a maximum of **10 points** in the Proposal Evaluation.

Section 3 – List of Attachments

**All attachments for this RFP can be found in the RFP Documents tab in the HHS Accelerator system.*

- Attachment A – General Information to Proposers
- Attachment B – Doing Business Data Form
- Attachment C – Question and Answers about the Doing Business Data Form
- Attachment D – Proposal Budget Summary
- Attachment E – Structured Proposal Form
- Attachment F – Client Code of Conduct (CCC) and Process

Section 4 – Basis for Contract Award and Procedures

A. Proposal Evaluation

All proposals received by DHS will be reviewed to determine whether they are responsive or non-responsive to the requirements of this RFP. Proposals which DHS determines to be nonresponsive will be rejected. DHS Evaluation Committees will evaluate and rate all remaining proposals based on the Evaluation Criteria outlined in this RFP. DHS reserves the right to conduct interviews and/or to request that proposers make presentations, as deemed applicable and appropriate. Although DHS may conduct discussions with proposers submitting acceptable proposals, it reserves the right to award contracts on the basis of initial proposals received, without discussions; therefore, the proposer's initial proposal should contain its best programmatic terms. Greater consideration will be given to contractors who are able to enhance the volume of services offered by incorporating Medicaid-funded behavioral health services into their program and provide integrated medical and behavioral health services on-site.

B. Contract Award

A contract award will be made to the responsible Proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration the price and such other factors or criteria which are set forth in the RFP.

Proposals will be ranked in descending order of their overall average technical scores and DHS will establish a shortlist through a natural break in scores for technically viable proposals. Awards will be made to the highest rated vendors whose proposals are technically viable and whose prices do not exceed the conditions set forth in the RFP. However:

- DHS reserves the right, prior to contract award, to determine the length of the initial contract term and each option to renew, if any.
- DHS reserves the right, prior to contract registration and during the term of the contract, to change the shelter's program size, program type, model and/or gender of its population depending on the needs of the shelter system.
- Should funding not be available for any of the program's components and/or services, DHS reserves the right to make all necessary changes to the scope of services of the contract to be awarded from this RFP.
- Should a change to the scope of services be required, the Contractor will ensure a smooth transition to the new program model where relevant, including the potential transfer of existing clients to more appropriate program settings.
- DHS reserves the right to incorporate additional services into the shelter, including but not limited to an increase in program size, reduction of the per diem rate, or the imposition of financial disincentives if a program fails to meet program targets set by DHS.
- The actual total maximum annual available funding for the contract awarded from this RFP will be negotiated between the Agency and selected Proposer prior to contract award.

Contract Award shall be subject to timely completion of contract negotiations between DHS and the selected proposer, and a determination of both contractor responsibility and administrative capability.