

Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
Request for Information Q&A
RFI for a Racial Equity Training and Support Directory

Amendments

July 21, 2021

We reworded question four and ten to clarify exactly what information we were looking to receive in response.

Question four originally asked:

~~4. How does your approach address intersecting identities (sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, ability, religion, etc.)? (100-word limit)~~

It was reworded and now says:

4. Intersectionality refers to the interconnected nature of social categories such as race, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability and class that create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage. How does your approach take into account intersectional identities? (100-word limit)

Question ten originally asked:

~~10. Are services provided in languages other than English? If so, which languages?~~

It was reworded and now asks:

10. In which language(s) is/are services provided?

Amendments

March 30, 2023

This RFI has been amended to update the instructions for how to submit a response.

Previously, responses were to be submitted electronically to
DHSProposals@AlleghenyCounty.US:

~~Submit your completed response electronically to DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on each submission deadline. You will receive an email when your response is received. If you do not receive this notification with 48 hours of submitting your~~

response, please contact DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us. If additional information is required after receipt of your expression of interest, you will be contacted.

All inquiries and questions should be submitted via email to DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us by 3 p.m. Eastern Time no later than five business days prior to the next submission deadline to ensure answer by the deadline.

Now, responses must be submitted electronically by logging into or creating an account on [DHS's Bonfire Portal](#) and uploading the required document to the [RFI Opportunity Page](#):

Submit your completed response electronically by logging into or creating an account on DHS's Bonfire Portal at <https://alleghenycountydhs.bonfirehub.com> and uploading the required document to the Racial Equity Training and Support Directory RFI Opportunity Page no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on each submission deadline. You will receive an email when your response is received. If you do not receive this notification with 48 hours of submitting your response, please contact DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us. If additional information is required after receipt of your expression of interest, you will be contacted.

If you are having trouble making an account or uploading your documents, please contact Bonfire Support. You can also reach out to the DHS Procurement Team at DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us or (412) 350-6352.

If you have any questions about this RFI, please use the Vendor Discussion feature through the DHS Bonfire Portal on the RFI Opportunity Page at <https://alleghenycountydhs.bonfirehub.com>, or email us at DHSProposals@alleghenycounty.us.

July 25, 2024

1. Will organizations receive any work from applying to this?

This RFI is for informational purposes only; no contracts will be issued as a result. DHS may issue a solicitation subsequent to this RFI and will notify all respondents if and when the solicitation is posted.

Amendment

March 12, 2026

The RFI's submission deadlines have been amended to reduce the frequency of reviews. Previously, reviews occurred quarterly. Now, reviews will occur semi-annually.

The amendment is outlined below:

WHY WE ARE ISSUING THIS RFI

As the work to advance racial equity continues, DHS will keep the RFI open year-round so that additional providers may submit a response to be considered for inclusion in the Directory. Responses will be reviewed ~~four times yearly~~ **semi-annually** in ~~March, June, September and December~~, and a new version of the Directory published shortly after each deadline. Please see the Timeline on Page 3 of this RFI for specific dates. The most updated version of the Directory can be found here under the 'Racial Equity' heading: <https://alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Doing-Business/Trainings.aspx>.

Timeline

Submission Deadlines: Responses will be reviewed ~~quarterly~~ **semi-annually**, with the deadline for submission for review at 3 p.m. Eastern Time on ~~March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15~~.

March 12, 2026

2. How do I resubmit my paperwork? My old submission is still sitting in the queue for being submitted.

To update your previous submission, please follow the steps below:

1. Log into your Bonfire Vendor account, select the [RFI Opportunity Page](#).
 2. Locate the "Submission and Prime/Subcontract Interest" section at the bottom of the page, then select the "Completed" tab.
 3. Select "View Receipt."
 4. Locate the "Need to Revise Your Submission?" section, then select the text indicating "Click here to un-submit your submission."
3. To help us better understand the scope and ensure our proposal is properly aligned, could you please share what the organization has budgeted or historically spent on these services over the past two years?

There is no budget assigned for this opportunity. This RFI is for informational purposes only; no contracts will be issued as a result.

4. To better understand your procurement approach, could you please indicate how many local vendors have been selected for these services in recent years, and whether any preference or scoring advantage is given to local vendors during the evaluation and award process?

In selective providers to be included in the Racial Equity Training and Support Directory, DHS reviews the completeness and quality of all responses, considering if the provider demonstrates expertise in racial equity training and/or support.

For a list of qualified providers, please review our [Racial Equity Training and Support Directory](#).