

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services and Sexual Violence Supportive Services in Hunterdon County, NJ

Questions? Email us anytime at dcf.askrfp@dcf.nj.gov

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Covid-19 Information and Requirements

It is strongly recommended that you electronically submit your proposals to minimize contact. Instructions on our FTP electronic system is outlined in the RFP.

For agencies that plan to hand deliver their proposals to DCF at 50 East State Street in Trenton, please drop off your packet in the labeled box at the security guard station in the lobby. A receipt for the delivery will be emailed to you.

Proposals will be accepted in advance of the proposal deadline. The proposal must be delivered before the deadline of 12:00 PM. Proposals received after 12:00 PM on the bid due date will not be considered.

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- 1. In the RFP, it states that the shelter and services must be located in Hunterdon County. We are wondering if DCF would consider a request in which survivors could choose between going to a shelter in a neighboring county or staying in Hunterdon County in a hotel.**

This approach would be more individualized, and empowerment focused as it would allow the victim to decide which setting is best for them at that time, which is especially important during COVID-19. The hotels would be run like shelter in that all victims would receive trauma-informed services and advocacy.

The domestic violence shelter and services must be located in Hunterdon County. If a survivor would like to be relocated to another county or placed in a hotel, the domestic violence provider can use the network of domestic violence providers to place the survivor out of county or work with a local hotel in Hunterdon County to expand their shelter capacity.

- 2. Will DCF provide historical statistics for all levels of service in Hunterdon County, i.e. shelter, case management, court referrals and utilization, etc.?**

DCF will not provide historical statistics for all level of services in Hunterdon County. DCF will work with the funded organization to determine their contracted level of services.

However, past statewide program data can be found in the Commissioner's Monthly Reports. This information sheds light on who we are serving and how we are doing. You can access the reports here: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/childdata/continuous/>

- 3. Is the expectation that the funded organization will have the continuous capacity to provide shelter services to 16 adults and their dependents or is it the capacity of up to 16 adults and their dependents based on utilization?**

The expectation is that the funded organization will maintain a shelter with capacity of up to 16 adults and their dependents. If all 16 beds are utilized, then the organization shall work with the survivor and their dependents to find safe and comparable alternative.

4. How do letters of support, letters of affiliation, and MOU's factor into the decision-making process?

Letters of support, letters of affiliation and MOU's are important in the decision-making process. These can be used to further demonstrate the organizational capacity (15 points), need and impact (10 points), as well as highlight the program approach and specific service coordination (30 point). DCF recognizes that collaborative partnerships, to include those with culturally specific organizations, are vital in ensuring relevant and holistic service responses.

5. Is the use of an ongoing hotel/motel shelter model acceptable?

Yes, the use of an ongoing hotel/motel shelter model is acceptable for additional shelter space.

6. Is a stand-alone shelter model required? Does that shelter have to be operational within the 60-day timeline or if you present a realistic plan by starting out with a hotel/motel model will additional time to license a stand-alone shelter be acceptable?

Yes, a stand-alone shelter model is required. The funded organization should have a shelter license by the Department of Community Affairs and be operational in the 60-day timeline.

7. Is this a cost reimbursement contract?

No, the awarded organization will receive monthly payments for the awarded amount.