# **2025 Collective Network: Community-Owned Responses to Domestic Violence Request for Proposal (RFP)** **Application**

## **1. Submission Instructions**

### **How to Apply**

The Seattle Office for Civil Rights’ (SOCR) 2025 Collective Network: Community-Owned Responses to Domestic Violence RFP application consists of the following:

* A completed cover sheet
* Responses to the application questions
* A proposal timeline

**Complete application packets are due by 11:59 p.m. on October 30, 2025** by email to John Page, the RFP Project Manager, at john.page@seattle.gov. Any applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Joint applications and collaboration between organizations/coalitions are encouraged.

The 2025 Collective Network RFP Overview is a separate document that provides guidelines and a background on the RFP requirements. Any changes to this funding process will be posted on SOCR’s [Collective Network RFP webpage](https://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/public-participation/community-investments/2025-collective-network). Applicants are responsible for monitoring this webpage for any updates or changes to this RFP.

### **Questions**

To submit questions about this RFP, email the Project Manager, John Page, at john.page@seattle.gov with **“Question: 2025 Collective Network RFP”** in the subject line by October 23, 2025. Responses will be posted on SOCR’s website as questions are received.

### **Notice of Public Records Act**

The City of Seattle is subject to Washington State Public Records Act (the “Act”). Under the Act, documents and records received by the City of Seattle, including materials submitted in response to this RFP, are considered public records. The Act requires that public records must be promptly disclosed by the City upon request unless there is a specific exemption that applies.

## **Attachment 1: Application Cover Sheet**

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| **1.** **Organization or Coalition Name:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2. Primary Contact**Name: Title:AddressEmail: Phone: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.** **Organization Type:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [ ] Non-Profit  | [ ] For Profit | [ ] Public Agency | [ ] Individual [ ] Other (Specify): |
| **4. Federal Tax ID or EIN:** |  | **5. DUNS number (if applicable):** |  |
| **6. WA Business License Number:** |  |
| **7. Proposal Name:** |  |
| **8. Funding Amount Requested:** |  |
| **Authorized physical signature of applicant agency:** |
| To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information in this application is true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant who will comply with all contractual obligations if the applicant is awarded funding. |
| **Name and Title of Authorized Representative:** |
| **Signature of Authorized Representative:** | **Date:** |  |

## **Attachment 2: Application Questions**

Applicants must complete all core narrative application questions, sections A through E, not to exceed more than 5 pages. SOCR and the rating panel members reserve the right not to review or consider any pages that exceed the limit, as SOCR and the rating panel determine, in their sole discretion. **Ensure each question fully responds to each prompt.** Narrative proposals will be evaluated against the rating criteria rubric listed next to each section of questions.

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| **A. Organization or Coalition Overview** | **Rating Criteria** | **Points: 15** |
| 1. Describe your organization’s mission, history, and major accomplishments and how it centers the priority and focus populations.
2. How does your organization/coalition embody the funding vision and principles and meet some of the priority applicant criteria?
3. How is your organization accountable to the communities most impacted by the criminal legal system as described above? Please describe your leadership body and explain how communities most impacted by the criminal legal system are involved in your organization/coalition’s leadership body.
4. Application may provide links to websites. The website links are not included in the five-page narrative limit.
 | * Effectively describes a mission, history, and major accomplishments and how it centers the priority and focus populations. **(5 points)**
* Describes a commitment to the funding vision and principles and meets the Priority Applicant criteria. **(5 points)**
* Describes the ways the organization is accountable to communities most impacted by the criminal legal system. **(5 points)**
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| **B. Race and Social Justice** | **Rating Criteria** | **Points: 20** |
| 1. How does your organization work to rebuild communities to address the impact of systemic racism in the criminal legal system?
2. How does the work described in this application address the disproportionate harm resulting from criminalization of people’s lives based on focus population?
3. How does the organization work directly with survivors of domestic violence and their broader community in the focus population?

  | * Effectively describes ways the applicant works to rebuild communities to address the impact of systemic racism in the criminal legal system. **(4 points)**
* Effectively describes a connection between the proposed model and disproportionate criminalization of the focus population, along with the priority population. **(8 points)**
* Effectively demonstrates the prioritization of focus population. **(8 points)**
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| **C. Investment Strategy** | **Rating Criteria** | **Points: 25** |
| 1. Describe how your organization works to center survivors and ensure a safer and more sustainable environment for the focus population.
2. Describe approaches to ensure community-ownership.
3. How will you use these funds to build accountable relationships within impacted communities?
4. Please provide contact information for at least two references of organizations/coalitions led by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities you collaborate with and can describe your work or vision for this application.
 | * Effectively describes how the applicant’s work centers survivors and ensures a safer and more sustainable environment within the focus population. **(10 points)**
* Effectively describes ways the applicant builds community ownership. **(5 points)**
* Effectively describes ways the applicant builds accountable relationships within impacted communities. **(5 points)**
* References provide positive feedback of applicant and effectively describe applicant’s ability to sustain accountable relationships. **(5 points)**
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| **D. Scope of Work** | **Rating Criteria** | **Points: 30** |
| 1. What are your overall goals, objectives, and/or strategies for building this collective network? Consider the focus population in your response.
2. How will your organization/coalition build capacity and leadership within your organization and among the focus population?
3. How will your organization collect feedback directly from focus populations on any changes or healing resulting from your program.
4. The collective network explores harms created by the criminal legal system responses to domestic violence. Please describe at least one strategy the applicant will explore to either address:
	1. A program model that holistically addresses the systemic impacts of domestic violence centering survivors and their community including the person being abusive and excluding the criminal legal system; OR
	2. To develop a pilot program that focuses on independent development, implementation, and evaluation for community responses to domestic violence; skill building training and support for Bystander Intervention for community partners and community-based organizations.
5. Please provide an application timeline over the next four quarters. If this is a new program, please allow time for a planning period. **(Use attachment 2: Proposal Timeline template)**
 | * Effectively describes overall goals, objectives, and/or strategies for building this collective network that centers the focus population. **(10 points)**
* Effectively describes ways the application will work to build capacity and leadership within the organization and among the focus population. **(5 points)**
* Effectively describes how the organization will get feedback directly from community participants. **(5 points)**
* Effectively describes one strategy the applicant will develop:
	+ 1. A program model that holistically addresses the systemic impacts of domestic violence centering survivors and their community including the person being abusive and excluding the criminal legal system OR
	+ 2. To develop a pilot program that focuses on independent development, implementation, and evaluation for community responses to domestic violence; skill building training and support for Bystander Intervention for community partners and community-based organizations. **(5 points)**
	+ Effectively describes an application timeline listing collaborations with other organization/coalitions; and effectively describes general goals that build a collective network.
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| **E. Budget** | **Rating Criteria** | **Points: 10** |
| 1. Outline your proposed budget and describe how your application will be implemented within the grant period.
 | * The budget is specific and reasonable, and all items strongly align with the application**. (10 points)**
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| **Total points for sections A-E** | **100** |

## **Attachment 3: Proposal Timeline**

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|  | **Date Range** | **Activities** | **Goals/Objectives** |
| **Quarter 1 Example** | January 2026 – March 2026 | * Hold monthly meals
* Host 1 teach-in
* Two new partnerships with BIPOC coalitions
 | * Strengthen relationships
* Build capacity for collective network
* Build new relationships
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| **Quarter 1** | January 2026—March 2026 |  |  |
| **Quarter 2** | April 2026—June 2026 |  |  |
| **Quarter 3** | July 2026—September 2026 |  |  |
| **Quarter 4** | October 2026—December 2026 |  |  |