



Seattle Human Services

2023 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

I. Introduction

The City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is pleased to issue its 2023 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) related to the following investments:

1. **Family Support Services**
2. **Farm to Preschool Program Coordination & Food Procurement**
3. **Food Systems**
4. **Congregate Meals for Older Adults**
5. **Home-Delivered Meals**
6. **Multicultural Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) Services**
7. **Culturally Nourishing Foods for Older Adults**
8. **Older Adult Legal Services**

This notice provides an overview of HSD's impending funding opportunities for 2023 with a brief description of the service areas for each opportunity, anticipated funding amounts, release dates, and contract start dates. Once finalized, HSD will issue detailed funding opportunities for each investment.

HSD invests in services that connect people with resources and solutions in times of need so we can all live, learn, work, and take part in strong, healthy communities. Guided by HSD's Theory of Change, funding opportunities will include both population level and racial disparity data and will outline the desired results of the investment. In 2023, HSD will include new questions focused on a) language access for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and b) program and service accessibility for individuals for whom English is a second language.

HSD emphasizes the importance of equity by engaging with communities who have been disproportionately impacted by systems of oppression and/or are underserved, such as communities of color, limited English speakers, LGBTQ, persons with disabilities, seniors, and low-income individuals and families. HSD recognizes reducing racial and social disparities may require organizations to collaborate and develop a shared strategy to serve our diverse population. HSD is particularly interested in partnerships that are co-designed and formalized through subcontract arrangements. Partnerships should reflect an equitable division of funding, a focus on strengthening the capacity of partners, a commitment to collecting and using data, and the leveraging of investments by other public or private organizations committed to the project. Any application outlining a partnership will require partner agency signature and may require a memorandum of understanding between agencies.

This notice also links to resources to help potential applicants learn more about HSD's investment priorities and standard application requirements. Each funding opportunity, when released, will provide additional detailed information specific to the funding opportunities in the table below.

In the event of budget additions through Mayoral or City Council budget appropriations, HSD may elect to modify existing contracts until such contracts require a new funding process, or HSD may develop a new funding opportunity to expend the additional funds. HSD recommends parties interested in applying for HSD funds review the Department's [Funding Opportunities Webpage](#) regularly and [subscribe](#) to the HSD Funding Opportunities email list.

II. Upcoming 2023 Funding Opportunities

2023 Family Support Services

Anticipated

This investment will provide supportive, culturally appropriate services for families with children who live in Seattle.

Funding Process Release Date: **April 18, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$4,327,366**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

2023 Farm to Preschool Program Coordination & Food Procurement

Anticipated

This investment will increase food access and program coordination for low-income and BIPOC children and families as part of Seattle Preschool and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs through:

- Procuring local, culturally appropriate food from regional farmers with a focus on BIPOC, immigrant and refugee, and women-owned farms.
- Providing overall coordination of the [Seattle Farm to Preschool Program](#) by convening and facilitating a group of stakeholders as part of the program.
- Managing preschool program stipends to purchase local, healthy, and sustainable food to establish an equitable food system.

Funding Process Release Date: **January 30, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$282,656**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

2023 Food Systems

Anticipated

This investment will support citywide food security work through:

- Bulk food purchasing for [Seattle Food Committee](#) and [Meals Partnership Coalition](#) networks.
- Transportation from a central food site to food banks and meal programs.
- Providing staffing support for [Seattle Food Committee](#) and [Meals Partnership Coalition](#) networks.

Funding process Release Date: **February 28, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$1,768,928**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Proposals (RFP)**

2023 Congregate Meals for Older Adults

Anticipated

HSD intends to invest in King County congregate nutrition through community agencies by:

- Providing culturally relevant, nutritionally balanced meals, in a group setting for older adults 60+ years of age.
- Providing nutrition education, opportunities to socialize, and access to other services for participants.
- Requiring applicants to adhere to [nutrition service standards](#) and reporting requirements, including direct data entry into a state data system.

Funding Process Release Date: **March 1, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$3,295,179**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

2023 Home-Delivered Meals

Anticipated

HSD intends to invest in a home-delivered meal program that provides the following services:

- Delivery of nutritious meals to older adults 60+ years of age throughout King County **and**
- Delivery of nutritious meals to adults that are unable to leave their home unassisted, are unable to prepare meals for themselves, and/or have no social support system to help them.
- Adheres to [nutrition service standards](#) and reporting requirements, including direct data entry into a state data system.

Funding Process Release Date: **March 1, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$2,416,811**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

2023 Multicultural Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) Services

Anticipated

HSD intends to invest in Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) services to provide culturally inclusive technical assistance and support to HSD-funded multicultural congregate nutrition sites.

HSD seeks to contract with **one agency** with culturally inclusive experience in the following areas:

- Menu development and reviews
- Safe food handling training
- Nutrition education development and delivery
- Site monitoring with BIPOC communities and those that prefer to communicate in a language other than English

Funding Process Release Date: **March 1, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$160,000**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Proposals (RFP)**

2023 Culturally Nourishing Foods for Older Adults

Anticipated

HSD intends to invest in agencies that provide culturally nourishing foods for older adults that nourish the mind, body, and spirit through the following strategies:

- **Food and meals** – Culturally nourishing food or meals that cannot be funded through other fund sources. (Examples include, but are not limited to, culturally tailored food items, culturally tailored grocery bags, culturally tailored meals.)
- **Food access** – Transportation to culturally nourishing food activities or services such as food banks and meal programs. (Examples include, but are not limited to, hiring staff, purchasing bus ticket books, or utilizing a transportation service.)
- **Social engagement** – Activities that connect older people together centering on culturally nourishing food. (Examples include, but are not limited to, nutrition education, farm field trips, community gardening, and cultural celebrations.)

Funding Process Release Date: **March 1, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$630,430**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Proposals (RFP)**

2023 Older Adult Legal Services

Anticipated

HSD intends to invest in older adult legal services to secure and protect essential rights and benefits for older adults 60+ years of age in King County.

HSD seeks to contract with **one organization** with culturally inclusive experience in the following areas:

- Providing legal services to older adults
- Providing groups or classes for older adults
- Training organizations and professionals working with or on behalf of older adults

Funding Process Release Date: **June 16, 2023**

Funding Available: **\$236,223**

Contract Start: **January 2024**

Funding Process Type: **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

III. Closed 2023 Funding Opportunities

Closed 2023 Funding Opportunities	Date closed	Funding Awarded	Contract Start Date	Award Announcement

IV. Potential 2024 Funding Opportunities

2024 funding opportunities may include the following:

1. Aging and Disability Services – Senior Center RFP
2. Mayor’s Office of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – Prevention RFP
3. Youth and Family Empowerment – Food and Meals RFP

More information on these funding opportunities will be made available throughout 2023. Dates and funding amounts are also subject to change at any time. Please check back for updated 2023 and 2024 NOFA information.

All materials and updates related to funding opportunities will be available on HSD’s Funding Opportunities web page at <http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding-and-reports/funding-opportunities>, including the following:

- Proprietary and Confidential Information
- Agency Minimum Eligibility Requirements
- Client Data and Program Reporting Requirements
- Contracting Requirements
- Fiscal Sponsor Requirements
- Funding Opportunity Selection Process
- Appeals Process
- HSD’s Commitment to Funding Culturally Responsive Services
- HSD’s Guiding Principles
- HSD’s General Terms and Conditions Agreement Example
- HSD’s Theory of Change
- HSD’s Results Based Accountability Plan

Funding Opportunities

The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is one of the largest contributors to Seattle's safety net as it invests hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts with more than 200 community-based organizations that support our neighbors and communities, and to direct services carried out by our own staff.

The department works closely with our major community partners, including other public and nonprofit funders and grantees, to understand current and emerging human service needs, and to create and invest in a comprehensive and integrated regional human services system.

HSD is working to ensure that the City's limited resources are being directed to our most vulnerable residents and to programs that can best leverage the investments for maximum impact on achieving results and reducing disparities.

To learn more, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding-and-reports/funding-opportunities>.