

# Question and Answer

## Commercial Sexual Exploitation Survivor Services

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### 2025 Request for Proposal

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1		Do the signed partnership letters count towards the 8 pg and 13 pg proposal limits?	No.
2		Should organizations that partner together submit one joint application or each apply separately with letters of support?	Organizations who will apply with partner group(s), must identify a lead applicant and submit one application.  If your application includes formal partnerships, applicants will need to identify each partner and describe their roles and responsibilities and include signed letters of intent for any partners providing key program elements.
3		If we apply for housing services, can we choose only one option? For example, can we apply only for transitional housing or only for emergency shelters? Or must we apply for both transitional housing and emergency shelter?	Applicants can choose to apply to either one or both housing activities.
4		Is there a maximum award amount per application?	Applicants can apply for the maximum amount available for this investment, which is \$1,700,000.  We intend to fund both investment strategies: Mobile Flexible Advocacy and Shelter/Housing Services. We anticipate funding up to four awards for Mobile Flexible Advocacy and up two awards for Shelter/Housing services.
5		Are we applying with our collaborators as sub-awardees, are we applying as a coalition?	See question #2.
6		Do all of the nonprofits partnering together need to be based in the City of Seattle?	No, Applicants and partner agencies do not need to be based in the City of Seattle. However, clients must meet the following Participant Eligible Criteria as stated on page 9 in the Guidelines and Applications:

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			<p>Participants may be of any gender, sexual orientation, age, race/ethnicity, and may be domestic or foreign nationals who meet one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Live or work in the city of Seattle;</li><li>• Be enrolled in a Seattle-based academic institution; and/or</li><li>• Seek GBV services from a Seattle-based GBV services organization</li></ul> <p>Eligible participants also include individuals who are referred by SPD, and other stakeholders within the CSE Collaborative Network.</p>
7		I basically had the same question regarding budget formatting - separate budgets, or together?	Submit one budget per application.
8		Can you confirm that eligible participants are not only survivors of CSE who have personally experienced CSE but also if they are children of a parent who was personally harmed by CSE?	<p>Yes, children of parents who were personally harmed by CSE are eligible for services.</p> <p>Refer to page 9 on the RFP Guidelines and Application Participant Eligibility Criteria "Individuals and their children who have experienced harm or violence as a result of the commercial sex trade. Individuals can be adults (18 years and older) and/or youth (17 years old or younger).</p>
9		Separately, can funds support someone at risk of experiencing CSE?	Yes, individuals and their children who have experienced harm or violence as a result of the commercial sex trade can be supported by these funds. Refer to page 9 on the RFP Guidelines and Application Participant Eligibility Criteria for more details.
10		Does a nonprofit need to be open to referrals throughout the performance period? Or can the nonprofit just serve individuals within its enrolled cohort through the year?	The awarded agency will need to be open to accepting referrals from the CSE Collaborative Network throughout the performance period unless at full capacity.

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11		Can you define surrounding Seattle areas?	“Surrounding” is being defined here as being near or in close proximity to Seattle. Applicants and partner agencies do not need to be based in the city of Seattle. See #6
12		Will the City allow funding to be provided to a nonprofit organization operating in Whatcom County if the service organization provides long-term housing for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation who have been exploited in and around the City of Seattle?	See #6