

RE-ENTRY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

Wake County Human Services, via the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI) known as “*Project 110%*”, is seeking qualified, credentialed or certified partners that will provide evidence-based programming to meet the needs of gang-affiliated individuals (ages 16 and older) re-entering the community. *Project 110%* recognizes that re-entrants have two types of needs: functional needs and socio-emotional needs. Functional needs include **(1) housing, (2) education, (3) employment and (4) treatment services**. Socio-emotional needs include **(5) socio-recreational activities, (6) aesthetic (self-discipline/coping) opportunities, (7) grief therapy and (8) intentional gang intervention strategies** (forthright discussions and programs that help individuals leave gangs successfully).

Agencies that provide any of the above services, and are interested, willing and capable of successfully working with gang-involved re-entrants should submit a letter of qualifications. (see “*STRUCTURE OF LETTER*”)

2. OVERVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE PROJECT

The Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI) is a 3-year federally funded project under the U.S. Department of Justice’s Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. Its purpose is to develop new strategies to counteract gangs and their effects on neighborhoods. The purpose of this grant is to develop a system that will diminish not only gangs in the community, but also the underlying causes that support them. This grant is being passed through the Governors Crime Commission (GCC), who will monitor each area’s financial and reporting progress.

This initiative is comprehensive because it incorporates three inter-related strategic components that decrease gang affiliation and criminal activity: prevention/intervention, enforcement and re-entry strategies. Prevention strategies are ways to keep at-risk youth from joining gangs and intervention strategies are ways to help gang-involved youth successfully leave gangs. Enforcement strategies are ways to expand the impact of formal law enforcement efforts and ways to increase informal community control mechanisms and co-operation with law enforcement agencies that will decrease crimes related to gang activity. Re-entry strategies are ways to help ex-offenders (re-entrants) increase their chances of living successful, productive lives rather than recidivate to lives of crime. Research shows that all three strategic components are required in order to have the greatest impact on making communities safe.

Re-entrants will use a voucher system in order to receive needed services from qualified partners.

3. STRUCTURE OF LETTER

If you are qualified and willing to provide more than one type of service, you must **submit a separate letter for each type of service**. Document the following:

- (1) Name of agency/institution, address, years of service and mission statement/stated purpose.
- (2) Type of service you are qualified, credentialed or certified to provide.
- (3) Name and structure of program, activity or strategy, and number of units (i.e. # of sessions, # of hours) evidence shows is needed to be effective.
- (4) Cost per unit of service.
- (5) Specific examples, data or documentation of effectiveness.
- (6) Appropriate licenses or certificates and liability insurance.

Responses are due by July 24, 2009 should be mailed to:

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Contracts Manager
Wake County Human Services
Mailing Address: MB #76
P.O. Box 46833
Raleigh, NC 27620
Street Address: 220 Swinburne St., Rm 4207
Raleigh, NC 27610

For questions regarding the RFQ process, please contact: Dave Barciz at (919) 600-9519 or e-mail: dave.barciz@co.wake.nc.us

The County must receive proposals at the address above, no later than **3:00 p.m. on July 24, 2009**. **Late responses will not be accepted.** *The Proposer's name, RFQ number, and proposal closing time and date must be marked clearly on the proposal submission.* The County will not be held responsible for the failure of any mail or delivery service to deliver a proposal response prior to the stated proposal due date and time. It is solely the Proposer's responsibility to: (1) Ascertain that they have all required and necessary information, documents and addenda, prior to submitting a response; (2) Ensure that the response is received at the correct location and time. Late responses, regardless of delivery means, will not be accepted.