



Overdose Response Strategy Health Equity Consultant

Request for Quotes (RFQ)

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Date Response Due: May 25, 2022

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PURPOSE

The Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) program is seeking a consultant with subject matter expertise in health equity to provide technical assistance related to health equity, social determinants of health and health disparities to increase the ORS’ capacity to advance health equity in local overdose prevention and response efforts.

Through the expertise and technical assistance provided by the Health Equity Consultant, ORS staff will be better equipped to:

- Identify and understand social determinants of health and the root causes of health inequities in the drug overdose epidemic.
- Provide their partners with technical assistance, guidance, tools, and resources to promote health equity approaches in their state and local overdose prevention and response efforts.
- Support meaningful inclusion of disproportionately affected populations in the development, implementation and evaluation of overdose response strategies, policies, and harm reduction services.
- Foster long-standing relationships with organizations that serve and work with communities affected by health inequities to understand and connect to populations of greatest need more effectively.

SERVICES REQUIRED

By engaging in this work, the ORS program aims to be more aligned with the National Drug Policy Priorities, creating a culture of ongoing learning and professional growth about health equity and supporting local solutions to reduce overdoses and save lives through a health equity lens.

The contract is projected to begin **June 20, 2022**, and end **October 20, 2022**, with the level of effort being **60 hours per month**.

Scope of Work

Services to be Provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct a needs assessment to identify the ORS technical assistance needs related to health equity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide recommendations to address program gaps and needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support the design and implementation of professional development opportunities for ORS staff (training/webinar series, train-the-trainer models, health equity style guide, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet bi-weekly with the CDC Foundation to discuss progress on project deliverables and submit monthly document of activities to CDC Foundation

REQUIRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Master’s degree in public health, social/human services, social work, public policy, or other related discipline with a minimum of 5 years’ experience
- Subject matter expertise in health equity and social determinants of health in relation to overdose crisis
- Previous experience working across multiple sectors to support strategic planning and develop and implement trainings and other strategies that advance health equity
- Experience with conducting outreach and building meaningful connections to underrepresented and underserved communities
- Record of accomplishment of public health commitment to include achieving health equity
- Ability to express ideas and convey information quickly and effectively in a verbal and written manner
- Ability to think creatively, analyze problems, and find innovative approaches to problem resolution
- Ability to provide services virtually and in-person, as needed

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please email any proposal and/or project related questions to Audi Lahijani (alahijani@cdcfoundation.org) by **May 18, 2022, 4PM EST**.

Please submit a proposal packet including an expression of interest letter, statement of qualification, Curriculum Vitae including specific proof of experience such as examples of work you have developed, and financial quote to Audi Lahijani (alahijani@cdcfoundation.org) by **May 25, 2022, 4pm EST** be considered for this opportunity.

Submissions will be evaluated on vendors' qualifications, expertise, and reasonableness of cost. The following outlines the criteria that reviewers will use to guide their evaluation of each application.

Domain	Application Selection Criteria	Weight
Capability Statement	Capability statement that demonstrates your ability to deliver services as requested in this RFQ	25%
Experience	Organizational reference to all related experience including CVs for all project staff which reflect tenure and/or education	25%
Cost Proposal	Reasonableness of proposed rate	50%

Applicants who are selected to advance to the next stage of consideration will be contacted for a Zoom interview.

MAXIMUM PAYABLE AMOUNT (MPA)

CDC Foundation will pay the contractor a fee not to exceed a Maximum Payable Amount (MPA) or ceiling price. Financial quotes for all submissions should not exceed the MPA of **\$48,000 USD**. The MPA will be based on the fee proposed and the award will be negotiated as part of the resulting contract. CDC Foundation request bidders include a proposed fee structure.

FUNDING SOURCE

The agreement resulting from this RFQ will be supported by Federal funding under the "Capacity Building for Public Health Analysts in the Overdose Response Strategy" project via Cooperative Agreement Number 6 NU38OT000288-02-01 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC Foundation anticipates that the award(s) resulting from this solicitation will meet the criteria of "Contractor" as defined by 2 CFR 200.331; a final determination will be made at the time of award.