

## **HCHN Highly Impacted Communities Strategy**

Public Health – Seattle & King County's Health Care for the Homeless Network (HCHN) will be conducting a procurement process in March 2020 for the next 3-year federal grant period covering calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

HCHN is pleased to add a new Highly Impacted Communities Strategy to its procurement portfolio. This new strategy designates \$150,000 per year specifically for services to people living homeless from the two King County communities experiencing the greatest racial disparity in homelessness and some of the greatest health disparities overall: African Americans and Native Americans. Funding to support this strategy will be drawn from existing HCHN administration/services budgets in alignment with HCHN Governance Council priorities.

Funding in this strategy will be awarded to one organization not currently engaged in the Network that is led by and for the community to be served, defined as follows:

- A majority (50% +) of people of color in leadership, board, staff and individuals served
- An expressed and demonstrated commitment to racial equity and communities of color as reflected in its mission & program strategy

Applicants can propose to provide medical care, behavioral health care, or enabling services for individuals living homeless. Enabling services are non-clinical services that enable homeless individuals to access health care and improve health outcomes. Enabling services include case management, referrals, translation/interpretation, transportation, eligibility assistance, health education, environmental health risk reduction, health literacy, and outreach.

HCHN will offer technical assistance to smaller organizations during the RFP application process and for the first year of the award. To qualify for technical assistance, organizations must 1) have fewer than 20 full-time equivalents and 2) an operating budget of less than \$4 million in the prior fiscal year. The HCHN Admin Team will also be available to meet with potential applicants in January 2020 prior to the RFP release to answer questions and discuss administrative and reporting requirements.

The RFP will be released March 2, 2020. A bidders' conference for the Highly Impacted Communities strategy will be held via webinar on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, or Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> with call-in details included in the RFP document. Applications will be due Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

If you know an organization that would like to be on our email list for communications regarding this and other HCHN funding opportunities, or for further information, please email [myoung@kingcounty.gov](mailto:myoung@kingcounty.gov).