

**Skagit County 2017-2018 Request for Proposals (RFP)  
Homeless Crisis Response System & Low-Income Housing**

*Questions submitted by Agencies; Answers Provided by Skagit County Public Health*

**Q. Is there a period of time during which income eligibility does not have to be verified if the household is homeless at intake?**

A. Yes, if CHG Guidelines stay the same. Skagit County defers to CHG guidelines on rental assistance requirements.

**Q. Will contracts have specific language about audits for Fair Housing law compliance?**

A. There will be language about requirements for complying with Fair Housing law.

**Q. Will affordable homeownership be an eligible use of Affordable Housing funding?**

A. Yes, if households served are below 50% AMI. Per statutory guidelines, there will be a priority placed on programs that serve households at 30% AMI and below.

**Q. For affordable homeownership, at what time period is income eligibility determined?**

A. At the time of the household's application for housing; Skagit County defers to other funders on this matter.

**Q. With Rental Assistance funding, are there mandated percentages between Rapid Re-Housing, Case Management, etc...**

A. No, so long as the project complies with any CHG guidelines on this matter.

**Q: In the document recording fee section of the RFP, the language is consistent with CHG that some guidelines are set by State Commerce, and that Skagit must accept those requirements - what are these requirements?**

A: Programs must accept referrals exclusively from coordinated entry and enter participant data into HMIS. CHG guidelines—and these requirements—are subject to change.

**Q: Does a program need to specify if we are requesting funds from doc fee vs. CHG, ESG, etc.?**

A: No. However, please indicate in your narrative whether you are able to comply with CHG and/or ESG guidelines.

**Q: How does the \$300,000 of funding for emergency shelter programs compare to past RFPs?**

A: This funding is comparable (slightly higher) than the amount allocated in 2016 through the Document Recording Fee & CHG competitions.

**Q: There is a statement that states that award expectations/requests should be governed by previous award allocations. If so, should we expect awards consistent with the last allocation - when doc fee was at its lowest, or previous cycles - when it was more normal?**

A: This statement may be unclear. The County intended to say "Funding buckets are based on 2016 allocations for each service. Individual agency proposals will be considered on a competitive and merit-based basis. Past award levels do not necessarily predict future funding levels."

**Q: Can companies from outside the United States apply for this funding?**

A: No.

Updated: February 10, 2017; email additional questions to Kayla Schott-Bresler at [kaylasb@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:kaylasb@co.skagit.wa.us).

**Q: Do companies from outside the United States need to be present for application meetings?**

A: Companies from outside the United States are not eligible for funding.

**Q: Can we perform the tasks (related to the RFP) outside the United States?**

A: No.

**Q: Can we submit the proposals via email?**

A: Yes, proposals can be submitted to Kayla Schott-Bresler at [kaylasb@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:kaylasb@co.skagit.wa.us).