Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Request for Proposal

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests proposals for **RFP #6-2020 Emergency Overnight Shelter – Extended Social Resources (ESR) Grant Program** to be provided in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications established herein.

Proposals will be received **online only** at https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net until **2:00 PM**, prevailing local time, on **April 3, 2020**.

Proposals received after the date and time set for opening proposals will not be considered for award of a contract/grant. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to assure that his/her proposal is submitted online before the date and time set for opening proposals.

Additional copies of this Request For Proposals are available from the Division of Central Purchasing, Room 338 Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (859)-258-3320, at no charge.

Proposals, once submitted, may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities when such waiver is determined by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to be in its best interest.

Electronic signature online at https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net constitutes acceptance by the Proposer of terms, conditions and requirements set forth herein.

Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 9th, 2020** at 2**:00PM** at the Phoenix Building 3rd Floor Conference Room, 100 East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507.

Minor exceptions may not eliminate the proposal. Any exceptions to the specifications established herein shall be listed in detail on a separate sheet and attached hereto. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government shall determine whether any exception is minor.

Please do not contact any LFUCG staff member or any other person involved in the selection process other than the designated contact person(s) regarding the project contemplated under this RFP while this RFP is open and a selection has not been finalized. Any attempt to do so may result in disqualification of the firm's submittal for consideration.

Laws and Regulations

All applicable state laws, municipal ordinances and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the project shall apply to the contract, and shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The Entity (regardless of whether construction contractor, non-construction contractor or supplier) agrees to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age, and to promote equal employment through a positive, continuing program from itself and each of its subcontracting agents. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices.

Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act

The Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1978 (KRS 45.560-45.640) requires that any "county, city, town, school district, water district, hospital district, or other political subdivision of the state shall include in directly or indirectly publicly funded contracts for supplies, materials, services, or equipment hereinafter entered into the following provisions:

> "During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
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> > (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;
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> > (2) The contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractors that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;

(3) The contractor will post notices in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, setting forth the provision of the nondiscrimination clauses required by this section; and

(4) The contractor will send a notice to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under the nondiscrimination clauses."

The Act further provides:

"KRS 45.610. Hiring minorities -- Information required

(1) For the length of the contract, each contractor shall hire minorities from other sources within the drawing area, should the union with which he has collective bargaining agreements be unwilling to supply sufficient minorities to satisfy the agreed upon goals and timetables.

(2) Each contractor shall, for the length of the contract, furnish such information as required by KRS 45.560 to KRS 45.640 and by such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to all books and records pertaining to his employment practices and work sites by the contracting agency and the department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with KRS 45.560 to 45.640 and such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto.

KRS 45.620. Action against contractor -- Hiring of minority contractor or subcontractor

(1) If any contractor is found by the department to have engaged in an unlawful practice under this chapter during the course of performing under a contract or subcontract covered under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the department shall so certify to the contracting agency and such certification shall be binding upon the contracting agency unless it is reversed in the course of judicial review.

(2) If the contractor is found to have committed an unlawful practice under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the contracting agency may cancel or terminate the contract, conditioned upon a program for future compliance approved by the contracting agency and the department. The contracting agency may declare such a contractor ineligible to bid on further contracts with that agency until such time as the

contractor complies in full with the requirements of KRS 45.560 to 45.640.

(3) The equal employment provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 may be met in part by a contractor by subcontracting to a minority contractor or subcontractor. For the provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640, a minority contractor or subcontractor shall mean a business that is owned and controlled by one or more persons disadvantaged by racial or ethnic circumstances.

KRS 45.630 Termination of existing employee not required, when

Any provision of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 notwithstanding, no contractor shall be required to terminate an existing employee upon proof that employee was employed prior to the date of the contract.

KRS 45.640 Minimum skills

Nothing in KRS 45.560 to 45.640 shall require a contractor to hire anyone who fails to demonstrate the minimum skills required to perform a particular job."

It is recommended that all of the provisions above quoted be included as special conditions in each contract. In the case of a contract exceeding $250,000, the contractor is required to furnish evidence that his workforce in Kentucky is representative of the available work-force in the area from which he draws employees, or to supply an Affirmative Action plan which will achieve such representation during the life of the contract.

LFUCG Non-Appropriation Clause

Contractor acknowledges that the LFUCG is a governmental entity, and the contract validity is based upon the availability of public funding under the authority of its statutory mandate.

In the event that public funds are unavailable and not appropriated for the performance of the LFUCG's obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically expire without penalty to the LFUCG thirty (30) days after written notice to Contractor of the unavailability and non-appropriation of public funds. It is expressly agreed that the LFUCG shall not activate this non-appropriation provision for its convenience or to circumvent the requirements of this contract, but only as an emergency fiscal measure during a substantial fiscal crisis, which affects generally its governmental operations.

In the event of a change in the LFUCG's statutory authority, mandate and mandated functions, by state and federal legislative or regulatory action, which adversely affects the LFUCG's authority to continue its obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically terminate without penalty to the LFUCG upon written notice to Contractor of such limitation or change in the LFUCG's legal authority.

AFFIDAVIT

Comes the Affiant, Elizabeth D. Fowler, and after being first duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. His/her name is Elizabeth D. Fowler and he/she is the individual submitting the proposal or is the authorized representative of Bluegrass Care Navigators, the entity submitting the proposal (hereinafter referred to as "Proposer").

2. Proposer will pay all taxes and fees, which are owed to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government at the time the proposal is submitted, prior to award of the contract and will maintain a "current" status in regard to those taxes and fees during the life of the contract.

3. Proposer will obtain a Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government business license, if applicable, prior to award of the contract.

4. Proposer has authorized the Division of Central Purchasing to verify the above-mentioned information with the Division of Revenue and to disclose to the Urban County Council that taxes and/or fees are delinquent or that a business license has not been obtained.

5. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the past five (5) years and the award of a contract to the Proposer will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth.

6. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of Chapter 25 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances, known as "Ethics Act."

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7. Proposer acknowledges that "knowingly" for purposes of this Affidavit means, with respect to conduct or to circumstances described by a statute or ordinance defining an offense, that a person is aware or should have been aware that his conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists.

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

Elizabeth Durst Fowler

STATE OF Kentucky

COUNTY OF Fayette

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by Elizabeth D. Fowler on this the 25th day of March, 2020.

My Commission expires: July 7, 2020

Sheila Thacker ID# 560382
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE AT LARGE

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGREEMENT

The Law

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (amended 1972) states that it is unlawful for an employer to discriminate in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age (40-70 years) or national origin.

- Executive Order No. 11246 on Nondiscrimination under Federal contract prohibits employment discrimination by contractor and sub-contractor doing business with the Federal Government or recipients of Federal funds. This order was later amended by Executive Order No. 11375 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states:

  The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment
  because of physical or mental disability.

- Section 2012 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1973 requires Affirmative Action on behalf of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era by contractors having Federal contracts.

- Section 206(A) of Executive Order 12086, Consolidation of Contract Compliance Functions for Equal Employment Opportunity, states:

  The Secretary of Labor may investigate the employment practices of any Government contractor or sub-contractor to determine whether or not the contractual provisions specified in Section 202 of this order have been violated.

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The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government practices Equal Opportunity in recruiting, hiring and promoting. It is the Government's intent to affirmatively provide employment opportunities for those individuals who have previously not been allowed to enter into the mainstream of society. Because of its importance to the local Government, this policy carries the full endorsement of the Mayor, Commissioners, Directors and all supervisory personnel. In following this commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity and because the Government is the benefactor of the Federal funds, it is both against the Urban County Government policy and illegal for the Government to let contracts to companies which knowingly or unknowingly practice discrimination in their employment practices. Violation of the above mentioned ordinances may cause a contract to be canceled and the contractors may be declared ineligible for future consideration.

Please sign this statement in the appropriate space acknowledging that you have read and understand the provisions contained herein. Return this document as part of your application packet.

Bidders

I/We agree to comply with the Civil Rights Laws listed above that govern employment rights of minorities, women, Vietnam veterans, handicapped and aged persons.

Elizabeth L Fowler

Signature

Bluegrass Care Navigators

Name of Business

WORKFORCE ANALYSIS FORM

Name of Organization: Bluegrass Care Navigators

Categories	Total	White (Not Hispanic or Latino)		Hispanic or Latino		Black or African-American (Not Hispanic or Latino		Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino		Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino		American Indian or Alaskan Native (not Hispanic or Latino		Two or more races (Not Hispanic or Latino		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Administrators		10	30	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	33
Professionals		39	307	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	39	317
Superintendents		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supervisors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foremen		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technicians		15	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	25
Protective Service		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Para-Professionals		4	124	0	0	2	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	142
Office/Clerical		7	56	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	61
Skilled Craft		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Service/Maintenance		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:		75	542	0	0	3	27	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	78	578

Prepared by: Davey King, Grants Manager **Date:** 03 / 27 / 2020

(Name and Title)

Revised 2015-Dec-15

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Each Respondent shall comply with all Federal, State & Local regulations concerning this type of service or good.

   The Respondent agrees to comply with all statutes, rules, and regulations governing safe and healthful working conditions, including the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970, *29 U.S.C. 650 et. seq.*, as amended, and KRS Chapter 338. The Respondent also agrees to notify the LFUCG in writing immediately upon detection of any unsafe and/or unhealthful working conditions at the job site. The Respondent agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the LFUCG harmless from all penalties, fines or other expenses arising out of the alleged violation of said laws.

2. Failure to submit ALL forms and information required in this RFP may be grounds for disqualification.

3. Addenda: All addenda, if any, shall be considered in making the proposal, and such addenda shall be made a part of this RFP. Before submitting a proposal, it is incumbent upon each proposer to be informed as to whether any addenda have been issued, and the failure to cover in the bid any such addenda may result in disqualification of that proposal.

4. Proposal Reservations: LFUCG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award in whole or part, and to waive minor immaterial defects in proposals. LFUCG may consider any alternative proposal that meets its basic needs.

5. Liability: LFUCG is not responsible for any cost incurred by a Respondent in the preparation of proposals.

6. Changes/Alterations: Respondent may change or withdraw a proposal at any time prior to the opening; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Only letters, or other formal written requests for modifications or corrections of a previously submitted proposal which is addressed in the same manner as the proposal, and received by LFUCG prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals, will be accepted. The proposal, when opened, will then be corrected in accordance with such written request(s), provided that the written request is contained in a sealed envelope which is plainly marked "modifications of proposal".

7. Clarification of Submittal: LFUCG reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a bid or to obtain additional information from a Respondent.

8. Bribery Clause: By his/her signature on the bid, Respondent certifies that no employee of his/hers, any affiliate or Subcontractor, has bribed or attempted

to bribe an officer or employee of the LFUCG.

9. Additional Information: While not necessary, the Respondent may include any product brochures, software documentation, sample reports, or other documentation that may assist LFUCG in better understanding and evaluating the Respondent's response. Additional documentation shall not serve as a substitute for other documentation which is required by this RFP to be submitted with the proposal,

10. Ambiguity, Conflict or other Errors in RFP: If a Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, it shall immediately notify LFUCG of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document if allowable by the LFUCG.

11. Agreement to RFP Terms: In submitting this proposal, the Respondent agrees that it has carefully examined the specifications and all provisions relating to the work to be done attached hereto and made part of this proposal. By acceptance of a Contract/Grant under this RFP, proposer states that it understands the meaning, intent and requirements of the RFP and agrees to the same. The successful Respondent shall warrant that it is familiar with and understands all provisions herein and shall warrant that it can comply with them. No additional compensation to Respondent shall be authorized for services or expenses reasonably covered under these provisions that the proposer omits from its Proposal.

12. Cancellation: If the services to be performed hereunder by the Respondent are not performed in an acceptable manner to the LFUCG, the LFUCG may cancel this contract for cause by providing written notice to the proposer, giving at least thirty (30) days notice of the proposed cancellation and the reasons for same. During that time period, the proposer may seek to bring the performance of services hereunder to a level that is acceptable to the LFUCG, and the LFUCG may rescind the cancellation if such action is in its best interest.

    A. Termination for Cause

    (1) LFUCG may terminate a contract because of the contractor's failure to perform its contractual duties

    (2) If a contractor is determined to be in default, LFUCG shall notify the contractor of the determination in writing, and may include a specified date by which the contractor shall cure the identified deficiencies. LFUCG may proceed with termination if the contractor fails to cure the deficiencies within the specified time.

(3) A default in performance by a contractor for which a contract may be terminated shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:

(a) Failure to perform the contract according to its terms, conditions and specifications;

(b) Failure to make delivery within the time specified or according to a delivery schedule fixed by the contract;

(c) Late payment or nonpayment of bills for labor, materials, supplies, or equipment furnished in connection with a contract for construction services as evidenced by mechanics' liens filed pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 376, or letters of indebtedness received from creditors by the purchasing agency;

(d) Failure to diligently advance the work under a contract for construction services;

(e) The filing of a bankruptcy petition by or against the contractor; or

(f) Actions that endanger the health, safely or welfare of the LFUCG or its citizens.

B. At Will Termination

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the LFUCG may terminate this contract at will in accordance with the law upon providing thirty (30) days written notice of that intent, Payment for services or goods received prior to termination shall be made by the LFUCG provided these goods or services were provided in a manner acceptable to the LFUCG. Payment for those goods and services shall not be unreasonably withheld.

13. Assignment of Contract: The contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the Contract without the express written consent of LFUCG. Any purported assignment or subcontract in violation hereof shall be void. It is expressly acknowledged that LFUCG shall never be required or obligated to consent to any request for assignment or subcontract; and further that such refusal to consent can be for any or no reason, fully within the sole discretion of LFUCG.

14. No Waiver: No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder, nor any single or partial exercise thereof, nor the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver hereof or thereof. No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect of this Contract shall affect the rights, remedies, powers or privileges of LFUCG hereunder or shall operate as a waiver thereof.

15. Authority to do Business: The Respondent must be a duly organized and

authorized to do business under the laws of Kentucky. Respondent must be in good standing and have full legal capacity to provide the services specified under this Contract. The Respondent must have all necessary right and lawful authority to enter into this Contract for the full term hereof and that proper corporate or other action has been duly taken authorizing the Respondent to enter into this Contract. The Respondent will provide LFUCG with a copy of a corporate resolution authorizing this action and a letter from an attorney confirming that the proposer is authorized to do business in the State of Kentucky if requested. All proposals must be signed by a duly authorized officer, agent or employee of the Respondent.

16. Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the event of any proceedings regarding this Contract, the Parties agree that the venue shall be the Fayette County Circuit Court or the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington Division. All parties expressly consent to personal jurisdiction and venue in such Court for the limited and sole purpose of proceedings relating to this Contract or any rights or obligations arising thereunder. Service of process may be accomplished by following the procedures prescribed by law.

17. Ability to Meet Obligations: Respondent affirmatively states that there are no actions, suits or proceedings of any kind pending against Respondent or, to the knowledge of the Respondent, threatened against the Respondent before or by any court, governmental body or agency or other tribunal or authority which would, if adversely determined, have a materially adverse effect on the authority or ability of Respondent to perform its obligations under this Contract, or which question the legality, validity or enforceability hereof or thereof.

18. Contractor understands and agrees that its employees, agents, or subcontractors are not employees of LFUCG for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor is an independent contractor at all times during the performance of the services specified.

19. If any term or provision of this Contract shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken.

Elizabeth A Fowler
Signature

3/25/2020
Date

LEXINGTON
Social Services

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Request for Proposals

Extended Social Resources (ESR) Grant Program
Priority Area: Emergency Overnight Shelter

Purpose

Each fiscal year the Mayor and Urban County Council allocate funds for use by selected 501(c)(3) non-profit partner agencies through the Department of Social Services' Extended Social Resource (ESR) Program. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (hereinafter referred to as "LFUCG") has historically partnered with non-profit agencies for the purpose of providing priority social services to supplement and support the work of the Urban County Government. These agencies are diverse in their missions and work plans, and provide services to the most vulnerable populations in our community.

Eligibility

- Eligible Responders shall be a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a physical presence in Lexington-Fayette County
- Responders shall be registered and have a current, complete Silver Seal of Transparency or higher level agency portrait on GuideStar.org.
- ESR funds cannot be used to teach, advance, advocate or promote any religion
- Be located in and/or serve Fayette County residents with ESR funds in Fayette County
- Applying organization agrees to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws

Applicants for overnight emergency shelter funding must meet or agree to implement the following items. Submission of a proposal constitutes agreement to these terms:

- All shelter guests must be entered into the Kentucky Homeless Management Information System (KYHMIS) database. All emergency shelter program specific data elements per the LFUCG Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board must be entered for each guest and they must be entered and exited from the shelter project in KYHMIS within three (3) days of occurrence.[1]
- Shelters must participate fully in the OneDoor Lexington Coordinated Entry System. For shelters this means conducting the VI-SPDAT assessment for guests who have reached an appropriate length of stay[2], entering those guests into the Coordinated Entry project in KYHMIS, and meeting all responsibilities outlined in Lexington Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures adopted by the LFUCG Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Board.
- Shelters must ensure that they do not contribute to unlawful gaps in access based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexuality, or other demographics, as defined by federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. Shelters will have a culture that exhibits cultural competency and responsiveness.

Instructions

Please follow the attached instructions and submit all required forms no later than the deadline indicated below:

Proposal Deadline – 2:00 EST Friday, April 3rd, 2020.
Proposals received after this deadline or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

[1] Exception is made for shelters serving survivors of intimate partner abuse which must instead utilize a separate but equivalent system as directed by HUD.

[2] Typically 2-3 weeks to see if homelessness can self-resolve but some discretion is allowed. Guests may refuse the assessment and/or refuse to have their information entered into HMIS.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION & SCOPE

1.1 Background

Each fiscal year the Mayor and Urban County Council allocate funds for use by selected 501(c)(3) non-profit partner agencies through the Department of Social Services' Extended Social Resource (ESR) Program.

This grant cycle shall cover Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 (July 1, 2020—June 30, 2022), and will award grants between the four Funding Priorities, which each have separate required Proposal Submittals and criteria, and awarded on an approximate scale, listed below. Proposers may submit ONE Proposal per Funding Priority Area.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) wishes to complete a purchase for service agreement with non-profit organizations operating within the city of Lexington, to provide low-barrier, rapid resolution, housing-oriented overnight emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) wishes to contract with non-profit organizations operating within the city of Lexington to provide low-barrier, housing-oriented overnight emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. These funding agreements will be administered by the Department of Social Services and monitored through the LFUCG Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention (OHPI).

Emergency shelter contracts will be awarded to eligible applicants to assist in operating an emergency shelter in alignment with the goals of the Lexington-Fayette County Continuum of Care, the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention and the LFUCG Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Board. This is a purchase service agreement with terms set by LFUCG. LFUCG intends to fund any organization which operates a rapid-resolution, housing oriented emergency shelter that assists individuals and families to exit into permanent housing quickly.

Funding Priority Area: Emergency Overnight Shelter

Projected funding is 25% of total ESR Grant Program Award

LFUCG seeks to fund programs and services to provide low-barrier, rapid resolution, housing-oriented overnight emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Purpose

The LFUCG is accepting applications from qualified non-governmental, non-profit agencies with current **501(c)3** tax exempt status and with a physical business or program site location in Fayette County (hereinafter, referred to as "Applicant") for ESR funding for FY2021 and FY2022 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, with the 2nd year contingent on available funding approved by the Urban County Council). This funding is intended to support agency **programs** which respond to the **funding priorities** established herein. **THIS FUNDING IS NOT INTENDED TO SUPPORT GENERAL AGENCY OPERATIONS, other than overhead required to support the subject program.**

2.2 Funding Period

The funding period is from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, with the 2nd year's funding contingent on available funding approved by the Urban County Council.

2.3 **ESR Grant Informational Workshop**

The Department of Social Services conducted a meeting on February 20, 2020 that provided potential proposers with an overview of the proposal and review process, instructions on completing the RFP, and presentation of funding priorities.

2.4 **Proposal Submission**

All Submissions must be uploaded to the LFUCG procurement website at https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net by **FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2020 before 2:00 PM EST**. The Submission shall include an enclosed form that shall contain the required documents, and respond to one or more established funding priorities.

Proposal submissions containing significant omissions of required information will be considered non-responsive and removed from the RFP funding process on the application deadline date (April 3rd, 2020). Significant missing responses to questions constitute an incomplete application. The final decision regarding application completeness and penalties will be determined by the LFUCG Division of Central Purchasing in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services.

All proposals must be written in a clear and concise manner, as there will be no follow-up or clarifications to proposer's Proposal Submittal Form once the evaluation process begins.

Only include the attachments asked for in the RFP with the Proposal Submittal Form. Do not include additional documents or attachments with the Proposal Submittal Form, such as brochures or letters of support. These will be discarded.

If your agency is submitting a proposal for the funding of more than one program in a single priority area, please note that they must be included in a single Proposal Submittal completed and submitted for that priority area RFP. Only one Proposal Submittal per agency per priority area RFP will be accepted.

Submitted Proposal shall be comprised of the attached PDF formatted Proposal Submittal form. This form must be submitted in the original PDF form, and NOT be a scanned version of the original form.

2.5 **Acceptance/Rejection of Submissions**

The LFUCG reserves the right to reject any proposals which may be considered irregular, show serious omissions, contain unauthorized alteration of the Proposal Submittal form, or are incomplete.

The LFUCG reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications in whole or in part, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, to implement scoring penalties, or to accept applications or portions thereof which, in the Urban County Government's judgment, best serve the interests of Urban County Government.

2.6 **Inquiries/Questions**

After thoroughly reading this Request for Proposals, Applicants must direct any questions to:
Todd Slatin, Director
Division of Central Purchasing 200 E. Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507
E-mail: tslatin@lexingtonky.gov Phone: (859) 258-3320
Deadline for questions is Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST

3.0 FUNDING PROCESS

3.1 Timeline

This Request for Proposals is being released on **February 28th, 2020**, and is made available to the public and all potentially eligible applicants. **An informational and question and answer meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th, 2020, at 2 PM EST at the Phoenix Building 3rd Floor Conference Room, 100 East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507.** This meeting will be open to the public and any potentially eligible applicants are invited to attend and ask questions or seek clarification regarding the RFP. Attendance is NOT required in order to submit a proposal and will not affect scoring during the evaluation process.

Completed proposals must be submitted **no later than 2 PM on FRIDAY**, **APRIL 3rd, 2020,** and late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted or evaluated.

The LFUCG intends to conduct proposal evaluation in April and May 2020 immediately following the proposal due date, with the intention to make funding announcements prior to July 1, 2020. This timeline is subject to change without notice.

Successful applicants shall be contacted to negotiate a funding agreement with expectations that an award be in place for the funded programs to begin operations by July 1, 2020. No funds may be expended prior to the execution of a funding agreement and grantees will not be reimbursed for pre-award costs.

3.1 Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by a neutral panel including LFUCG staff and third-party reviewers who have expertise in the field of human services. The scoring criteria are outlined in Section 5.0 Criteria.

3.2 Reporting

The funded project will be required to submit regular progress reports demonstrating progress toward outcomes established in the proposal and associated funding agreement. Report formats will be determined by the Department of Social Services, as will due dates and submission process. Failure to submit complete reports on time will delay processing of grant payments and may affect the grantee's competitiveness for any future funding opportunities with LFUCG.

4.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposal Submittal Forms must be uploaded to https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net before the 2:00 PM EST April 3rd, 2020 deadline. Late submissions will not be considered for funding.

5.0 SCORING CRITERIA/EVALUATION

Please see attached **Proposal Submittal form** to respond to the following; the **Proposal Submittal form** is the document that shall be completed with your responses and then uploaded as your RFP submittal. **You will need to save the PDF formatted Proposal Submittal form to your hard drive before beginning to enter responses in it to ensure your responses are saved to the form.**

Funding Priority Area: Overnight Emergency Shelter

Projected funding is 25% of total ESR Grant Program Award

LFUCG seeks to fund programs and services to provide low-barrier, rapid resolution, housing-oriented overnight emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

ESR Grant Program RFP Criteria

		Points
5.1	**Program Design & Performance**	
5.1.1	General Shelter Information	15
5.1.2	Rapid Resolution, Housing Orientated	25
5.1.3	Low Barrier	15
5.1.4	Actual Results	10
5.1.5	Capacity, Cost Effectiveness, & Budget	10
		Subtotal 75
5.2	**Capacity & Sustainability**	
5.2.1	Staff Qualifications & Experience	5
5.2.2	Partnership & Resource Leverage	5
5.2.3	Outreach & Inclusion Strategy	15
		Subtotal 25
	TOTAL	**100**

5.1 Program Design, Performance, Budget

5.1.1 General Shelter Information **15 points**

The following information is required in order to evaluate capacity and scope of programming and ensure a balance of shelter options for various sub-populations of people experiencing homelessness. While the overall narrative score is a major factor in funding recommendations, LFUCG will also consider factors such as ensuring availability of critical services and an adequate number of emergency shelter beds for vulnerable populations.

- Provide a description of the shelter including;
    - shelter operating hours,
    - population served included special populations served,
    - shelter rules and procedures (submit documentation)
    - how basic needs are met such as meals and personal care,
    - operating hours outside of nighttime shelter, i.e. are staff operating during the day
    - general staffing description for the emergency shelter
- Does your emergency shelter consistently implement practices to meet people where they are, and provide person-centered care that focuses on personal strengths? **(submit documentation as an attachment)**
- What policies or value statements convey clear expectations that guests will be treated with dignity and respect, and how does the shelter monitor adherence to these expectations? **(submit documentation as an attachment)**
- Are expectations of guests clearly communicated and easily accessible for review by guests? (submit documentation of communication process
- What specific practices help ensure that the shelter exhibits cultural competency and provides appropriate protections for shelter seekers across demographic differences?
- Does the shelter involve guests in governance and operations? **(submit documentation as an attachment)**

5.1.2 Rapid Resolution, Housing Oriented **25 points**

Up to 25 points will be awarded to applicants demonstrating a shelter project that is rapid resolution and housing oriented. This means a plan is presented for how the organization works with guests to develop and implement a housing plan including diversion techniques and how quickly people move to permanent housing.
Narrative for this section should address all of the following prompts:

- Does your emergency shelter's process for accessing shelter assess options for diverting from shelter?
- Does your emergency shelter's diversion approach include, when needed, financial assistance, mediation, housing location, legal assistance, or other supports?
- What role do mainstream programs play in supporting shelter seekers and diversion efforts?
- How does your emergency shelter provide immediate assistance and link guests with housing options within the first 14 days of a shelter stay?
- How does your emergency shelter use data routinely to detect trends, identify frequent users, and monitor housing success and other performance measures?
- How your emergency shelter coordinate with the broader homelessness service and housing systems in system-level planning?
- Does your emergency shelter assess and address the safety risks for people fleeing domestic violence?
- Describe how shelter guests are assigned case management and detail how case management is provided in your emergency shelter. How often do case managers discuss housing options with guests? How and when do the conversations about obtaining housing begin? Do case managers utilize best practices when working with clients such as trauma informed care?
- How will shelter staff members or volunteers help shelter guests access documents needed for housing (birth certificates, Social Security cards, etc.) when needed?

5.1.3 Low-Barrier **15 points**

Up to 15 points will be awarded to applicants based on an evaluation of the shelter's commitment to a housing first, low-barrier model. Low-barrier shelter is a critical piece in the homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing people experiencing homelessness with shelter as quickly as possible – and then providing voluntary supportive services as needed. A low-barrier shelter is one which has only the least restrictive entry criteria necessary to ensure health and safety in the facility.
Narrative for this section should address all of the following prompts:

- Does the shelter set only minimal and reasonable requirements for guests, and does the shelter enforce these requirements in a fair and transparent way? **(submit documentation as an attachment)**
- Does your emergency shelter have minimal expectations or requirements of people seeking shelter? **(submit documentation as an attachment)**
- Does your shelter welcome self-defined family and kinship groups to seek shelter together?
- Can your emergency shelter identify financial resources that can support the adoption of low-barrier policies and practices and support extended or flexible hours and adapted service-delivery models?
- Does your shelter accommodate pets and belongings?
- Does the shelter make accommodations to store belongings and if so, how?
- Do your shelter intake process and housing navigation services coordinate closely with community-based outreach services and coordinated entry?
- Does your shelter create flexible and predictable access for people seeking shelter?
- Are guests required or requested to contribute funds or labor to remain in the shelter? **(submit documentation of any program fees or volunteer time required as an attachment)**
- Are guests required to participate in classes or programs as a condition of remaining in the shelter? If yes, describe the process followed to determine whether someone is admitted or removed from the shelter and appeals available to those denied access. Applicants should include with their proposal a copy of written operation procedures for denial of services. This includes drug testing.
- How many participants were turned away or banned in the past 12 months for reasons described above?

5.1.4 Actual Results **10 Points**

Applicants will be evaluated based on actual results from the previous year. LFUCG will utilize access to KYHMIS for organizations with prior year participation. ONLY non-participating first-time applicants should provide a narrative describing outcome targets and actual results for relevant existing shelter. If the organization has not operated an overnight emergency shelter in the past year, the organization may submit performance reports for any transitional housing, rapid rehousing, or permanent supportive housing program. .

The OHPI reserves the right to negotiate final targets. Results will be evaluated based on reports from the KYHMIS database, not agency records, so KYHMIS data quality and timeliness is critical.

- **Submit reports from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 as attachments**
  - **CoC APR**
  - **CoC CAPER**

5.1.5 Capacity, Cost Effectiveness, & Budget **10 points**

Every community, including Lexington, faces the challenge of ensuring that shelter capacity is scaled to meet local need and that it is financed accordingly. This does assume that we should expand emergency shelter for those in the community that are currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

In making decisions regarding necessary capacity, LFUCG will consider how a broad range of changes and improvements within their crisis response systems will impact need and demand for emergency shelter, including: increased emphasis on diversion strategies and services; reductions in the length of time it takes for guests to move from shelter to permanent housing, including through expanded rapid resolution interventions; removal of barriers to entry; and increased emphasis on long-term or frequent users of emergency shelter.

Complete this table by indicating the total in the column to the right, then respond to the narrative prompts below:	**Total**
***Number of individual beds available:	
***Number of units available for families, if applicable:	
Funds requested from LFUCG:	
Average nightly census for individuals based on KYHMIS data:	
Average nightly census for families based on KYHMIS data:	
Total annual budget for shelter (all funding sources):	
% LFUCG investment (LFUCG Request/Total Budget * 100):	

- ***Total beds above not reflect any overflow capacity such as mats on the floor, sleeping in lobbies, dining room chairs or overflow into other buildings owned by partners such as churches or other non-profits. Also exclude beds reserved for/supported by Department of Corrections, Veterans Administration, Department of Community Based Services, or other funding sources.
- Please describe all funding sources other than LFUCG that are included in your total emergency shelter budget.

Program Budget Summary Form

Proposal Submittal shall be considered incomplete and shall be rejected without completed Budget Summary Form. *(Including total amount of ESR grant request.)*

5.2 Capacity & Sustainability

5.2.1 Staff Qualifications & Experience **5 Points**

Provide information on the key/primary individuals that will be involved in the provision of services and demonstrate that they have the capacity to address the stated need. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Describe the anticipated roles and responsibilities for each person as it relates to this project. Describe the experience, expertise, and capacity of each individual to address the proposed activities.

5.2.2 Partnership & Resource Leverage **5 Points**

How do your programs and services support our community's comprehensive response to the identified priority area of Overnight Emergency Shelter? Does your organization have any formal agreements or informal working relationship with other local service programs?

What role does your governing board members, volunteers, and / or donors play in facilitating viable service delivery and program administration? Does your program have any major civic benefactors or corporate sponsors? Describe other secured funding sources and committed operational resources your organization has allocated for the proposed program.

5.2.3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy **15 Points**

Demonstrate how the program will ensure services are available and accessible by all potential participants, especially related to language barriers for persons with limited English proficiency; persons with physical or other disabilities; and persons impacted by poverty and economic distress.

Has your organization enacted any policies (or employs any standard operating procedures) to ensure equitable service opportunity and / or benefit program to a diverse cross-section of the greater community?

Required attachments with Proposal Submittal Form (8 total):

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5.1.3 Low Barrier

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