



Skagit County Public Health

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2024-2025 Request for Proposals (RFP)

Coordinated Entry

Frequently Asked Questions (6/16/2023)

Q1: Who Can Apply?

A1: Applicant must be a local government, Council of Governments, Housing Authority, Community Action Agency, Regional Support Network (under 71.24 RCW), nonprofit community or neighborhood-based organization, federally recognized Indian tribe in the state of Washington, or regional or statewide nonprofit housing-assistance agency that operates programs to end homelessness within a defined service area.

Q2: How much funding is available for the Coordinated Entry System in Skagit County?

A2: Historically, Skagit County has allocated approximately \$280,000 towards funding Coordinated Entry (CE). However, for the current RFP, a specific dollar amount has not been included. The intention behind this approach is to gain a better understanding of the costs associated with developing a more robust CE. Ultimately, the funding allocated to CE will need to align with other investments made in the overall homeless and housing crisis response system in Skagit County.

For instance, in the previous year, Skagit County provided approximately two million dollars of support to the homeless and housing crisis response system, which included funding for CE.

Q3: Can multiple partners work together on an application?

A3: Yes. Skagit County will select one Lead Agency to award funding. Proposals may include one or more subcontracted entities to support CE efforts.

When submitting the application, it is important to provide clear and detailed information about the role of each subcontractor and specify any compensation amounts associated with their involvement. This will help in assessing the scope and responsibilities of each partner involved in the application.

Q4: If an organization wants to participate as a CE provider but does not want to be the Lead Agency, are they still required to submit an application?

A4: No. Only the Lead Agency is expected to submit a proposal for funding consideration.

Q5: If an organization is interested in being a subcontractor, how can they collaborate with a Lead Agency?

A5: If an organization wishes to be a subcontractor within CE, the first step is to reach out to potential Lead Agencies or other providers who are applying to be the Lead. The Lead Agency holds the authority to decide whether they will work with a subcontractor or not.

Q6: How can an organization find potential partners for application?

A list of current providers working within Skagit County's CE system include:

- Anacortes Family Center
- Catholic Community Services
- Community Action of Skagit County
- Compass Health
- East County Resource Center
- Helping Hands Project Organization
- Family Promise of Skagit Valley
- Friendship House
- MV Integrated Outreach Services
- Northwest Youth Services
- Pioneer Human Services
- Samish Indian Nation
- Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (SDVSAS)
- Skagit Legal Aid
- YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter

During the applicant workshop presentation held on 6/15/2023 Welcome Home Skagit and YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter indicated interest in collaborating on an RFP as subs.

Q7: Will Skagit County use Snohomish County's vulnerability assessment tool?

A7: No. Skagit County is in the process of updating its own Vulnerability Assessment tool.