

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For A

HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM

CITY OF ALAMEDA

April 8, 2024

Due Date: April 25, 2024 at 4:00pm

Email proposal to mjohnson@alamedaca.gov

I. <u>Introduction</u>

The City of Alameda (City), California is seeking a Homeless Outreach Team to work in cooperation with existing homeless services as part of a five-year Homelessness Strategic Plan (HSP) to reduce and prevent homelessness in our city and strengthen the physical health, mental health, and social service supports for our unhoused residents. The Homeless Outreach Team will play an important role in the shift toward housing and connecting vulnerable individuals and families to basic human rights in a dignified manner.

II. <u>Background</u>

The City is a unique community of approximately 76,000 residents in the San Francisco Bay Area. In recent years, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the Bay Area and Alameda has been on the rise and is considered a regional and statewide crisis. In January 2017, the City participated in its first biennial Alameda County Point-in-Time (PIT) count, which found 204 people experiencing homelessness in Alameda. In 2019, the PIT count increased by 13%, to 231 individuals, and in 2022 there was a 14% increase with 264 individuals counted. A new PIT count was conducted this year and results of the count are expected in late summer. Primary causes of homelessness identified by surveyed individuals and households in 2022 were eviction and/or foreclosure, being asked to leave housing by family or friends who could not afford to allow a prolonged stay, domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental health needs.

In 2018, the City declared a state of emergency regarding homelessness in the community and approximately 20 new programs were launched or expanded using short-term funding sources including the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and the City's General Fund.

Some of the programs that currently operate include:

- Homeless hotline to coordinate service delivery and public calls
- Homeless Outreach Team that provides outreach seven days a week and includes one mental health focused professional for intentional case management follow up
- Enhanced case management attached to the mid-County Housing Resource Center
- Day center services and safe parking programs
- Emergency overnight shelter
- Weekly shower services run by community volunteers offered onsite at Christ Episcopal Church
- Weekly mobile laundry and shower program at the Day Center
- Winter warming shelter
- Dine & Connect, a meal program at five church sites every Monday of the month
- Emergency supportive housing
- Interim supportive housing
- Flexible funds for one-time homeless prevention and problem solving

In addition to these programs which address immediate concerns around the health, safety, and social service needs of Alameda's unhoused population, there are number of recently completed and in-progress permanent supportive housing projects in Alameda, including:

Corsair Flats: 60 units for low-income seniors (completed)

- The Starling: 70 units for low-income individuals and families (completed)
- Rosefield Village: 92 units of affordable housing (completed)
- Alameda Center Senior Housing and Medical Respite: 90-bed permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless medially frail and older adults (under construction)
- Estuary 1: 45 units for families experiencing homelessness (under construction)
- Linnet Corner: 64 units for seniors, 25% of which are for veterans experiencing homelessness
- North Housing: 90 supportive housing units for homeless individuals and families (construction begins in April 2024)
- RESHAP project: 309 units of housing for formerly homeless residents (predevelopment)

With the start of Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Housing and Human Services Division (HHS) of the City's Manager's Office was created to prioritize and address the concerns of low-income residents. The long-term nature of the solutions to homelessness, the incomplete scale and scope of immediate services, and legal constraints and limited options can be a cause of frustration for Alameda residents and businesses, as well as for staff, homeless service providers and advocates. The solution requires, in part, a team of dedicated staff to complete daily outreach and relationship building with the City's unhoused communities. An overarching policy of reducing and preventing homelessness through a series of short-, medium-, and long-term strategies is necessary. The City seeks a collaborative and skilled organization to serve vulnerable Alamedans and provide homeless outreach services and data tracking.

III. RFP Schedule

RFP Issued Monday, April 8
Deadline for RFP Questions Monday, April 15
RFP Q&A Posted Thursday, April 18
Proposals Due Thursday, April 25
RFP Interviews Week of April 29
Selection of Firm Week of May 6

IV. Submittal Instructions

Please submit your proposal electronically to mjohnson@alamedaca.gov by 4:00 PM PST on Thursday, April 25.

The proposal should be submitted as a single .pdf file, with the subject line: (Name of Organization) Response to RFP: City of Alameda Homeless Outreach Team.

Late proposals will not be accepted.

V. Questions

Please email any questions regarding the RFP to Marcie Johnson, at mjohnson@alamedaca.gov by 4:00 PM PST on Monday, April 15. Answers will be posted on the RFP webpage on Thursday, April 18 on the City's RFP page: https://www.alamedaca.gov/BUSINESS/Bid-on-City-Contracts.

VI. Scope of Work. Fee Proposal, and Schedule

Scope of work: The City looks to the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) to present a high-quality scope of work and cost-effective fee proposal, with a maximum budget of \$270,000.

The Homeless Outreach Team must demonstrate a proven record of serving encamped individuals, families, pets, and working on long- and short-term solutions with individuals living on the street and/or in a vehicle with a trauma informed care approach to mental health needs, substance use disorders, immediate medical needs, and more. The HOT should include a minimum of one team member with mental health expertise and the ability to develop and maintain a case load of the hardest to serve individuals for the purpose of working toward and achieving long-term goals. The City seeks a responsive provider capable of building and managing relationships, collecting data and providing ongoing reports, and communicating frequently and transparently with the City and partners to serve the unhoused community.

Please address Section VII, Number 6 fully in your response.

VII. <u>Submittal Requirements</u>

The City is requesting that submitted proposals contain the following information in the ensuing order:

- 1. Table of Contents
- Letter of Interest: A letter expressing your interest in being considered for the Homeless Outreach Team. Please include a statement regarding why individuals are homeless (1-page maximum).
- 3. <u>Project Understanding and Approach</u>: A statement demonstrating your understanding of the proposed project and describing your approach to completing your proposed scope of work in a timely and cost-efficient manner (1-page maximum).
- 4. <u>Team Organization and Description</u>: Please include an organizational chart and information about the specific relevant experience for the proposed employees and applicable staff. One employee must be designated as the principal contact for the City (1-page maximum).
- 5. <u>Key Staff/Team Experience</u>: For key team members, please provide resumes, examples of experience interacting with homeless populations, successful coordination of services within the Bay Area community for the Targeted Population, and note lived or shared experience (5-page maximum).
- 6. Scope of Work, Fee Proposal, and Schedule. Please provide a detailed scope of work, task-by-task fee proposal, and seven day a week coverage assuming two full time employees and one part time employee. Clearly identify the Homeless Outreach Team's role in the continuum of care for the under and unhoused populations of the City. The scope of work should align with the City's Core Principles (see Exhibit C). The following outline provides a set of tasks and deliverables (5-page maximum).
 - a. Harm Reduction Outreach
 - Deliver Harm Reduction Outreach services primarily in the field where the clients

- are located as well as link to programming that offers "drop-in hours" for basic supplies for clients not able to be reached in the field.
- Operate in the field seven days a week or as otherwise requested by the City of Alameda.
- Utilize an outreach vehicle to visit encampments and homeless individuals.
 Coordinate outreach to encampments and distribute cleaning materials, hygiene kits, and meals as needed.
- Provide Harm Reduction field operation services that include the following:
 - Utilize harm reduction and motivational interviewing skills to build trust and engage clients around priority felt and basic needs or emergency situations – food, health, income, transportation, etc.
 - o Respond to client determined priority need or experiencing an emergency situation food, health, income, transportation, etc.
 - Provide cleaning materials (gloves, garbage bags, etc.) to encourage and support light clean up around sites to maintain health and welfare of encampments and the surrounding community according to the City's encampment guidelines.
 - Establish communication links with and for clients phone/cell phone, mailing address, e-mail, meeting locations, social support contacts.
 - Provide psychological/emotional preparation and support for clients around obtaining housing – realistic expectations of wait times, realistic expectations of housing options within budget, benefits and challenges of living with others, remaining hopeful, addressing fears/ambivalence of being housed, addressing unhealthy coping skills/street behavior that could disrupt housing, tenant obligations, conflict resolution preparation, etc.
 - Develop rapport and build ongoing relationships with clients via regular and consistent contact.

b. Linkages

- Help link clients with clinical care management and other service resources as needed and desired.
- Help link clients with housing resource centers, housing navigation services, and interim or bridge housing resources, as desired and available, with the goal of helping individuals move from unsheltered to sheltered situations.
- Help link clients with public benefits, including income supports and health insurance.
- Help link clients with appropriate health care services primary care, behavioral health, dental, etc. based on their expressed needs and priorities.
- Help link clients with appropriate legal resources homeless caring court, record expungement services, and probation housing resources.
- Provide transportation assistance in the form of bus tickets or via cab or companion public transportation to assist clients in making linkages to benefits and services.
- Accompany clients to appointments, as needed, to obtain benefits and services.

c. Case Management: Street-Based and Office-Based

- Provide primarily Street-Based, as opposed to Office-Based, Case Management services to clients that may move among various programs and locations.
 - Street-Based case management is in the field and occurs whenever Case

- Managers are in the field. Street-Based case management will include all components of outreach described within your scope of work.
- Office-Based Case Management focused on housing goals and assistance with navigating the systems for achieving positive housing outcomes provided from central offices on a drop-in or appointment basis.
- Engage clients in services focused on fulfilling housing goals and support clients in achieving positive housing outcomes.
- Assess client needs, make relevant referrals, provide support in navigating various systems, connect clients with various resources, and advocate for addressing client needs.
- One face-to-face engagement/interactions no less than one time during a 90-day period will constitute an active client.

d. Housing Preparation Work

- Assess clients to address housing histories and barriers positive references, credit
 history, rental history and prior convictions, criminal history, registered sex offender
 status, outstanding debts, and outstanding warrants. Use housing history to inform
 preparation work, complete early to avoid surprises.
- Get to know members or potential members of the client's household including pets and companion animals.
- Assess for potential to reconnect with family/friends for housing.
- Assess eligibility for permanent housing resources deposit/move-in financial assistance, rapid re-housing, affordable housing, and permanent supportive housing.
- Assess the client's financial and resources situation and potential budget for housing
 help with income and benefits acquisition, develop plan to help fund move-in costs.
- Help clients create tenant resumes gather appropriate documentation including I.D., SS cards, proof of citizenship, child custody, and other key information to use on housing applications.
- Help identify and refer Home Stretch eligible clients to the Home Stretch registry.

e. Postings/Clean-Up

- Outreach team will provide for postings as designed by the City of Alameda
- Provide cleaning materials (bags, instructions, encouragement) for residents to maintain clean sites, dispose of garbage.
- Engage residents in Harm Reduction Outreach, including providing needed items, as available, and case management, as needed.
- Record information about individuals at encampment sites in HMIS.
- Distribute, explain and assist with enforcement of the City of Alameda's encampment guidelines.

f. Coordinated Outreach for Unsheltered Homeless Individuals

- Actively participate in the City's Coordinated Outreach Team (COT) and Collaboration Advancing Resources, Efforts, and Supports (CARES) for Alameda's Homeless and its activities, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Attending regular meetings.
 - Serving on workgroups and subcommittees. Participating in the Dine and Connect planning meetings.
 - o Conducting outreach to promote the Dine and Connect dinners and provide

- access for clients to participate.
- o Coordinate with Dignity Village regarding unsuccessfully exited residents.
- Serve as a core member of the Coordinated Outreach Team, which focuses on client case conferencing, service coordination with other providers, and response coordination to support clients. Activities include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Attending regular case conferencing meetings.
 - Conducting Street-Based outreach.
 - o Conducting welfare checks to individuals as requested by the City.
 - Coordinating intervention response with Coordinated Outreach Team members.
 - Responding to requests to conduct outreach for individuals in a specific location.
 - Provide closed-loop communication, reporting back and continuing to coordinate on cases ongoing.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the Housing Resource Center.
- Administer follow-up surveys to help improve service delivery and program effectiveness of the City of Alameda's Homeless Outreach Team program.
- Ensure timely submission of monthly, annual, and other reports as requested by the City of Alameda
 - Submit monthly reports by the 10th of the month for services provided the prior month, including data required by the City.
 - o Submit a final narrative report 15 days after the completion of the contract.
- 7. Comments/Questions on the City Standard Service Provider Agreement: The City's standard service provider agreement is attached for your consideration (see <u>Exhibit A</u>). If the Homeless Outreach Team has any questions/concerns related to the standard form contract, they must be submitted in writing with your response to this Request for Proposals.

VIII. Selection Process

Based upon the submitted written responses to this RFP, City's selection team will review and rank the proposals according to the following criteria:

- A. The Homeless Outreach Team's past experience and results with similar projects. (30 percent)
- B. The quality, experience, and background of key staff persons who will be working on the project. (20 percent)
- C. The Homeless Outreach Team's demonstrated understanding of the proposed project and the Alameda community. (20 percent)
- D. The Homeless Outreach Team's proposed Scope of Work (SOW) and ability to deliver a high-quality outreach services with a competitive fee proposal for Fiscal Year 2024-25. (30 percent)
- E. The Homeless Outreach Team's ability to meet the City's standard contract requirements through execution of the Service Provider Agreement attached as Exhibit A; written confirmation of this condition is required to be eligible to a submit proposal.

City staff will select a maximum of three (3) Homeless Outreach Teams to interview. Staff anticipates interviewing Homeless Outreach Teams the week of April 29.

IX. Additional Terms and Conditions

- 1. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>: Applicants for this RFP shall not discriminate against any interested individual, firm or applicant on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, handicap, disability, marital status, pregnancy, sex, age, or sexual orientation.
- 2. <u>Permits, Licenses, and Insurance</u>: The successful applicant for this RFP shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain during the term of any agreement executed pursuant to this RFP all appropriate permits, certificates, licenses, and insurance including, but not limited to, a City of Alameda Business License which may be required in connection with the performance of services hereunder.
- 3. <u>Signatures and Declarations</u>: Each proposal responding to this RFP must be signed on behalf of the submitting entity by an officer authorized to bind the entity to its proposal.
- 4. <u>City's Right to Waive</u>: The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive any immaterial irregularities in a proposal responding to this RFP or in the submission of a proposal.
- 5. <u>City's Right to Modify the RFP</u>: The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify this RFP should the City deem that it is in its best interests to do so. Any changes to the RFP requirements will be made by written addendum posted on the City's website. The failure of an applicant to read any addenda shall have no effect on the validity of such modification.
- 6. <u>City's Right to Suspend or Cancel the RFP</u>: The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend or cancel this RFP in part or in its entirety should the City deem that it is in the City's best interests to do so.
- 7. <u>City's Right to Reject Any Proposal</u>: The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any proposal responding to this RFP that the City determines does not satisfy the conditions set forth in this RFP, or contains false, misleading, or materially incomplete information.
- 8. <u>City's Right to Reject All Proposals</u>: The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject all applicants and not to award to any applicant should the City deem that it is in its best interests to do so.
- 9. <u>City's Right to Extend RFP Deadlines</u>: The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend any of the deadlines listed in this RFP by written addenda should the City deem that it is in its best interests to do so.
- 10. <u>Cost of Proposals</u>: All costs incurred during proposal preparation or in any way associated with an applicant's preparations, submission, presentation or oral interview (if any) shall be the sole responsibility of Applicant.
- 11. <u>Liability for RFP Errors</u>: Applicants are solely responsible for all errors and omissions contained in their responses to the RFP.
- 12. <u>Proposals Property of City</u>: Upon receipt, each proposal responding to this RFP that an applicant submits to the City becomes the sole property of the City and will not be returned to the applicant.
- 13. <u>Oral and Written Explanations</u>: The City shall not be bound by oral explanations or instructions given at any time during the process or after the award. Oral explanations given during the review process and after award become binding only when confirmed in writing by an authorized City official. Written responses to question(s) asked by one proposer will be provided to all applicants to this RFP.

Exhibits

Exhibit A: City's Standard Service Provider Agreement
Exhibit B: Signature Information
Exhibit C: Core Principles

EXHIBIT A: SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

This SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT (" Agreement ") is entered into this day of 20 (" Effective Date "), by and between the CITY OF ALAMEDA, a municipal corporation ("the City "), and COMPANY, a [STATE corporation, LLC, LP, GP, or sole proprietor/individual], whose address is ADDRESS (" Provider "), in reference to the following facts and circumstances:
RECITALS
A. The City is a municipal corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California with the power to carry on its business as it is now being conducted under the statutes of the State of California and the Charter of the City.
B. The City is in need of the following services: [City staff reached out to the service providers on the City's bidders list interviewed qualified firms and selected the service provider that best meets the City's needs.][City staff issued an RFP/RFC on DATE and after a submittal period of NUMBER days received NUMBER of timely submitted proposals. Staff reviewed the proposals, interviewed qualified firms and selected the service provider that best meets the City's needs.][Provider was selected on a sole source basis because (must provide justification for sole source selection).][Other: Consistent with administrative procurement regulations, the City Manager has determined it is unnecessary to follow the City's administrative selection procedures in awarding this Agreement to Provider, given that the City has experienced satisfactory services from Provider at a reasonable cost for more than the passive years.]
C. [Provider is specially trained, experienced and competent to perform the special services which will be required by this Agreement.][Provider possesses the skill, experience, ability background, certification and knowledge to provide the services described in this Agreement or the terms and conditions described herein.]
D. [Whereas, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute this agreement or]
E. The City and Provider desire to enter into an agreement for, upon the terms and conditions herein.
AGREEMENT
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing, which are incorporated herein by reference, and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and Provider agree as follows:
1. <u>TERM</u> :
The term of this Agreement shall commence on the day of 20, and shall terminate on the day of 20, unless terminated earlier as set forth herein.
[The parties may agree to extend the term of this Agreement on a year-by-year basis, for up to xxxx (x) additional years. Any extension shall be documented in a signed

amendment. In the event that the parties agree to extend the Agreement, all provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged [with the exception that the compensation shall be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco Bay area as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the previous calendar year.][with the exception that the compensation shall be adjusted by the Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area as reported in the Engineering News Record for the previous calendar year for the trade(s) associated with the services or tasks.][Other: Describe any compensation escalator.]

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:

Provider agrees to do all necessary work at its own cost and expense, to furnish all labor, tools, equipment, materials, except as otherwise specified, and to do all necessary work included in Exhibit A as requested. Provider acknowledges that the work plan included in Exhibit A is tentative and does not commit the City to request Provider to perform all tasks included therein.

3. COMPENSATION TO PROVIDER:

- a. By the 7th day of each month, Provider shall submit to the City an invoice for the total amount of work done the previous month. Pricing and accounting of charges are to be according to the fee schedule [as set forth in this Section 3.][as set forth in Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.] Extra work must be approved in writing by the City Manager or their designee prior to performance and shall be paid on a Time and Material basis [as set forth in this Section 3.][as set forth in Exhibit B.]
- b. [If you wish to encumber department funds for the aggregate amount of the contract compensation, then state: The total five-year compensation for this Agreement shall not exceed \$XXX,XXX. Use of contingency shall be for items of work outside the original scope and requires prior written authorization by the City.]

[If you wish to encumber department funds annually in the same amount, or if you are doing a contract with one-year extensions, then state: Compensation for this contract shall not exceed \$XX,XXX per year, for a total five-year compensation not to exceed \$XXX,XXX. Use of contingency shall be for items of work outside the original scope and requires prior written authorization by the City]

[If the compensation is to be encumbered annually, but in different amounts because of an escalator then state: Compensation for work done under this Agreement, shall not exceed as follows:

FY XX-XX total compensation shall not exceed \$XX

Total five-year compensation shall not exceed \$XXX,XXX]

Use of contingency shall be for items of work outside the original scope and requires prior written authorization by the City.

4. <u>TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE</u>:

Provider and the City agree that time is of the essence regarding the performance of this Agreement.

5. **STANDARD OF CARE**:

Provider agrees to perform all services hereunder in a manner commensurate with the prevailing standards of like professionals or service providers, as applicable, in the San Francisco Bay Area and agrees that all services shall be performed by qualified and experienced personnel who are not employed by the City.

6. INDEPENDENT PARTIES:

Provider hereby declares that Provider is engaged as an independent business and Provider agrees to perform the services as an independent contractor. The manner and means of conducting the services and tasks are under the control of Provider except to the extent they are limited by statute, rule or regulation and the express terms of this Agreement. No civil service status or other right of employment will be acquired by virtue of Provider's services. None of the benefits provided by the City to its employees, including but not limited to unemployment insurance, workers' compensation plans, vacation and sick leave, are available from the City to Provider, its employees or agents. Deductions shall not be made for any state or federal taxes, FICA payments, PERS payments, or other purposes normally associated with an employer-employee relationship from any compensation due to Provider. Payments of the above items, if required, are the responsibility of Provider.

7. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT (IRCA):

Provider assumes any and all responsibility for verifying the identity and employment authorization of all of its employees performing work hereunder, pursuant to all applicable IRCA or other federal, or state rules and regulations. Provider shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against any loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising from any noncompliance of this provision by Provider.

8. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Consistent with the City's policy and state and federal law that harassment and discrimination are unacceptable conduct, Provider and its employees, contractors, and agents shall not harass or discriminate against any job applicant, City employee, or any other person on the basis of any kind of any statutorily (federal, state or local) protected class, including but not limited to: race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (both mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (e.g. cancer), genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, political affiliation, military and veteran status or legitimate union activities. Provider agrees that any violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

9. HOLD HARMLESS:

a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Provider shall indemnify, defend (with counsel acceptable to the City) and hold harmless the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents and volunteers ("Indemnitees") from and against any and all loss, damages, liability, obligations, claims, suits, judgments, costs and expenses whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation ("Claims"), arising from or in any manner connected to Provider's performance of its obligations under this Agreement or out of the

operations conducted by Provider even if the City is found to have been negligent. If the Claims filed against Indemnitees allege negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct on the part of Provider, Provider shall have no right of reimbursement against Indemnitees for the costs of defense even if negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct is not found on the part of Provider. Provider shall not have any obligations to indemnify Indemnitees if the loss or damage is found to have resulted solely from the negligence or the willful misconduct of the City. The defense and indemnification obligations of this Agreement are undertaken in addition to, and shall not in any way be limited by, the insurance obligations contained in this Agreement.

- b. As to Claims for professional liability only, Provider's obligation to defend Indemnitees (as set forth above) is limited as provided in California Civil Code Section 2782.8.
- c. Provider's obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Indemnities shall expressly survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

10. <u>INSURANCE</u>:

a. On or before the commencement of the terms of this Agreement, Provider shall furnish the City's Risk Manager with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations covered, effective dates and dates of expiration of insurance coverage in compliance with Sections 10.b. (1) through (5). The Certificate Holder should be The City of Alameda, 2263 Santa Clara, Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. Such certificates, which do not limit Provider's indemnification, shall also contain substantially the following statement:

"Should any of the above insurance covered by this certificate be canceled or coverage reduced before the expiration date thereof, the insurer affording coverage shall provide thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the City of Alameda. Attention: Risk Manager."

Provider shall maintain in force at all times during the performance of this Agreement all appropriate coverage of insurance required by this Agreement with an insurance company licensed to offer insurance business in the State of California with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII or Standard & Poor's Rating (if rated) of at least BBB unless otherwise acceptable to the City. Provider shall deliver updated insurance certificates to the City at the address described in Section 17.f. prior to the expiration of the existing insurance certificate for the duration of the term of Agreement. Endorsements naming the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as additional insured shall be submitted with the insurance certificates.

Provider Initials

b. COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS:

Provider shall maintain insurance coverage and limits at least as broad as:

(1) Workers' Compensation:

Statutory coverage as required by the State of California, as well as a Waiver of Subrogation (Rights of Recovery) endorsement.

(2) Liability:

Commercial general liability coverage in the following minimum limits:

Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence

\$2,000,000 aggregate - all other

Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence

\$2,000,000 aggregate

If submitted, combined single limit policy with per occurrence limits in the amounts of \$2,000,000 and aggregate limits in the amounts of \$4,000,000 will be considered equivalent to the required minimum limits shown above. Provider shall also submit declarations and policy endorsements pages. Additional Insured Endorsement naming the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers is required. The Additional Insured Endorsement shall include primary and non-contributory coverage at least as broad as the CG 2010.

(3) Automotive:

Comprehensive automobile liability coverage (any auto) in the following minimum limits:

Bodily injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence

or

Combined Single Limit: \$2,000,000 each occurrence

Additional Insured Endorsement naming the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers is required.

(4) Professional Liability:

Professional liability insurance which includes coverage appropriate for the professional acts, errors and omissions of Provider's profession and work hereunder, including, but not limited to, technology professional liability errors and omissions if the services being provided are technology-based, in the following minimum limits:

\$2,000,000 each claim

Technology professional liability errors and omissions shall include, or be endorsed to include, property damage liability coverage for damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information "property" of the City in the care, custody, or control of Provider. If not covered under Provider's liability policy, such "property" coverage of the City may be endorsed onto Provider's Cyber Liability Policy as covered property as follows: cyber liability coverage in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement value of damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information "property" of the City that will be in the care, custody, or control of Provider.]

(5) Cyber Liability:

Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and

obligations as are undertaken by Provider in this Agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations with the following minimum limits:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim.]

As to commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance, such insurance will provide that it constitutes primary insurance with respect to claims insured by such policy, and, except with respect to limits, that insurance applies separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought. Such insurance is not additional to or contributing with any other insurance carried by or for the benefit of the City.

c. SUBROGATION WAIVER:

Provider hereby agrees to waive rights of subrogation that any insurer of Provider may acquire from Provider by virtue of the payment of any loss. Provider agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether the City has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer. The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City for all work performed by Provider, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

d. FAILURE TO SECURE:

If Provider at any time during the term hereof should fail to secure or maintain the foregoing insurance, the City shall be permitted to obtain such insurance in Provider's name or as an agent of Provider and shall be compensated by Provider for the costs of the insurance premiums at the maximum rate permitted by law and computed from the date written notice is received that the premiums have not been paid.

e. ADDITIONAL INSUREDS:

The City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be named as additional insured(s) under all insurance coverages, except workers' compensation and professional liability insurance. The naming of an additional insured shall not affect any recovery to which such additional insured would be entitled under this policy if not named as such additional insured. An additional insured named herein shall not be held liable for any premium, deductible portion of any loss, or expense of any nature on this policy or any extension thereof. Any other insurance held by an additional insured shall not be required to contribute anything toward any loss or expense covered by the insurance provided by this policy. Additional Insured coverage under Provider's policy shall be primary and noncontributory and will not seek contribution from the City's insurance or self-insurance. Any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shall be available to the additional insured(s).

f. SUFFICIENCY OF INSURANCE:

The insurance limits required by the City are not represented as being sufficient to protect Provider. Provider is advised to consult Provider's insurance broker to determine adequate coverage for Provider. The coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of the

coverage carried by or available to Provider; whichever is greater.

g. <u>EXCESS OR UMBRELLA LIABILITY:</u>

If any Excess or Umbrella Liability policies are used to meet the limits of liability required by this Agreement, then said policies shall be true "following form" of the underlying policy coverage, terms, conditions, and provisions and shall meet all of the insurance requirements stated in this Agreement, including but not limited to, the additional insured, SIR, and primary insurance requirements stated therein. No insurance policies maintained by the indemnified parties or Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until all the primary and excess liability policies carried by or available to the Provider are exhausted.

11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Provider warrants that it is not a conflict of interest for Provider to perform the services required by this Agreement. Provider may be required to fill out a conflict of interest form if the services provided under this Agreement require Provider to make certain governmental decisions or serve in a staff capacity as defined in Title 2, Division 6, Section 18700 of the California Code of Regulations.

12. PROHIBITION AGAINST TRANSFERS:

- a. Provider shall not assign, sublease, hypothecate, or transfer this Agreement, or any interest therein, directly or indirectly, by operation of law or otherwise, without prior written consent of the City Manager. Provider shall submit a written request for consent to transfer to the City Manager at least thirty (30) days in advance of the desired transfer. The City Manager or their designee may consent or reject such request in their sole and absolute discretion. Any attempt to do so without said consent shall be null and void, and any assignee, sublessee, hypothecate or transferee shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer. However, claims for money against the City under this Agreement may be assigned by Provider to a bank, trust company or other financial institution without prior written consent.
- b. The sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition of any of the issued and outstanding capital stock, membership interest, partnership interest, or the equivalent, which shall result in changing the control of Provider, shall be construed as an assignment of this Agreement. Control means fifty percent or more of the voting power of Provider.

13. APPROVAL OF SUB-PROVIDERS:

- a. Only those persons and/or businesses whose names and resumés are attached to this Agreement shall be used in the performance of this Agreement. However, if after the start of this Agreement, Provider wishes to use sub-providers, at no additional costs to the City, then Provider shall submit a written request for consent to add sub-providers including the names of the sub-providers and the reasons for the request to the City Manager at least five (5) days in advance. The City Manager may consent or reject such requests in their sole and absolute discretion.
- b. Each sub-provider shall be required to furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance and shall also be required to carry general, automobile and professional liability insurance (as applicable) in reasonable conformity to the insurance carried by Provider.

- c. In addition, any tasks or services performed by sub-providers shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement. Provider shall include the following language in their agreement with any sub-provider: "Sub-providers hired by Provider agree to be bound to Provider and the City in the same manner and to the same extent as Provider is bound to the City."
- d. The requirements in this Section 13 shall <u>not</u> apply to persons who are merely providing materials, supplies, data or information that Provider then analyzes and incorporates into its work product.

14. PERMITS AND LICENSES:

Provider, at its sole expense, shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Agreement, all appropriate permits, certificates and licenses, including a City business license that may be required in connection with the performance of the services and tasks hereunder.

15. REPORTS:

- a. Each and every report, draft, work product, map, record and other document produced, prepared or caused to be prepared by Provider pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be the exclusive property of the City.
- b. No report, information or other data given to or prepared or assembled by Provider pursuant to this Agreement shall be made available to any individual or organization by Provider without prior approval of the City Manager or their designee.
- c. Provider shall, at such time and in such form as City Manager or their designee may require, furnish reports concerning the status of services and tasks required under this Agreement.

16. RECORDS:

- a. Provider shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to the services, tasks, work, documents and data in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of Provider's performance under the Agreement, as well as maintain books and records related to sales, costs, expenses, receipts and other such information required by the City that relate to the performance of the services and tasks under this Agreement (collectively the "**Records**").
- b. All Records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible. Provider shall provide free access to the Records to the representatives of the City or its designees during regular business hours upon reasonable prior notice. The City has the right to examine and audit the Records, and to make copies or transcripts therefrom as necessary, and to allow inspection of all proceedings and activities related to this Agreement. Such Records, together with supporting documents, shall be kept separate from other documents and records and shall be maintained by Provider for a period of three (3) years after receipt of final payment.
- c. If supplemental examination or audit of the Records is necessary due to concerns raised by the City's preliminary examination or audit of records, and the City's supplemental examination or audit of the records discloses a failure to adhere to appropriate internal financial controls, or other breach of this Agreement or failure to act in good faith, then Provider shall reimburse the City for all reasonable costs and expenses associated with the supplemental examination or audit.

17. NOTICES:

- a. All notices shall be in writing and delivered: (i) by hand; or (ii) sent by registered, express, or certified mail, with return receipt requested or with delivery confirmation requested from the U.S. postal service; or (iii) sent by overnight or same day courier service at the party's respective address listed in this Section.
- b. Each notice shall be deemed to have been received on the earlier to occur of: (x) actual delivery or the date on which delivery is refused; or (y) three (3) days after notice is deposited in the U.S. mail or with a courier service in the manner described above (Sundays and City holidays excepted).
- c. Either party may, at any time, change its notice address (other than to a post office box address) by giving the other party three (3) days prior written notice of the new address.
- d. All notices, demands, requests, or approvals from Provider to the City shall be addressed to the City at:

City of Alameda [Department] [Address] Alameda, CA 94501 ATTENTION: [Title] Ph: (510) [xxx-xxxx]

e. All notices, demands, requests, or approvals from the City to Provider shall be addressed to Provider at:

[Provider Name]
[Department]
[Address]
[City, State, zip]
ATTENTION: [Title]
Ph: (xxx) [xxx-xxxx]

f. All updated insurance certificates from Provider to the City shall be addressed to the City at:

City of Alameda [Department] [Address] Alameda, CA 94501

ATTENTION: [Name/Title] Ph: (510) [xxx-xxxx] / Email

18. **SAFETY**:

a. Provider will be solely and completely responsible for conditions of all vehicles owned or operated by Provider, including the safety of all persons and property during performance of the services and tasks under this Agreement. This requirement will apply

continuously and not be limited to normal working hours. In addition, Provider will comply with all safety provisions in conformance with U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Act, any equivalent state law, and all other applicable federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, codes, and any regulations that may be detailed in other parts of the Agreement. Where any of these are in conflict, the more stringent requirements will be followed. Provider's failure to thoroughly familiarize itself with the aforementioned safety provisions will not relieve it from compliance with the obligations and penalties set forth herein.

b. Provider will immediately notify the City within 24 hours of any incident of death, serious personal injury or substantial property damage that occurs in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Provider will promptly submit to the City a written report of all incidents that occur in connection with this Agreement. This report must include the following information: (i) name and address of injured or deceased person(s); (ii) name and address of Provider's employee(s) involved in the incident; (iii) name and address of Provider's liability insurance carrier; (iv) a detailed description of the incident; and (v) a police report.

19. <u>TERMINATION</u>:

- a. In the event Provider fails or refuses to perform any of the provisions hereof at the time and in the manner required hereunder, Provider shall be deemed in default in the performance of this Agreement. If such default is not cured within two (2) business days after receipt by Provider from the City of written notice of default, specifying the nature of such default and the steps necessary to cure such default, the City may thereafter immediately terminate the Agreement forthwith by giving to Provider written notice thereof.
- b. The foregoing notwithstanding, the City shall have the option, at its sole discretion and without cause, of terminating this Agreement by giving seven (7) days' prior written notice to Provider as provided herein.
- c. Upon termination of this Agreement either for cause or for convenience, each party shall pay to the other party that portion of compensation specified in this Agreement that is earned and unpaid prior to the effective date of termination. The obligation of the parties under this Section 19.c. shall survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

20. <u>ATTORNEYS' FEES</u>:

In the event of any litigation, including administrative proceedings, relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to any action or suit by any party, assignee or beneficiary against any other party, beneficiary or assignee, to enforce, interpret or seek relief from any provision or obligation arising out of this Agreement, the parties and litigants shall bear their own attorney's fees and costs. No party or litigant shall be entitled to recover any attorneys' fees or costs from any other party or litigant, regardless of which party or litigant might prevail.

21. <u>HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.</u>

Provider acknowledges that the City shall have the right to impose, at the City's sole discretion, requirements that it deems are necessary to protect the health and safety of the City employees, residents, and visitors. Provider agrees to comply with all such requirements, including, but not limited to, mandatory vaccinations, the use of personal protective equipment (e.g. masks), physical distancing, and health screenings. Provider also agrees to make available to the City, at the City's request, records to demonstrate Provider's compliance with this Section.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS:

During the term of this Agreement, Provider shall keep fully informed of all existing and future state and federal laws and all municipal ordinances and regulations of the City of Alameda which affect the manner in which the services or tasks are to be performed by Provider, as well as all such orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction or authority over the same. Provider shall comply with all applicable laws, state and federal and all ordinances, rules and regulations enacted or issued by the City.

23. CONFLICT OF LAW:

This Agreement shall be interpreted under, and enforced by the laws of the State of California without regard to any choice of law rules which may direct the application of laws of another jurisdiction. The Agreement and obligations of the parties are subject to all valid laws, orders, rules, and regulations of the authorities having jurisdiction over this Agreement (or the successors of those authorities). Any suits brought pursuant to this Agreement shall be filed with the courts of the County of Alameda, State of California.

24. **WAIVER**:

A waiver by the City of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition contained herein shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition contained herein, whether of the same or a different character.

25. <u>INTEGRATED CONTRACT</u>:

Subject to the language of Section 30, the Recitals and exhibits are a material part of this Agreement and are expressly incorporated herein. This Agreement represents the full and complete understanding of every kind or nature whatsoever between the parties hereto, and all preliminary negotiations and agreements of whatsoever kind or nature are merged herein. No verbal agreement or implied covenant shall be held to vary the provisions hereof. Any modification of this Agreement will be effective only by written execution signed by both the City and Provider.

26. CAPTIONS:

The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only, are not a part of the Agreement and in no way affect, limit or amplify the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

27. COUNTERPARTS:

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts (including by fax, PDF, DocuSign, or other electronic means), each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

28. SIGNATORY:

By signing this Agreement, signatory warrants and represents that they executed this Agreement in their authorized capacity and that by their signature on this Agreement, they or the entity upon behalf of which they acted, executed this Agreement.

29. CONTROLLING AGREEMENT:

In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement (as amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time) and any other terms and conditions wherever contained, including, without limitation, terms and conditions included within exhibits, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control and be primary.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have each caused this Agreement to be duly executed on its behalf as of the Effective Date.

COMPANY a (California corporation, LP, LLC, GP, sole proprietor/individual)	CITY OF ALAMEDA a municipal corporation
NAME TITLE	City Manager
 NAME	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
TITLE	[DEPARTMENT HEAD NAME] [DEPARTMENT HEAD TITLE]
	APPROVED AS TO FORM: City Attorney
	[NAME] Assistant City Attorney



POLICY NUMBER: LIABILITY

COMMERCIAL GENERAL

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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

ADDITIONAL INSURED - OWNERS, LESSEES or PROVIDERS FORM B

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

SCHEDULE

Name of Person or Organization:

City of Alameda 2263 Santa Clara Avenue Alameda, CA 94501

(If no entry appears above, information required to complete this endorsement will be shown in the Declarations as applicable to this endorsement.)

WHO IS AN INSURED (Section II) is amended to include as an insured the person or organization shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability arising out of your ongoing operations performed for that insured.

REF:

The City of Alameda, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers & employees are additional insured for work done on their behalf by the named insured.

PRIMARY INSURANCE:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THIS INSURANCE IS PRIMARY AND ANY OTHER INSURANCE MAINTAINED BY THE ADDITIONAL INSURED SHALL BE EXCESS ONLY AND NOT CONTRIBUTING WITH THIS INSURANCE.

SEVERABILITY OF INTEREST:

IT IS AGREED THAT EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMIT OF INSURANCE, THIS COVERAGE SHALL APPLY AS IF EACH ADDITIONAL INSURED WERE THE ONLY INSURED AND SEPARATELY TO EACH INSURED AGAINST WHOM CLAIM IS MADE OR SUIT IS BROUGHT.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE COMPANY WAIVES THE RIGHT OF SUBROGATION AGAINST THE ABOVE ADDITIONAL INSURED (S), BUT ONLY AS RESPECTS THE JOB OR PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE CERTIFICATE ATTACHED HERETO.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION OF THE POLICY FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER BY MAIL. IN THE EVENT THE POLICY IS CANCELED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, 10 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO THE ABOVE

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DESIGNATED INSURED

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM GARAGE COVERAGE FORM MOTOR CARRIER COVERAGE FORM TRUCKERS COVERAGE FORM

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the Coverage Form apply unless modified by this endorsement.

This endorsement identifies person(s) or organization(s) who are "insureds" under the Who Is An Insured Provisions of the Coverage Form. This endorsement does not alter coverage provided in the Coverage Form.

This endorsement changes the policy effective on the inception date of the policy unless another date is indicated below.

Endorsement Effective:	Countersigned By:
Named Insured:	(Authorized Representative)
Name of Person or Organization: City of Alameda 2263 Santa Clara Avenue Alameda, CA 94501-7558	EDULE

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EXHIBIT B: SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Signed documents require proper execution to ensure their validity and enforceability. Documents required to be recorded also must be notarized. The City of Alameda requires adherence to the following procedure in the execution of all written documents that require signatures. Such documents include: Licenses, Leases, Contracts, Service Provider Agreements, Subdivision Maps, Grants of Easements, Grant Deeds, Agreements, Bonds, etc. Questions about these procedures or specific documents should be directed to the Alameda City Attorney's Office prior to the signing of such documents.

- I. FOR ALL SIGNATURES. The name and title of the signer must be typed or printed beneath the signature. This applies to any party signing any document.
- II. FORMAT OF THE NAME AND TITLE. The name must be signed exactly as it is printed or typed. The signer's title (e.g. "City Attorney") or interest in the property (e.g. "Owner") must be typed or printed beside the typed or printed name. As stated above, this information should be typed or printed beneath the actual signature.
- III. SIGNATURES FOR PARTNERSHIPS. The signing party must be a general partner in the venture or be authorized in writing to have the authority to sign for and bind the partnership. (Corp. Code §§ 16301, 16303.)
- IV. SIGNATURES FOR LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS. The signing party must be a partner in the partnership or be authorized in writing to have the authority to sign for and bind the limited partnership. Limited partners generally do not have binding authority to sign for a limited partnership. (Corp. Code §§ 15904.02, 15903.02.)
- V. <u>SIGNATURES FOR CORPORATIONS</u>. Authorization to sign contracts and other documents on behalf of the corporation must be demonstrated by one of the following methods. For maps and documents to be recorded, and for sureties signing bonds, the signatures must be notarized as provided in Method 3 and paragraph VII, below.
- VI. Method 1 (Two Specified Officers). Authorization may be shown by two officers signing the instrument. ONE SIGNING OFFICER MUST BE FROM GROUP A and ONE MUST BE FROM GROUP B. (Corp. Code §§ 313, 5214.)

Group A	<u>Group B</u>
(i) Chairman of the Board	(i) Secretary
(ii) President	(ii) Any Assistant Secretary
(iii) Any Vice-President	(iii) Chief Financial Officer
(iv) CEO	(iv) Any Assistant Treasurer

- VII. Method 2 (Certified Board Authorization). Authorization may be shown by providing the City a copy of the corporation's bylaws, board of directors meeting minutes, or any resolution of corporation's board authorizing the person signing the instrument to execute instruments of the type in question, and certified by the Secretary or Asst. Secretary of the corporation to be a true copy. (Corp. Code §§ 314, 5215.)
- VIII. Method 3 (Notarized Officer Signature). Authorization may be shown by the signature of either the corporation's president, vice president, secretary, or assistant secretary accompanied by a notary acknowledgment in the form prescribed by Civil Code §1189. (Civil Code §1190.)

- IX. VI. SIGNATURES FOR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES (LLCs). Authorization to sign on behalf of the LLC must be demonstrated by providing the portion of the operating agreement authorizing the person signing the instrument to execute instruments of the type in question, and if the LLC does not have an operating agreement, then by providing the articles of organization for review by the City Attorney's Office. (Corp Code §17703.01.)
- X. VII. MAPS AND DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED. For maps and documents to be recorded, including all transactions affecting title to real property, all signatures must be properly notarized and accompanied by a certificate of acknowledgement in the form prescribed by Civil Code section 1189. (Gov't Code §§ 27287, 66436.) The names and titles of the people signing the documents should be listed on the notary flag.
- **XI. VIII. CHANGES.** Should any changes be made to the document once signed, the changes must be initialed by all parties signing the document. Obliteration of any type is not an acceptable form of change to the terms of a signed document.

EXHIBIT C: CORE PRINCIPLES

Housing First

According to the webinar *Core Principles of Housing First and Rapid Re-Housing* issued by HUD and the Unites States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), the Housing First approach is based on the following principles:

- 1. Housing is safe and affordable;
- 2. All people can achieve housing stability in permanent housing; supports may look different;
- 3. Everyone is "housing ready"; and
- 4. Improved quality of life, health, mental health, and employment can be achieved through housing.

Harm Reduction

Harm reduction policies, procedures, and practices aim to reduce the negative consequences of behaviors that are detrimental to the participant's health and well-being (i.e., abuse of drugs and/or alcohol, failure to be medication compliant, engaging in criminal activity, prostitution, choosing to sleep outside, etc.). In housing settings, harm reduction is intended to prevent a participant's loss of housing and/or termination from the program based solely on his or her inability to stop engaging in harmful behaviors.

Programs incorporating a harm reduction model must utilize all interventions possible, short of termination from the program, to enable the participant to reduce or minimize their risky behaviors, while at the same time assisting them to move into and become stabilized in permanent housing. Harm reduction is not intended to prevent the termination of a participant whose actions or behavior constitute a threat to the safety of other participants and staff. Organizations must develop a set of policies and procedures to be implemented in the event of such behavior on the part of a participant.

Trauma-Informed Care

Trauma-informed care requires that every part of the program's design and operation be approached with an understanding of trauma and the impact it has on those receiving services. Traumatic experiences can impact how clients receive services provided and the environment in which those services are delivered.

Establishing a safe and supportive environment are principal aspects of trauma-informed care. To do so, a program must ensure that all staff receive training on traumatic stress and its impact, as well as the relationship between trauma and mental health, substance use, and homelessness. Training should detail how working with trauma survivors can impact staff, and how these issues can impact their work. Staff training in crisis management may include learning how to help clients identify triggers, express their feelings safely, use healthy coping skills, in addition to helping clients develop safety and self- care plans prior to a crisis.

Cultural Competency, Racial Equity, and Inclusivity

Programs must consider cultural and linguistic competency, racial equity, gender inclusivity, and other intersecting factors in addressing the needs of populations to be served. Subpopulation identities may include, but are not limited to, race and ethnicity, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, economic class, age, family status, language spoken and understood, physical and mental disabilities, living situation, etc. Proposers must demonstrate the capacity to accommodate special populations within the proposer's general population (i.e., youth, LGBT, disabled clients, veterans, victims of domestic violence) throughout all levels of the organization, from organizational vision and mission statement, to policy implementation, and to service delivery procedures and philosophies. The Homeless Outreach Team requires, at a minimum, effective communication, including, among other things, the provision of service and information in appropriate language, at appropriate educational and literacy levels, and in the context of the individual's cultural identity.