



REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM ROUND 4 RFA OHS 24-01

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Section II. Application Timeline has been revised to extend the Deadline for Applications:

Release of RFA	Thursday, January 18, 2024
Application Workshop	Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. (Local Time)
Deadline for Submission of Questions	Tuesday, January 30, 2024 by 4:00 P.M. (Local Time)
Deadline for Applications	Tuesday, February 27, 2024 by 4:00 P.M. (Local Time)
Date for Tentative Contract Award	Spring 2024

Section III. Definitions has been revised to include:

Target Population: Individuals and families who are homeless as defined for this grant. See definitions for *Homeless* and *Homeless Youth*.

Attachment I – COST has been revised to add *Services Coordination* to the list of activities and allow for the *number to be served* field to be fillable.



**Request for Application No. OHS 24-01
Homeless Housing, Assistance and
Prevention Program
Round 4
Continuum of Care**

**San Bernardino County
Office of Homeless Services
560 East Hospitality Lane, Suite 200
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0044**

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The San Bernardino County (County), Office of Homeless Services, hereafter referred to as OHS, designated by the San Bernardino City and County Continuum of Care (SBC CoC) as the Administrative Entity, is seeking Applications from interested and qualified Applicants to provide services under the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 4 (HHAP-4). HHAP-4 funds are intended to provide funding to Continuums of Care (CoC), counties, large cities (population of 300,000 or more), and federally recognized tribes to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address homelessness challenges. Efforts are focused on moving homeless individuals and families, or individuals and families at-risk of homelessness, into permanent housing and supporting those individuals and families to maintain permanent housing.

There are five regions to be served within SBC CoC: 1) Central Valley Region; 2) Desert Region; 3) East Valley Region; 4) Mountain Region; and 5) West Valley Region. **Applicants who wish to provide services/assistance to more than one region must submit an Application for each region.** The number of awards will be determined by the quality of the Applications received in consultation with each Regional Steering committee.

B. RFA Contact

All questions must be submitted via email to the person identified below (RFA Contact):

San Bernardino County
Office of Homeless Services
Attn: Stephanie Navarro, Staff Analyst II
560 East Hospitality Lane, Suite 200
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0044
Phone: 909-501-0642
Email: Stephanie.Navarro@hss.sbcounty.gov

Applications must be submitted electronically via email to the mailbox: HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov.

C. Budget

The estimated HHAP-4 SBC CoC funding amount available for distribution for programs and projects for the five regions is \$3,455,790.96 in addition to funding allocated for services specific to the needs of Homeless Youth in the amount of \$443,050.12 for a total distribution amount of \$3,898,841.08 for the SBC CoC. The estimated breakdown for the regions is as follows:

Region/Focus	Amount
Central Valley Region	\$2,094,209.32
Desert Region	\$739,539.27
East Valley Region	\$193,524.29
Mountain Region	\$65,660.02
West Valley Region	\$362,858.06
Homeless Youth	\$443,050.12

Applications submitted for services in the Central Valley Region have a Maximum Budget Request of \$350,000 (for the term of the contract) for non-capital projects.

D. Contract Term

Services to be provided under this Request for Application (RFA) are outlined under Section V, Scope of Work. It is anticipated that the Contract period will begin upon execution, and end on June 30, 2027. The commencement date of the Contracts is anticipated to be in the Spring of 2024.

E. Location of Services

Location(s) where Services are to be provided, completed and managed throughout San Bernardino County. The five regions to be served are:

1. Central Valley Region: Encompasses the cities of Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Yucaipa, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.
2. Desert Region: Encompasses the cities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, Victorville, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.
3. East Valley Region: Encompasses the cities of Needles, Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.
4. Mountain Region: Encompasses the cities of Big Bear and the unincorporated communities which include Blue Jay, Cedar Glen, Cedarpines Park, Crestline, Forest Falls, Green Valley Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Rimforest, Running Springs, Skyforest, Sugarloaf, and Twin Peaks.
5. West Valley Region: Encompasses the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.

F. Assistance to Applicants with a Disability

Applicants with a disability may request accommodation regarding the means of communicating this RFA or participating in the procurement process. For more information, contact the RFA Contact no later than ten (10) days prior to the Deadline for Applications.

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Application Workshop will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. (Local Time). Attendance is encouraged. Meeting link and login instructions for the Application Workshop will be shared via the Homeless RFP mailbox. If you are not currently on the Homeless RFP email distribution list, please request to be added by emailing HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov.

Questions regarding the contents of this RFA must be submitted in writing on or before the Deadline for Submission of Questions. All questions will be answered and both the question and answer will be posted as an Addendum to the RFA at <https://sbchp.sbcounty.gov>.

III. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used in this RFA shall have the meanings given to them in the RFA and as defined below:

Administrative Entity: A unit of general purpose local government (city, county or a city that is also a county) or a nonprofit organization that has (1) previously administered federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC funds as the collaborative applicant pursuant to Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and (2) been designated by the CoC to administer program funds. For this Application, CoC and Administrative Entity are used interchangeably.

Board: The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Continuum of Care (CoC): The group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under this part and that is composed of representatives of organizations, including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons to the extent these groups are represented within the geographic area and are available to participate.

Continuum of Care Service Providers: A network of Community-Based Organizations and government agencies partnered with the SBC CoC to provide services to homeless individuals and families.

Contract: The Contract between the County and the Applicant resulting from the award issued pursuant to this RFA to the successful Applicant.

Contractor: Any individual, company, firm, corporation, partnership or other organization to whom a contract award is made by the County.

Coordinated Entry System (CES): A centralized or coordinated process developed pursuant to Section 578.7 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 10, 2019, designed to coordinate homelessness program participant intake, assessment, and provision of referrals. In order to satisfy this subdivision, a centralized or coordinated assessment system shall cover the geographic area, be easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, be well advertised, and include a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.”

Emergency Shelter: Housing with minimal supportive services for homeless persons that is limited to occupancy of six months or less by a homeless person as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 50801 of the Health and Safety Code.

Facilitator: A County Purchasing Department buyer or designated individual tasked with managing the processes of the evaluation panel.

Homeless: The same meaning as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 10, 2019.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): the information system designated by a Continuum of Care to comply with federal reporting requirements as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The term “Homeless Management Information System” also includes the use of a comparable database by a victim services provider or legal services provider that is permitted by the federal government under Part 576 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Homeless Youth: An unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years of age, inclusive, who is experiencing homelessness, as defined in subsection (2) of Section 725 of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act [42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)]; includes unaccompanied youth who are pregnant or parenting.

Housing First: An approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements, as defined in Section 8255 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, including all of the core components listed therein.

Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH): The policy making body for the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership. ICH works to ensure that the recommendations listed in the County's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness are realized. ICH Membership is composed of elected officials, state and local representatives, community and faith-based organizations, and corporate advocates.

Navigation Center: A Housing First, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter, and housing.

Office of Homeless Services (OHS): The lead agency for the San Bernardino City and County Continuum of Care (SBC CoC). The SBC CoC coordinates services with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership consisting of community and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, private industry, and federal, state and local governments.

Point-in-Time Count (PITC): An unduplicated one-night estimates of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations conducted by Continuums of Care nationwide on a pre-determined date within the last 10 days of each January pursuant to Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Program: The Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 4 (HHAP-4) established pursuant to Chapter 6 of Part 1 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code.

Purchasing Agent: The Director of the County Purchasing Department.

Regional Steering Committee (RSC): Committees made up of local non-profits, faith-based organizations, education, city and county entities created to represent the five Regions within the SBC CoC that provide leadership and serve as regional advisory bodies for the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Request for Application (RFA): The request for an offer from Applicants interested in providing the identified services sought to be procured by the County. The RFA specifies the evaluation factors to be used and contains or incorporates by reference contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement.

Services: The requested services described in this RFA.

Subcontractor: An individual, company, firm, corporation, partnership or other organization, not in the employment of or owned by Contractor who is performing services on behalf of Contractor under the Contract or under a separate contract with or on behalf of Contractor.

Target Population: Individuals and families who are homeless as defined for this grant. See definitions for Homeless and Homeless Youth.

IV. APPLICATION CONDITIONS

A. Authorized Signatures

All Applications must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the Applicant to the provisions of the RFA.

B. Term of Offer

Application shall remain open, valid and subject to acceptance anytime within nine (9) months after the Application submission.

C. Required Review

Applicants should carefully review this RFA for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments from Applicants concerning defects and objectionable material in this RFA must be made in writing and received by the RFA contact prior to the deadline for submission of questions identified in Section II or at least ten (10) calendar days before the Deadline for Applications (whichever occurs last). This will allow issuance of any necessary amendments or addendums to the RFA. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective RFA and exposure of Applicants upon which an award could not be made. Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of this RFA, may be disallowed if not submitted in writing to the attention of the RFA Contact, prior to the deadline for submission of questions identified in Section II or at least ten (10) calendar days before the Deadline for Applications (whichever occurs last).

D. Incurred Costs

The County is not obligated to pay any costs incurred by Applicant in the preparation of an Application in response to this RFA. Applicants agree that all costs incurred in developing an Application are the Applicant's responsibility.

E. Amendments/Addendums to RFA

The County reserves the right to issue amendments or addendums to this RFA if the County considers that changes are necessary or additional information is needed.

Changes to an Application or withdrawal of an Application will only be allowed if a request is received prior to the Deadline for Applications. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the Deadline for Applications.

F. Best Value Evaluation

As established in this RFA, the County realizes that criteria other than price are important and will award contract(s) based on the Application that best meets the needs of the County. The County seeks the optimal combination of quality, price, and various qualitative elements of the required Services that will provide the County the greatest or best value for its money.

G. Right of Rejection

Offers must comply with all of the terms of the RFA, and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The County may reject as non-responsive any Application that does not comply with all of the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the RFA. Further, the County may reject an application from any entity that is a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary, or that is under common ownership, control, or management with any other entity submitting an Application in response to this RFA.

An Applicant may not qualify the Application nor restrict the rights of the County. If Applicant does so, the Application may be determined to be a non-responsive counter-offer and the Application may be rejected.

No Application shall be rejected, however, if it contains a minor irregularity, defect or variation. If the irregularity, defect or variation is considered by the County to be immaterial or inconsequential, the County may choose to accept the Application.

Minor irregularities may be waived by the Purchasing Agent when they are any of the following:

1. Do not affect responsiveness;
2. Are merely a matter of form or format;

3. Do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers;
4. Do not change the meaning or scope of the RFA;
5. Are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature;
6. Do not reflect a material change in the work; or
7. Do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision.

In such cases the Applicant will be notified of the deficiency in the Application and given an opportunity to correct the irregularity, defect or variation or the County may elect to waive the deficiency and accept the Application. The decision to provide a waiver shall in no way modify or compromise the overall purpose of the submittal, nor excuse the Applicant from compliance with all requirements if awarded a Contract.

This RFA does not commit the County to award a contract. The County reserves the right to reject any or all Applications if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. The County also reserves the right to terminate this RFA process at any time.

H. Reserved

I. Clarification of Offers

In order to determine if an Application is reasonably susceptible for award, communications by the Facilitator for the evaluation panel are permitted with an Applicant to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of an Application. Clarifications may not result in a material or substantive change to the Application. The evaluation by the panel may be adjusted as a result of a clarification under this section.

J. Public Records Act

All Applications and other material submitted become the property of the County and are subject to release according to the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000). All Application information, including cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation and negotiation process. Thereafter, Applications are subject to becoming a non-exempt public record.

If an Applicant believes that any portion of its Application is exempt from public disclosure, it must indicate the specific portions believed to be confidential and not subject to disclosure on Attachment M - Public Records Act Exemptions. The Applicant also must include a brief description that sets out the reasons for exemption from disclosure. Each stated exemption must include a citation to supporting legal authority, including statutory authority or case law, to support exemption from the Public Records Act. Requested exemptions that do not meet the requirements of this section will not be considered.

The County will use reasonable means to ensure that such information is safeguarded, but will not be held liable for inadvertent disclosure of the information. Applications marked "Confidential" in their entirety will not be honored, and the County might not deny public disclosure of any portion of Applications so marked.

By submitting an Application with portions identified in Attachment M as "Confidential," Applicant represents that it has a good faith belief that such portions are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Applicant may be requested to obtain legal protection from disclosure should a Public Records Act request be received. In the event the County does not disclose the information marked "Confidential," Applicant agrees to reimburse the County for, and to indemnify, defend (with counsel approved by County) and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, suits, judgments, fines, penalties, costs and expenses, including without limitation, attorneys' fees, expenses and court costs of any nature arising from or relating to the County's non-disclosure of any such designated portions of an Application.

K. Employment of Former County Officials

Information must be provided in Attachment K regarding former County Administrative Officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Applicant. The information provided must include a list of former County Administrative Officials who terminated County employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of Applicant and should also include the employment and/or representative capacity and the dates these individuals began employment with or representation of Applicant. For purposes of this section, "County Administrative Official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such member's staff, Chief Executive Officer or member of such officer's staff, County department or group head, assistant department or group head, or any employee in the Exempt Group, Management Unit or Safety Management Unit.

Failure to provide this information may result in the Applicant being deemed non-responsive.

L. Iran Contracting Act of 2010

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the Applicant certifies upon submission that the Applicant signing the Application is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 (<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Resources/PDLegislation.aspx>) as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, as applicable.

Applicants are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the Applicant to civil penalties, termination of an existing contract, and ineligibility to bid on a contract for a period of three (3) years in accordance with Public Contract Code section 2205. Applicant agrees that signing the Application shall constitute signature of this Certification.

M. Disclosure of Criminal and Civil Proceedings

The County reserves the right to request the information described herein from the Applicant selected for Contract award. Failure to provide the information may result in a disqualification from the selection process and no award of Contract to the Applicant. The County also reserves the right to obtain the requested information by way of a background check performed by an investigative firm. The selected Applicant may also be asked to provide information to clarify initial responses. Negative information provided or discovered may result in disqualification from the selection process and no award of Contract.

The selected Applicant may be asked whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees (as that term is defined herein), within the last ten years, has been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the firm's business, or whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, has within the last ten years, been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud. If the response is affirmative, the Applicant will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

In addition, the selected Applicant may also be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last ten years, has been the subject of legal proceedings as defined herein arising directly from the provision of services by the firm or those individuals. "Legal proceedings" means any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with jurisdiction over the firm or the individuals. If the response is affirmative, the Applicant will be asked to describe any such legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

For purposes of this provision “key employees” includes any individuals providing direct service to the County. “Key employees” do not include clerical personnel providing service at the firm’s offices or locations.

N. Debarment and Suspension; California Secretary of State Business Entity Registration.

Applicant certifies in Attachment E that neither it nor its principals or subcontractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. (See Attachment E and the following United States General Services Administration’s System for Award Management website <https://www.sam.gov>). Applicant also certifies in Attachment E that if it or any of the subcontractors listed in the Application are business entities that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

O. Unsatisfactory Performance

Applicant affirms that it has no record of unsatisfactory performance with the County in the twenty-four (24) month period immediately preceding the date of issuance of this RFA.

P. Final Authority

The final authority to award a contract(s) as a result of this RFA rests solely with the County Board of Supervisors, or as delegated by the Board of Supervisors.

Q. Reserved

R. Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439)

Applicant has disclosed to the County through completion of Attachment O – Campaign Contribution Disclosure Senate Bill 1439, whether it has made any campaign contributions of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer [Sheriff, Assessor-Recorder-Clerk, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector] after January 1, 2023. Applicant acknowledges that under Government Code section 84308, subdivision (e)(2), Proposer may not make a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer while award of a contract pursuant to this Request for Application is pending, and for 12 months after a final decision is rendered by the County.

Campaign contributions include those made by any agent/person/entity on behalf of the Applicant or by a parent, subsidiary or otherwise related business entity of Applicant.

V. SCOPE OF WORK

A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 30, 2022, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), released a Notice of Funding Availability for HHAP Round 4 grant funding. HHAP Round 4 is a \$1 billion block grant program authorized by AB 140 (Health & Safety Code § 50218.7, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 19, 2021.

HHAP Round 4 funding is made available as non-competitive allocations to eligible grantees, including California’s CoCs, as identified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), large cities (with a population of 300,000 or more as of January 1, 2020), counties and federally recognized tribal governments. Individual allocations for each of the eligible applicants are based on their proportionate share of the state’s homeless population as reported by HUD in the 2019 Point-In-Time Count (PITC).

The SBC CoC was allocated \$4,430,501.22 in HHAP-4 funding. (This RFA pertains only to the SBC CoC allocation of funding.)

On September 27, 2023, the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership ICH, the SBC CoC governing board, approved expenditure recommendations for the initial disbursement of funds and authorized OHS, as the Administrative Entity for the SBC CoC, to administer the grant funding on behalf of the SBC CoC.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Cal ICH strongly encourages applicants to prioritize the use of HHAP funds to assist people experiencing literal homelessness move into safe, stable housing. HHAP funding should be housing-focused – either funding permanent housing interventions directly or, if used for shelter or street outreach, have clear pathways to connect people to permanent housing options.

1. Deliverables/Requirements:

- a. HHAP-4 funds shall be used on eligible activities as detailed in Health and Safety Code section 50218.7(e) and section 50220.8, subdivisions (e), and (f). The Applicant shall expend funds on evidence-based programs serving people experiencing homelessness among eligible populations, including any of the following eligible uses:
 - Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.
 - Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.
 - Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.
 - Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.
 - Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.
 - Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.
 - Interim sheltering, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing noncongregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need. Demonstrated need for purposes of this paragraph shall be based on the following:
 1. The number of available shelter beds in the city, county, or region served by a Continuum of Care.
 2. The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the homeless point-in-time count.
 3. Shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months.
 4. Percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions.
 5. A plan to connect residents to permanent housing.
 6. Any new interim sheltering funded by HHAP-4 funds must be low barrier, comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters.
 - Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.

- b. Program funds shall not be used for costs associated with activities in violation of any law or for any activities not consistent with the intent of the Program and the eligible uses identified in Health and Safety Code section 50220.8, subdivisions (e), (f), and (g).
- c. Program funds shall not be used to supplant existing local funds for homeless housing, assistance, or prevention. HHAP funds cannot replace local funds that are committed to an existing or developing homeless assistance program. However, if funds previously supporting a service or project end or are reduced for reasons beyond the control of the grantee and services or housing capacity will be lost as a result of these funds ending, HHAP funds may be used to maintain the service or program. Examples include, but are not limited to, a time limited city and/or county tax or one-time block grant, such as HEAP.
- d. Providers must track and report measurable outcomes/goals. OHS may ask for additional justification for identified outcomes/goals.
- e. Providers must have the necessary professional staff to meet the needs of the homeless population following the Housing First model (e.g., case managers, clinicians, medical staff, peer advocates, employment specialists, and eligibility specialists).
- f. Providers must have the readiness capacity to immediately perform and administer homeless efforts through this funding.
- g. Providers must be able to demonstrate that HHAP-4 funds were expended for eligible uses to benefit members of the target population. OHS will include reporting requirements and due dates in the standard agreement executed prior to reimbursing HHAP-4 funds to the providers. Reports will include the following elements, as well as any additional information OHS or the State deem appropriate or necessary:
 - An ongoing tracking of the specific uses and expenditures of any program funds broken out by the eligible uses listed, including the current status of those funds;
 - The number of homeless individuals served by the program funds in that year and a total number served in all years of the program, as well as the homeless population served;
 - The type of housing assistance provided, broken out by the number of individuals; and
 - Outcome data for an individual served through program funds, including the type of housing that an individual exited to, the percent of successful housing exists, and exit types for unsuccessful housing exits.
- h. Providers must meet June 30, 2027 deadline for 100 percent expenditure of Program funds. OHS will use the reports submitted to ensure that providers are on track to expend 50 percent of Program funds by January 1, 2026 and 100 percent of Program funds by June 30, 2027.

C. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a referral process that currently coordinates with the SBC CoC. CES quickly identifies, assesses, refers, and connects individuals, youth including parenting and pregnant youth, and families in crisis to housing and services; is intended to prioritize resources for those with the greatest need, match people with the services that are most likely to help them exit homelessness, reduce the time it takes for participants to access services, and ensure that resources are allocated efficiently. Per Health and Safety Code Section 50220.8, HHAP-4 applicants should ensure that funded programs are integrated within the local CES.
2. All those participating with CES will need to apply to participate with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS is a local database application used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness in the County.
3. The methodology of providing services will follow the Housing First policy. This is an approach that offers permanent, affordable housing quickly as possible for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and then provides the supportive services and connections to the community-based supports people need to avoid returning to homelessness.

4. If awarded, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not deny the HHAP-4 contract's benefits to any person on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. Contractor shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11000 et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code §§11135-11139.5), and the regulations or standards adopted by the awarding state agency to implement such article. Contractor shall permit access by representatives of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the awarding state agency upon reasonable notice at any time during the normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or Agency shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11105.)

VI. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

A. General

1. All interested and qualified Applicants are invited to submit an Application for consideration. Submission of an Application indicates that the Applicant has read and understands the entire RFA, including all appendixes, attachments, exhibits, schedules, and addenda (as applicable) and that all concerns regarding the RFA have been resolved.
2. Applications must be received by the designated date and time. **Late or incomplete Applications will not be accepted.**
3. The Applicant acknowledges that its electronic signature is legally binding.
4. Applications must be submitted in the format described below. Applications are to be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFA.
5. Applications must be completed in all respects as required in this section. An Application may not be considered if it is conditional or incomplete.

B. Application Format

Responses to this RFA must be in the form of a proposal package. Format the Proposal to fit on an 8-½ x 11 sheet of paper with margins of at least ¾ inches. Text should be single spaced and font size should be no smaller than 11 point. Each page, including attachments, must be clearly and consecutively numbered.

1. Cover Page

Use Attachment A as the cover page. This form must be fully completed and signed by an authorized officer of the Applicant.

2. Statement of Certification

Certify the following on Attachment B:

- a. A statement that the offer made in the Application is firm and binding for nine (9) months from the Deadline for Applications.
- b. A statement that all aspects of the Application, including cost, have been determined independently, without consultation with any other Applicant (competitor) for the purpose of restricting competition.
- c. A statement that all declarations in the Application and attachments are true and that this shall constitute a warranty, the falsity of which will entitle the County to pursue any remedy by law.
- d. A statement that the Applicant agrees that all aspects of the RFA and the Application submitted shall be binding if the Applicant is selected and a Contract awarded.
- e. A statement that the Applicant agrees to provide the County with any other information the County determines is necessary for an accurate determination of the Applicant's ability to perform the Services as proposed.
- f. A statement that the Applicant, if selected will comply with all applicable rules, laws and regulations.
- g. A statement that the Applicant has reviewed the RFA and General Contract Terms in their entirety and have no exceptions to any requirements, terms or conditions, except as noted in Attachment L.

3. Statement of Experience and Qualifications

Include the following in Attachment C of the Application:

- a. Business name of the Applicant and type of legal entity such as corporation, partnership, etc. If Applicant is a business entity that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, Applicant shall provide the County the entity number assigned to it by the Secretary of State.
- b. Number of years the Applicant has been in business under the present business name, as well as related prior business names.
- c. Statement that the Applicant does not have any commitments or potential commitments that may impact the Applicant's ability to perform the Contract, if awarded.

4. Licenses, Permits, and/or Certifications

Provide copies of all licenses, permits and/or certifications in Attachment D as required under Section X. TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph A, 22.

5. Project Team Organization Chart

Provide an organization chart illustrating the project team, and clearly show the organization of the team and the hierarchy of the members. It must include:

- a. Organizational framework for the proposed project team.
- b. Company name and staff name for each role identified in the chart.
- c. Resumes of key personnel, including qualifications, education and project experience

6. Project Description

The Application should include all of the elements included on Attachment G – Project Description.

- a. A brief synopsis of the Applicant's understanding of the County's needs and how the Applicant plans to meet them.
- b. A detailed statement of the proposed Services.
- c. Measurable outcomes
- d. An explanation of any assumptions or constraints.

7. Work Plan and Schedule

Include the following:

- a. Summary of management/work plan for this Project.

b. Project schedule

8. Certification Regarding Debarment or Suspension

Complete Attachment E.

9. Cost

Complete proposed budget on Attachment I.

10. References

Provide three (3) references from other entities, preferably public agencies, of same or similar size as the County, with whom you have established a contract on a project of this nature. Provide Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, and dates Services were provided on Attachment J.

11. Former County Officials

Complete Attachment K.

12. Exceptions to RFA

Complete Attachment L.

13. Public Records Act Exemptions

Complete Attachment M – Public Records Act Exemptions if applicable.

14. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements Affidavit

Submit evidence of ability to insure as stated in Section X, Paragraph B – Indemnification and Insurance Requirements. Applicant must complete and submit Attachment N – Indemnification and Insurance Requirements Affidavit, and ensure the form is complete, including the signature from Applicant's insurance broker/agent.

15. Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439)

Complete Attachment O – Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439).

16. Financials

Provide Applicant's Annual Report for the previous two years. Applicant must also include independently audited financial statements for the most recent completed fiscal year. If audited financial statements are not available, please provide un-audited financial statements along with a certification from the Applicant's accountant that the information accurately reflects the Applicant's current financial status. If the Applicant is a sole proprietorship, please provide Schedule C of the Internal Revenue Service forms as well as a certification from the owner and the accountant that the information accurately reflects the Applicant's current financial status.

VII. EVALUATION

Applications will be subject to an Initial Review to confirm responsiveness, by determining whether each Application includes the stipulated content, required certifications or licensing, etc., and is presented in the required format, in order for the Application to advance for evaluation. Any reasonable person reviewing for responsiveness must be able to ascertain that the Application meets these requirements.

The evaluation process includes the categories listed on Exhibit A – Project Application Scoring Guidelines and may include additional specific criteria.

The County may, at its sole discretion, create a shortlist of Applications for further evaluation; require an oral interview, presentation, or demonstration; and utilize outside experts to assist in the evaluation process; and/or issue a request for Best and Final Offer (BAFO) from one or more Applicants.

Evaluation panels will be established comprised of voting members of each Regional Steering Committee with responsibility for reviewing all regional specific Applications and conducting the evaluation process. A Facilitator will manage the integrity of the evaluation process and will not be a voting member of the evaluation panels. An initial meeting will be scheduled via telephone/teleconferencing and held with the evaluation panel members, and all relevant documents will be distributed electronically to the evaluators including the RFA, evaluation worksheets for each Application, and written evaluation instructions.

After the initial meeting, evaluators will independently review and score the Applications. The evaluation panel will then convene again to discuss the individual scores to resolve questions and to discuss the basis for individual scores, but not for the evaluators to agree upon scoring. At the end of this discussion, each evaluator will be given an option to revise their scores.

Evaluators will make independent determinations for scores, including review and understanding of any additional information obtained by the group discussion. In the event a score is revised, the evaluator will strike out the original score, document the new score, and provide comments to support the revision.

If clarifying information is needed at any point, the Facilitator will contact Applicant(s) to obtain the necessary information. The Facilitator will then provide the information to the evaluation panel electronically or verbally, as appropriate.

If the evaluation process includes components such as oral interviews, product demonstration, and/or site visits, the Facilitator will coordinate those with evaluators. Individual scoring and any subsequent evaluation panel meetings with respect to such components must be conducted.

Once all ratings are finalized and documented, the Facilitator will collect individual evaluation worksheets to create a final evaluation scoring worksheet to present the regional evaluation panel recommendations to the full Regional Steering Committee for review and adoption. The results of the evaluation process and the Regional Steering Committee recommendations will be presented to the ICH Board for review and approval.

VIII. NEGOTIATIONS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The County may require the potential Applicant(s) selected to participate in negotiations. This may include cost, technical, or other clarifications needed to make a decision.

A. Contract Negotiation

After selection, negotiations may be conducted with the Applicant(s) of the highest-ranked Application(s). Negotiations, if held, shall be within the scope of work in the request for Applications. If the contract negotiations take place in San Bernardino County, California, the Applicant will be responsible for its travel and per diem expenses of its personnel.

In the event no proposals are received or selected for a region or regions, the County may negotiate with the highest-ranked Applicants to serve the region(s). The County may also reassign the funding from that region to the other regions in conjunction with the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

B. Failure to Negotiate

If the selected Applicant:

1. Fails to provide the information required to begin negotiations in a timely manner; or
2. Fails to negotiate in good faith; or
3. Indicates it cannot perform the Contract within the budgeted funds available for the Services; or

4. If the Applicant and the County, after a good faith effort, simply cannot come to terms;

Then the County may terminate negotiations with the Applicant initially selected and commence negotiations with the next highest rated Applicant.

C. Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) – Applicant Notification of Selection

After the completion of Contract negotiations, a written or electronic Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) and denial letters (or a copy of the NOIA) will be issued to all Applicants. The issuance date of the NOIA is the date the NOIA was delivered by email or into the care of the United States Postal Service for delivery to the Applicant.

D. Review of Financial Performance

As indicated in Section VII, Section B, financial information may be used to evaluate and select the Application(s) deemed to be in the County's best interest. Alternatively, at the County's sole discretion, the financial performance of the intended Contractor may be assessed prior to Contract award. Financial performance deemed unsatisfactory by the County may result in non-award or a recommendation for award to another Applicant(s).

E. Award

A Contract will be awarded based on a competitive selection of Applications received. The contents of the Application of the successful Applicant will become contractual obligations and failure to accept these obligations in a Contract may result in cancellation of the award.

IX. APPEAL AND AWARD

In the event a dispute arises concerning the Application process prior to the award of the Contract, the Applicant raising the dispute shall submit a request for resolution in writing to the Purchasing Agent via the Office of Homeless Services. All Protests must be sent electronically to HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov. Applicant may appeal the recommended award or denial of award (Protest), provided the Protest:

1. Is submitted in writing.
2. Is submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance date of the NOIA.

A Protest can only be brought on the following grounds:

1. Failure of the County to follow the selection procedures and adhere to requirements specified in the RFA or any addenda or amendments.
2. Violation of conflict of interest as provided by California Government Code Section 87100 et seq.
3. Violation of State or Federal law.

Protests will not be accepted for any other reasons than those stated above.

Upon receipt of the formal Protest, the Purchasing Agent, or his/her designee, will attempt to resolve the Protest. A Protest shall be disallowed when, in the judgment of the Purchasing Agent it has been submitted: (1) as a delay tactic; (2) for the purpose of posturing the Applicant advantageously for future procurement; (3) in a form that deviates from the one prescribed; (4) without adequate factual basis or merit; or (5) in an untimely manner.

The Purchasing Agent shall make a decision concerning the appeal, and notify the Applicant submitting the Protest, within a reasonable timeframe prior to the tentatively scheduled date for awarding the Contract. The decision of the Purchasing Agent shall be deemed final.

Alternatively, at the Purchasing Agent's discretion, an Appeal Panel consisting of five (5) CoC members appointed by the ICH Chair shall hear the Protest. The Applicant will be provided reasonable notice of the time, date and location of the hearing. In the event that a protesting Applicant does not appear at the Protest hearing as scheduled, the Protest will be disallowed.

The hearing is informal, in that it is not subject to the strict rules of evidence or procedure, and live witnesses, if any, will not be sworn. All relevant evidence is admissible, including hearsay. It will be up to the Appeal Panel members to consider the credibility of the evidence and the weight to give it.

The Panel will determine by at least three (3) affirmative votes: 1) whether the Protest was submitted timely; 2) whether the Protest is based on at least one of the three designated grounds identified above; and 3) whether the grounds on which the Protest are based have been substantiated.

If any of the grounds are determined to be valid, the Panel will also decide if the valid portion of the Protest has so tainted the RFA process that it is unfair to the Applicant or whether the valid grounds for the Protest are in the nature of harmless error and that the RFA process was fair to the Applicant. The Panel will not re-evaluate the Applications.

The Purchasing Agent shall notify the Applicant making the Protest of the decision, within a reasonable timeframe prior to the tentatively scheduled date for awarding the Contract. The decision of the Appeal Panel shall be deemed final.

An Applicant protesting the results of any of the processes described herein must follow the procedures set forth. By submitting a "Letter of Intent to Protest", the Applicant has agreed that the protest procedures herein shall precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal regarding this Application. Protests that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. The protest procedures constitute the sole administrative remedy available to the Applicant under this RFA. Upon exhaustion of this remedy no additional recourse is available.

X. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The selected Applicant will be required to enter into a formal Contract with the County. This RFA sets forth some of the general provisions which will be included in the final Contract. In submitting a response to this RFA, Applicant will be deemed to have agreed to each clause unless the Application identifies an objection and County agrees to a change of language in writing. All objections to any Terms and Conditions must be listed on Attachment L – Exceptions to RFA, or any exception thereto shall be waived.

A. General

1. Contract Amendments

Contractor agrees any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of the provisions of the Contract, shall be valid only when reduced to writing, executed and attached to the original Contract and approved by the person(s) authorized to do so on behalf of Contractor and County.

2. Contract Assignability

Without the prior written consent of the County, the Contract is not assignable by Contractor either in whole or in part.

3. **Contract Exclusivity**

This is not an exclusive Contract. The County reserves the right to enter into a Contract with other Contractors for the same or similar Services. The County does not guarantee or represent that the Contractor will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work, or receive compensation other than on a per order basis, under the terms of this Contract.

4. **Attorney Fees and Costs**

If any legal action is instituted to enforce any party's rights hereunder, each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, regardless of who is the prevailing party. This paragraph shall not apply to those costs and attorney fees directly arising from a third-party legal action against a party hereto and payable under the Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.

5. **Background Checks for Contractor Personnel**

Contractor shall ensure that its personnel (a) are authorized to work in the jurisdiction in which they are assigned to perform Services; (b) do not use legal or illegal substances in any manner which will impact their ability to provide Services to the County; and (c) are not otherwise disqualified from performing the Services under applicable law. If requested by the County and not in violation of applicable law, Contractor shall conduct a background check, at Contractor's sole expense, on all its personnel providing. If requested by the County, Contractor shall provide the results of the background check of each individual to verify that the individual meets Contractor's standards for employment. Such background check shall be in the form generally used by Contractor in its initial hiring of employees or contracting for contractors or, as applicable, during the employment-screening process but must, at a minimum, have been performed within the preceding 12-month period. Contractor personnel who do not meet the County's hiring criteria, in County's sole discretion, shall not be assigned to work on County property or Services, and County shall have the right, at its sole option, to refuse access to any Contract personnel to any County facility.

6. **Change of Address**

Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in mailing address within ten (10) business days of the change.

7. **Choice of Law**

This Contract shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of California.

8. **Compliance with County Policy**

In performing the Services and while at any County facilities, Contractor personnel (including subcontractors) shall (a) conduct themselves in a businesslike manner; (b) comply with the policies, procedures, and rules of the County regarding health and safety, and personal, professional and ethical conduct; (c) comply with the finance, accounting, banking, Internet, security, and/or other applicable standards, policies, practices, processes, procedures, and controls of the County; and (d) abide by all laws applicable to the County facilities and the provision of the Services, and all additions and modifications to each of subsections (b), (c), and (d) (collectively, "County Policies"). County Policies, and additions or modifications thereto, may be communicated orally or in writing to Contractor or Contractor personnel or may be made available to Contractor or Contractor personnel by conspicuous posting at a County facility, electronic posting, or other means generally used by County to disseminate such information to its employees or contractors. Contractor shall be responsible for the promulgation and distribution of County Policies to Contractor personnel to the extent necessary and appropriate.

County shall have the right to require Contractor's employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors to exhibit identification credentials issued by County in order to exercise any right of access under this Contract.

9. Confidentiality

Contractor shall protect from unauthorized use or disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving Services pursuant to this Contract, except for statistical information not identifying any participant. Contractor shall not use or disclose any identifying information for any other purpose other than carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, except as may be otherwise required by law. This provision will remain in force even after the termination of the Contract.

10. Primary Point of Contact

The Contractor will designate an individual to serve as the primary point of contact for the Contract. Contractor or designee must respond to County inquiries within two (2) business days. Contractor shall not change the primary contact without written acknowledgement to the County. Contractor will also designate a back-up point of contact in the event the primary contact is not available.

11. County Representative

The Chief of Homeless Services or his/her designee shall represent the County in all matters pertaining to the Services to be rendered under this Contract, including termination and assignment of this Contract, and shall be the final authority in all matters pertaining to the Services/Scope of Work by Contractor. If this contract was initially approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, then the Board of Supervisors must approve all amendments to this Contract.

12. Damage to County Property

Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, all damage to County vehicles, facilities, buildings or grounds caused by the willful or negligent acts of Contractor or employees or agents of the Contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Contractor becomes aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.

If the Contractor fails to make timely repairs, the County may make any necessary repairs. For such repairs, the Contractor, shall repay all costs incurred by the County, by cash payment upon demand or County may deduct such costs from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, as determined at County's sole discretion.

13. Debarment and Suspension

The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals or subcontracts is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. (See the following United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management website <https://www.sam.gov>). Contractor further certifies that if it or any of its subcontractors are business entities that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

14. Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace

In recognition of individual rights to work in a safe, healthful and productive work place, as a material condition of this Contract, Contractor agrees that the Contractor and the Contractor's employees, while performing service for the County, on County property, or while using County equipment:

- a. Shall not be in any way impaired because of being under the influence of alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance.
- b. Shall not possess an open container of alcohol or consume alcohol or possess or be under the influence of an illegal or controlled substance.
- c. Shall not sell, offer, or provide alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance to another person, except where Contractor or Contractor's employee who, as part of the performance of normal job duties and responsibilities, prescribes or administers medically prescribed drugs.

Contractor shall inform all employees that are performing service for the County on County property, or using County equipment, of the County's objective of a safe, healthful and productive work place and the prohibition of drug or alcohol use or impairment from same while performing such service for the County.

The County may terminate for default or breach of this Contract and any other Contract the Contractor has with the County, if the Contractor or Contractor's employees are determined by the County not to be in compliance with above.

15. Duration of Terms

This Contract, and all of its terms and conditions, shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the respective parties, provided no such assignment is in violation of the provisions of this Contract.

16. Employment Discrimination

During the term of the Contract, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, or military and veteran status. Contractor shall comply with Executive Orders 11246, 11375, 11625, 12138, 12432, 12250, 13672, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and other applicable Federal, State and County laws and regulations and policies relating to equal employment and contracting opportunities, including laws and regulations hereafter enacted.

17. Environmental Requirements

In accordance with County Policy 11-08, the County prefers to acquire and use products with higher levels of post-consumer recycled content. Environmentally preferable goods and materials must perform satisfactorily and be available at a reasonable price. The County requires Contractor to use recycled paper for any printed or photocopied material created as a result of this Contract. Contractor is also required to use both sides of paper sheets for reports submitted to the County whenever practicable.

To assist the County in meeting the reporting requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), Contractor must be able to annually report the County's environmentally preferable purchases. Contractors must also be able to report on environmentally preferable goods used in the provision of Services to the County, utilizing a County approved form.

18. Improper Influence

Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no County officer or employee, whose position in the County enables him/her to influence any award of this contract or any competing offer, shall have any direct or indirect financial interest resulting from the award of this Contract or shall have any relationship to the Contractor or officer or employee of the Contractor.

19. Improper Consideration

Contractor shall not offer (either directly or through an intermediary) any improper consideration such as, but not limited to, cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or any items of value to any officer, employee or agent of the County in an attempt to secure favorable treatment regarding this Contract.

The County, by written notice, may immediately terminate any Contract if it determines that any improper consideration as described in the preceding paragraph was offered to any officer, employee or agent of

the County with respect to the Application and award process. This prohibition shall apply to any amendment, extension or evaluation process once a Contract has been awarded.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit (either directly or through an intermediary) improper consideration from Contractor. The report shall be made to the supervisor or manager charged with supervision of the employee or to the County Administrative Office. In the event of a termination under this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

20. Informal Dispute Resolution

In the event the County determines that service is unsatisfactory, or in the event of any other dispute, claim, question or disagreement arising from or relating to this Contract or breach thereof, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties.

21. Legality and Severability

The parties' actions under the Contract shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, court orders and governmental agency orders. The provisions of this Contract are specifically made severable. If a provision of the Contract is terminated or held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall remain in full effect.

22. Licenses, Permits, and/or Certifications

Contractor shall ensure that it has all necessary licenses, permits and/or certifications required by Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. The Contractor shall maintain these licenses, permits, and/or certifications in effect for the duration of this Contract. Contractor will notify County immediately of loss or suspension of any such licenses, permits, and/or certifications. Failure to maintain required licenses, permits, and certifications may result in immediate termination of this Contract.

23. Material Misstatement/Misrepresentation

If during the course of the administration of this Contract, the County determines that Contractor has made a material misstatement or misrepresentation or that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the County, this Contract may be immediately terminated. If this Contract is terminated according to this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

24. Mutual Covenants

The parties to this Contract mutually covenant to perform all of their obligations hereunder, to exercise all discretion and rights granted hereunder, and to give all consents in a reasonable manner consistent with the standards of "good faith" and "fair dealing".

25. Nondisclosure

Contractor shall hold as confidential and use reasonable care to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, confidential information that is either: (1) provided by the County to Contractor or an agent of Contractor or otherwise made available to Contractor or Contractor's agent in connection with this Contract; or, (2) acquired, obtained, or learned by Contractor or an agent of Contractor in the performance of this Contract. For purposes of this provision, confidential information means any data, files, software, information or materials in oral, electronic, tangible or intangible form and however stored, compiled or memorialize and includes, but is not limited to: technology infrastructure, architecture, financial data, trade secrets, equipment specifications, user lists, passwords, research data, and technology data.

26. Notice of Delays

Except as otherwise provided herein, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that party shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

27. Ownership of Documents

All documents, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports prepared by Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall be considered property of the County upon payment for services (and product, if applicable). All such items shall be delivered to County at the completion of work under the Contract. Unless otherwise directed by County, Contractor may retain copies of such items.

28. Reserved

29. Air, Water Pollution Control, Safety and Health

Contractor shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances and statutes, which apply to the work performed pursuant to this Contract.

30. Relationship of the Parties

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, or employment arrangement between the Parties hereto, nor shall either Party have the right, power or authority to create an obligation or duty, expressed or implied, on behalf of the other Party hereto.

31. Release of Information

No news releases, advertisements, public announcements or photographs arising out of this the Contract or Contractor's relationship with County may be made or used without prior written approval of the County.

32. Representation of the County

In the performance of the Contract, Contractor, its agents and employees, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the County.

33. Strict Performance

Failure by a party to insist upon the strict performance of any of the provisions of this Contract by the other party, or the failure by a party to exercise its rights upon the default of the other party, shall not constitute a waiver of such party's right to insist and demand strict compliance by the other party with the terms of this Contract thereafter.

34. Subcontracting

Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracting Contracts for work contemplated under the Contract without first obtaining written approval from the County. Any subcontractor shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as Contractor. Contractor shall be fully responsible for the performance and payments of any subcontractor's contract.

Contractor shall obtain County's written consent, which County may withhold in its sole discretion, before entering into Contracts with or otherwise engaging any subcontractors who may supply any part of the Services to County. At County's request, Contractor shall provide information regarding the subcontractor's qualifications and a listing of a subcontractor's key personnel including, if requested by the County, resumes of proposed subcontractor personnel. Contractor shall remain directly responsible to County for its subcontractors and shall indemnify County for the actions or omissions of its subcontractors under the terms and conditions specified in Paragraph B of this Section X. All approved subcontractors shall be subject to the provision of this contract applicable to Contractor Personnel, including removal pursuant to subsection A.5 of this Section X.

For any subcontractor, Contractor shall:

- 34.1** Be responsible for subcontractor compliance with the Contract and the subcontract terms and conditions; and
- 34.2** Ensure that the subcontractor follows County's reporting formats and procedures as specified by County.
- 34.3** Include in the subcontractor's subcontract substantially similar terms as are provided in Section V, Scope of Work.

Upon expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, County will have the right to enter into direct Contracts with any of the Subcontractors. Contractor agrees that its arrangements with Subcontractors will not prohibit or restrict such Subcontractors from entering into direct Contracts with County.

35. Subpoena

In the event that a subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party in any way concerning the Goods or Services provided under this Contract is served upon Contractor or County, such party agrees to notify the other party in the most expeditious fashion possible following receipt of such subpoena or other legal process. Contractor and County further agree to cooperate with the other party in any lawful effort by such other party to contest the legal validity of such subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party as may be reasonably required and at the expense of the party to whom the legal process is directed, except as otherwise provided herein in connection with defense obligations by Contractor for County.

36. Termination for Convenience

The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract, for any reason, with a thirty (30) day written notice of termination. Such termination may include all or part of the services described herein. Upon such termination, payment will be made to the Contractor for services rendered and expenses reasonably incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of termination notice Contractor shall promptly discontinue services unless the notice directs otherwise. Contractor shall deliver promptly to County and transfer title (if necessary) all completed work, and work in progress, including drafts, documents, plans, forms, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports.

37. Time of the Essence

Time is of the essence in performance of this Contract and of each of its provisions.

38. Venue

The parties acknowledge and agree that this Contract was entered into and intended to be performed in San Bernardino County, California. The parties agree that the venue of any action or claim brought by any party to this Contract will be the Superior Court of California, San Bernardino County, San Bernardino District. Each party hereby waives any law or rule of the court, which would allow them to request or demand a change of venue. If any action or claim concerning this Contract is brought by any third-party and filed in another venue, the parties hereto agree to use their best efforts to obtain a change of venue to the Superior Court of California, San Bernardino County, San Bernardino District.

39. Reserved

40. Reserved

41. Fiscal Provisions

- a. The maximum amount to be paid under this Contract shall be subject to availability of funds to the County. The consideration to be paid to Contractor, as provided herein, shall be in full payment for all Contractor's Services and expenses incurred in the performance hereof, including travel and per diem.

- b. Contractor shall provide County itemized invoices in a format acceptable to the County for Services performed under this Contract. Appropriate documentation for Services rendered with such disbursed funds must be submitted prior to receiving future quarterly disbursements. The County shall issue disbursement to Contractor within sixty (60) working days after receipt of quarterly disbursement request or the resolution of any billing dispute.
- c. Contractor shall accept all payments from County via electronic fund transfer (EFT) directly deposited into the Contractor's designated checking or other bank account. Contractor shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by County required to process EFT payments.
- d. County is exempt from Federal excise taxes and no payment shall be made for any personal property taxes levied on Contractor or on any taxes levied on employee wages. The County shall only pay for any State or local sales or use taxes on the Services rendered or equipment and/or parts supplied to the County pursuant to the Contract.
- e. Costs for Services under the terms of this Contract shall be incurred during the Contract period. Contractor shall not use current year funds to pay prior or future year obligations.

42. Reserved

43. Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/ukraine-russia-related-sanctions>), as well as any sanctions imposed under state law (<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Ukraine-Russia>). By submitting a bid or application, Applicant represents that it is not a target of Economic Sanctions. Should it be determined Applicant is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for rejection of the Applicant's bid/application any time prior to contract execution, or, if determined after contract execution, shall be grounds for termination by the County.

44. California Consumer Privacy Act

To the extent applicable, if Contractor is a business that collects the personal information of a consumer(s) in performing Services pursuant to this Contract, Contractor must comply with the provisions of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). (Cal. Civil Code §§1798.100, et seq.). For purposes of this provision, "business," "consumer," and "personal information" shall have the same meanings as set forth at Civil Code section 1798.140. Contractor must contact the County immediately upon receipt of any request by a consumer submitted pursuant to the CCPA that requires any action on the part of the County, including but not limited to, providing a list of disclosures or deleting personal information. Contractor must not sell, market or otherwise disclose personal information of a consumer provided by the County unless specifically authorized pursuant to terms of this Contract. Contractor must immediately provide to the County any notice provided by a consumer to Contractor pursuant to Civil Code section 1798.150(b) alleging a violation of the CCPA, that involves personal information received or maintained pursuant to this Contract. Contractor must immediately notify the County if it receives a notice of violation from the California Attorney General pursuant to Civil Code section 1798.155(b).

45. Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439)

Contractor has disclosed to the County using a County approved form, whether it has made any campaign contributions of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or County elected officer [Sheriff, Assessor-Recorder-Clerk, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector and the District Attorney] within the earlier of: (1) the date of the submission of Contractor's Application to the County, or (2) 12 months before the date this Contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors or

Purchasing Department. Contractor acknowledges that under Government Code section 84308, Contractor is prohibited from making campaign contributions of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer for 12 months after the County's consideration of the Contract.

In the event of a proposed amendment to this Contract, the Contractor will provide the County a written statement disclosing any campaign contribution(s) of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer within the preceding 12 months of the date of the proposed amendment.

Campaign contributions include those made by any agent/person/entity on behalf of the Contractor or by a parent, subsidiary or otherwise related business entity of Contractor.

B. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements

1. Indemnification

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers (Indemnitees) from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising out of this Contract from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of Indemnitees. The Contractor indemnification obligation applies to the County's "active" as well as "passive" negligence but does not apply to the County's "sole negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code Section 2782.

Additional Insured

All policies, except for the Workers' Compensation, Errors and Omissions and Professional Liability policies shall contain additional endorsements naming the County and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of Services hereunder. The additional insured endorsements shall not limit the scope of coverage for the County to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the County to the full extent provided by the policy. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured (Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 2010.11 85.

Waiver of Subrogation Rights

The Contractor shall require the carriers of the required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, Contractors, and Subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Contractor and Contractor's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.

Policies Primary and Non-Contributory

All policies required herein are to be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the County.

Severability of Interests

Contractor agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross-liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Contractor and County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

Proof of Coverage

Contractor shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the County Department administering the Contract evidencing the insurance coverage at the time the Contract is executed, additional endorsements, as required shall be provided prior to the commencement of performance of Services hereunder, which certificates shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without thirty (30) days written notice to the Department, and Contractor shall maintain such insurance from the time Contractor commences performance of Services hereunder until the completion of such Services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of this Contract, Contractor shall furnish a copy of the Declaration page for all applicable policies and will provide complete certified copies of the policies and endorsements immediately upon request.

Acceptability of Insurance Carrier

Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum "Best" Insurance Guide rating of "A-VII".

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention

Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management.

Failure to Procure Coverage

In the event that any policy of insurance required under this contract does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, the County has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel the Contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the County will be promptly reimbursed by the Contractor or County payments to the Contractor(s)/Applicant(s) will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.

Insurance Review

Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County. The Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced, or is not needed to protect the interest of the County. In addition, if Risk Management determines that heretofore unreasonably priced or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to change these insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims against the County, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the County's risk.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Contract. Contractor agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of the County to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of the County.

2. Insurance Specifications

Contractor agrees to provide insurance set forth in accordance with the requirements herein. If Contractor uses existing coverage to comply with these requirements and that coverage does not meet the specified requirements, the Contractor agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the existing coverage to do so.

Without in any way affecting the indemnity herein provided and in addition thereto, the Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the contract term the following types of insurance with limits as shown:

Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability

A program of Workers' Compensation insurance or a State-approved Self-Insurance Program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with two hundred and fifty thousand dollar (\$250,000) limits, covering all persons, including volunteers, providing Services on behalf of the Contractor and all risks to such persons under this Contract.

If Contractor has no employees, it may certify or warrant to County that it does not currently have any employees or individuals who are defined as "employees" under the Labor Code and the requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage will be waived by the County's Director of Risk Management.

With respect to Contractors that are non-profit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.

Commercial/General Liability Insurance

Contractor shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor providing coverage for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence. The policy coverage shall include:

- a. Premises operations and mobile equipment.
- b. Products and completed operations.
- c. Broad form property damage (including completed operations)
- d. Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
- e. Personal Injury
- f. Contractual liability
- g. \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit

Automobile Liability Insurance

Primary insurance coverage shall be written on ISO Business Auto coverage form for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles or symbol 1 (any auto). The policy shall have a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence.

If Contractor is transporting one or more non-employee passengers in performance of Services, the automobile liability policy shall have a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.

If Contractor owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

Umbrella Liability Insurance

An umbrella (over primary) or excess policy may be used to comply with limits or other primary coverage requirements. When used, the umbrella policy shall apply to bodily injury/property damage, personal injury/advertising injury and shall include a "dropdown" provision providing primary coverage for any liability not covered by the primary policy. The coverage shall also apply to automobile liability.

Directors and Officers Insurance coverage with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) shall be required for Contracts with charter labor committees or other not-for-profit organizations advising or acting on behalf of the County.

If insurance coverage is provided on a “claims made” policy, the “retroactive date” shall be shown and must be before the date of the start of the Contract work. The claims made insurance shall be maintained or “tail” coverage provided for a minimum of five (5) years after Contract completion.

Abuse/Molestation Insurance – Contractor shall have abuse or molestation insurance providing coverage for all employees for the actual or threatened abuse or molestation by anyone of any person in the care, custody, or control of any insured, including negligent employment, investigation and supervision. The policy shall provide coverage for both defense and indemnity with liability limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) with a two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate limit.

C. Right to Monitor and Audit

1. Right to Monitor

The County, State and Federal governments shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, and other pertinent items as requested, and shall have the absolute right to monitor the performance of Contractor in the delivery of Services provided under this Contract. Contractor shall give full cooperation, in any auditing or monitoring conducted. Contractor shall cooperate with the County in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this Contract and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the County. Contractor shall repay to County within thirty (30) days of receipt of audit findings any reimbursements made by County to Contractor that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable pursuant to the terms of this Contract or by law.

2. Records

Contractor shall maintain all records and books pertaining to the delivery of Services under this Contract and demonstrate accountability for Contract performance. All records shall be complete and current and comply with all Contract requirements. Failure to maintain acceptable records shall be considered grounds for withholding of payments for invoices submitted and/or termination of Contract.

All records relating to the Contractor's personnel, Contractors, Subcontractors, Service/Scope of Work and expenses pertaining to this Contract shall be kept in generally acceptable accounting format. Records should include primary source documents. Fiscal records shall be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and must account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue and expenditures. Fiscal records must comply with the appropriate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars which state the administrative requirements, cost principles and other standards for accountancy.

All records pertaining to Services delivered and all fiscal, statistical and management books and records shall be available for examination and audit by County representatives for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement or until all pending County, State and Federal audits are completed, whichever is later.

D. Correction of Performance Deficiencies

1. In the event of a problem or potential problem that could impact the quality or quantity of work, Services, or the level of performance under this Contract, Contractor shall notify the County within one (1) working day, in writing and by telephone.
2. Failure by Contractor to comply with any of the provisions, covenants, requirements or conditions of this Contract shall be a material breach of this Contract.
3. Contractor's Primary Contact and County Representative shall attempt in good faith to promptly resolve any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Contract. If these representatives are

unable to resolve a dispute, controversy or claim with ten (10) days after the initial request for a meeting, then the dispute shall be submitted to an executive-level performance review.

If the Primary Contact and County Representative are not successful in resolving the dispute, negotiations shall be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer, or designee and the highest level executive for Contractor. If these representatives are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days after the representatives have commenced negotiations, or 20 days have passed since the initial request for negotiations at this level, the Parties may agree in writing to submit the dispute to mediation.

4. In the event of a non-cured breach, County may, at its sole discretion and in addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this Contract.
 - a. Afford Contractor thereafter a time period within which to cure the breach, which period shall be established at the sole discretion of County;
 - b. Withhold funds pending duration of the breach;
 - c. Discontinue disbursements to Contractor for and during the period in which Contractor is in breach, which disbursement shall not be entitled to later recovery;
 - d. Offset against any monies billed by Contractor but yet unpaid by the County;
 - e. Terminate this Contract immediately and be relieved of the payment of any consideration to Contractor. In the event of such termination, the County may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by the County. The cost to the County shall be deducted from any sum due to the Contractor under this Contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid by the Contractor upon demand.

5. Unless a remedy is specifically designated as exclusive, no remedy conferred by any of the specific provision of the Contract is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder, now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one or more remedies by either Party shall not constitute a waiver of the right to pursue other available remedies. thumped

ATTACHMENT A – COVER PAGE

Use this checklist to ensure that all items requested have been included.

Items Completed		Page(s)
1.	Attachment A – Cover Page	
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4.	Attachment D – Licenses, Permits, and/or Certifications	
5.	Attachment E – Certification Regarding Debarment or Suspension; California Secretary of State Business Entity Registration	
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15.	Attachment O – Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439)	
16.	Financials (Two Years)	

Applicant Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone No.: () _____ FAX No.: () _____
Email Address: _____
Federal Tax ID: _____
RFA Contact: _____
Name of Authorized Representative: _____
Title of Authorized Representative: _____

By signing below, the individual acknowledges that he/she has the authority to bind the Applicant to the terms of the Application. The individual further acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the RFA, the contents of the Application and the Attachments, and attests to the accuracy of the information submitted therein.

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____
Date: _____

**ATTACHMENT B
STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION**

The following statements are incorporated in our response to San Bernardino County.

	Statement	Agree (initial)	Agree with qualification (initial and attach explanation)
1.	The offer made in the Application is firm and binding for nine (9) months from the date the Application is opened.		
2.	All aspects of the Application, including cost, have been determined independently, without consultation with any other Applicant or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.		
3.	All declarations in the Application and attachments are true and that this shall constitute a warranty, the falsity of which will entitle the County to pursue any remedy by law.		
4.	Applicant agrees that all aspects of the RFA and the Application submitted shall be binding if the Application is selected and a Contract awarded.		
5.	Applicant agrees to provide the County with any other information the County determines is necessary for an accurate determination of the Applicant's ability to perform the Services as proposed.		
6.	Applicant, if selected will comply with all applicable rules, laws and regulations.		
7.	The RFA has been reviewed in its entirety and Applicant has no exceptions to any requirements, terms, or conditions, except as noted in Attachment L.		

ATTACHMENT C
STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Legal name of Business:

2. Type of legal entity (such as corporation, partnership, etc.):

3. Entity number (if Applicant is a business entity that must be registered with the California Secretary of State):

4. Number of years the Applicant has been in business under the present business name, as well as related prior business names.

5. Does the Applicant have any commitments or potential commitments that may impact the Applicant's ability to perform the Contract, if awarded.
 - Yes
 - No

If yes, please explain:

6. Applicant's statement of experience and qualifications as it relates to proposed project:

ATTACHMENT E
**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION; CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF
STATE BUSINESS ENTITY REGISTRATION**

In compliance with contracts and grants Contracts applicable under the U.S. Federal Awards Program, the following certification is required by all Applicants submitting a response to this RFA:

1. The Applicant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that neither the Applicant nor its Principals are suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts from the United States federal government procurement or nonprocurement programs, or are individually or collectively listed as such in the United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management (SAM) website (www.sam.gov).
2. The Applicant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that neither any subcontractor listed in its Application, nor subcontractor's Principals are suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts from the United States federal government procurement or nonprocurement programs, or are individually or collectively listed as such in the United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management (SAM) website (www.sam.gov).
3. "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers, directors, owners, partners, and persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager, plant manager, head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
4. The Applicant shall provide immediate written notice to the Purchasing Agent if, at any time prior to award, the Applicant learns that this certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changes in circumstances.
5. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when making the award. If it is later determined that the Applicant rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the San Bernardino County government, the County may terminate the Contract resulting from this RFA for default.
6. Applicant affirms that neither it, nor any subcontractor listed in the Application, has any recent unsatisfactory performance with the County during the past twenty-four (24) months at a minimum.
7. Applicant also certifies that if it or any of the subcontractors listed in the Application are business entities that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

ATTACHMENT F
PROJECT TEAM ORGANIZATION CHART

Include an organization chart illustrating the project team, and clearly show the organization of the team and the hierarchy of the members. It must include:

1. Organizational framework for the proposed project team.
2. Position title and staff name for each role identified in the chart.
3. Resumes of key personnel, including qualifications, education, and project experience.

ATTACHMENT G PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Indicate the **SBC CoC Region** in which the proposed project service activities will be provided.

*If proposing services for more than one region, submit a separate Application for each region.

- Central Valley Region
- Desert Region
- East Valley Region
- Mountain Region
- West Valley Region

- Services specifically for Homeless Youth

Housing First

HHAP-4 funded projects shall align and comply with the core components of Housing First as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code 8255(b). Check box to affirm the proposed project will conform with Housing First.

- Yes, this project will conform with Housing First.

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

HHAP-4 funded projects are to be integrated within the local CES. Check box to affirm the proposed project will be integrated within the local CES.

- Yes, this project will be integrated within the local CES.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

HHAP-4 funded projects are to be tracked within the local HMIS. Check box to affirm the proposed project will participate in HMIS.

- Yes, this project will participate in the local HMIS.

This section of the Application should address the following:

1. Project Description: A detailed description of the proposed project, its purpose, and its beneficiaries. Consider items addressed under Section V. Scope of Work in your project description. Include an explanation of any assumptions or constraints.
2. Measurable Outcomes: Include measurable outcomes and how these will be tracked. Outcomes should contribute to meeting the following performance measures:
 - Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness.
 - Reducing the number of persons who become newly homeless each year.
 - Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing.
 - Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless.
 - Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness within two years after exiting homelessness to permanent housing.
 - Increasing successful placements from street outreach.

(Please note that individual project proposals are expected to *contribute to* impacting the performance measures and not achieving the identified measure through a single project.)

3. **Administrative Capacity:** Briefly describe your agency/organization's administrative capacity to effectively implement the proposed project and submit timely documentation and reports.
4. **Project Sustainability:** An explanation of how the project will be sustained after this one-time funding is exhausted. If project is not sustainable after these one-time funds are exhausted, explain how these one-time funds result in immediate homelessness resolution without the need for long-term funding.
5. **Long Term Results:** The project's long-term results and how they will be produced through implementation of the project.
6. **Collaboration:** The names of the service providers and/or municipalities with which there will be collaboration. Include details of the collaboration efforts such as what role(s) each partner has in implementing the proposed project.

ATTACHMENT H – WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Include the following:

1. Summary of management/work plan for this Project.
2. Project schedule

ATTACHMENT I – COST

Eligible Use Category	Description of activities to be funded	Funding Amount	Number to be served
Rapid rehousing			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households
Operating subsidies			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households
Street outreach			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households
Services coordination			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households
Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households
Prevention and shelter diversion			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households
Interim sheltering			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households
Improvements to existing emergency shelters			<input type="checkbox"/> individuals <input type="checkbox"/> households

ATTACHMENT J – REFERENCES

Name of Agency	Contact Name/Address	Phone Number/Email	Dates services provided (from/through*)

Provide a minimum of three (3) customer references Applicant has contracted with, providing the same service as requested in this RFA.

*Enter **“Present”** if still providing the services (Example: 10/08/13 - present).

ATTACHMENT L – EXCEPTIONS TO RFA

APPLICANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE# () _____ FAX # () _____

I have reviewed the RFA in its entirety and have the following exceptions: (Please identify and list your exceptions by indicating RFA, the Section or Paragraph number, and Page number, as applicable. Be specific about your objections to content, language, or omissions. Add as many pages as required.)

ATTACHMENT M – PUBLIC RECORDS ACT EXEMPTIONS

APPLICANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE# () _____ FAX # () _____

Applicant requests that specific portions of the contents of this Application be held confidential and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act. The specific portions are detailed below: (Please identify and list your exemptions by indicating the Section or Paragraph number, and Page number, of the Application where the content is contained.) **Each stated exemption must include a citation to supporting legal authority, including statutory authority or case law, to support exemption from the Public Records Act. Requested exemptions that does not meet the requirements of this section will not be considered.**

ATTACHMENT N - INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AFFIDAVIT

**THE APPLICANT'S INSURANCE COMPANY(S) OR INSURANCE AGENT MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM
AND
THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT WITH THE APPLICATION.**

I, the undersigned (Please check one box) underwriter agent/broker, certify that I and the Applicant listed below have jointly reviewed the "Insurance Requirements" in this Request for Application (RFA). If the San Bernardino County ("County") awards the Applicant the Contract for this project, I will be able—within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Applicant is notified of the Contract's award—to furnish the County with all the required, insurance certificate(s) and endorsement(s) as specified in Section X, Paragraph B. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.

Insurance Broker / Agency Name _____
Date

Insurance Broker's / Agent's Name (Printed) _____
Insurance Broker's / Agent's Name (signature)

Address City State Zip Code

Telephone Number FAX Number Email Address

Applicant's Name _____
County RFA Name and Number

Below State the Name of Insurance Company Providing Coverage:

DO NOT write "Will Provide," "To Be Determined," "When required," or similar phrases.

Commercial General Liability

Automobile Liability

Workers' Compensation Liability

Professional Liability

Cyber Liability

Pollution Liability

Sexual Abuse Liability

[NOTE TO APPLICANT: See Section X, Paragraph B. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements, for details on the basic requirements and types of insurance for this agreement.]

NOTE TO THE UNDERWRITER / AGENT-BROKER: If the insurance forms that the Applicant submits to the County do not fully comply with the Insurance Requirements, and/or if the Applicant fails to submit the forms within the 14-day time limit, the County may: (1) declare the Applicant's Application non-responsive, and (2) award the Contract to the next highest ranked Applicant.

If you have any questions about the Insurance Requirements, please contact San Bernardino County - Risk Management Department, via e-mail Insurance.Questions@rm.sbcounty.gov (Please provide name of RFA with your email question(s)).



Attachment O

Campaign Contribution Disclosure (SB 1439)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Request for Application Title: _____

Request for Application Number: _____

DEFINITIONS

Actively supporting the matter: (a) Communicate directly with a member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer [Sheriff, Assessor-Recorder-Clerk, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector] for the purpose of influencing the decision on the matter; or (b) testifies or makes an oral statement before the County in a proceeding on the matter for the purpose of influencing the County's decision on the matter; or (c) communicates with County employees, for the purpose of influencing the County's decision on the matter; or (d) when the person/company's agent lobbies in person, testifies in person or otherwise communicates with the Board or County employees for purposes of influencing the County's decision in a matter.

Agent: A third-party individual or firm who, for compensation, is representing a party or a participant in the matter submitted to the Board of Supervisors. If an agent is an employee or member of a third-party law, architectural, engineering or consulting firm, or a similar entity, both the entity and the individual are considered agents.

Otherwise related entity: An otherwise related entity is any for-profit organization/company which does not have a parent-subsidary relationship but meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) One business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity;
- (2) there is shared management and control between the entities; or
- (3) a controlling owner (50% or greater interest as a shareholder or as a general partner) in one entity also is a controlling owner in the other entity.

For purposes of (2), "shared management and control" can be found when the same person or substantially the same persons own and manage the two entities; there are common or commingled funds or assets; the business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis; or there is otherwise a regular and close working relationship between the entities.

Parent-Subsidiary Relationship: A parent-subsidiary relationship exists when one corporation has more than 50 percent of the voting power of another corporation.

Applicants must respond to the questions on the following page. If a question does not apply respond N/A or Not Applicable.

1. Name of Entity/Individual submitting an Application: _____
2. Is the entity listed in Question No.1 a nonprofit organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3)?
Yes If yes, skip Question Nos. 3-4 and go to Question No. 5
No
3. Name of Principal (i.e., CEO/President) of entity listed in Question No. 1, if the individual actively supports the matter and has a financial interest in the decision: _____
4. If the entity identified in Question No.1 is a corporation held by 35 or less shareholders, and not publicly traded ("closed corporation"), identify the major shareholder(s): _____
5. Name of any parent, subsidiary, or otherwise related entity for the entity listed in Question No. 1 (see definitions above):

Company Name	Relationship

6. Name of agent(s) of Contractor:

Company Name	Agent(s)	Date Agent Retained (if less than 12 months prior)

7. Name of Subcontractor(s) (including Principal and Agent(s)) that will be providing services/work under the proposed contract if the subcontractor (1) actively supports the matter and (2) has a financial interest in the decision and (3) will be possibly identified in the contract/agreement with the County or board governed special district.

Company Name	Subcontractor(s):	Principal and/or Agent(s):

8. Was a campaign contribution, of more than \$250, made to any member of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors or other County elected officer on or after January 1, 2023, by any of the individuals or entities listed in Question Nos. 1-7?
 No If **no**, please skip Question No. 9.
 Yes If **yes**, please continue to complete this form.

9. Name of Board of Supervisor Member or other County elected officer:

Name of Contributor: _____

Date(s) of Contribution(s): _____

Amount(s): _____

Please add an additional sheet(s) to identify additional Board Members/County elected officers to whom anyone listed made campaign contributions.

By signing the Application, Applicant certifies that the statements made herein are true and correct. The Applicant understands that the individuals and entities listed in Question Nos. 1-7 are prohibited from making campaign contributions of more than \$250 to any member of the Board of Supervisors or other County elected officers while this matter is pending and for 12 months after a final decision by the County.

EXHIBIT A
PROJECT APPLICATION SCORING GUIDELINES

The **Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 4 (HHAP-4) Program** funding provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practice framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.

All HHAP Applications will be reviewed by regional evaluation panels within the respective Regional Steering Committee. Funding recommendations will be presented to the Interagency Council on Homelessness for final approval.

Project Applications will be reviewed and scored by the regional evaluation panels based on the following:

- The extent to which the proposed project aligns with the Strategies to Achieve Outcome Goals outlined in the Local Homelessness Action Plan.
- The extent to which the proposed project expend funds on evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness among eligible populations – persons who are currently experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- The extent to which the proposed project addresses a priority activity and/or target population.
- The extent to which the proposed project aligns with SBC CoC goals, strategies, and services, both short-term and long-term, to make the experience of homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in San Bernardino County.

Housing First Emphasis (Pass or Fail)

- Does the proposed project conform with Housing First? Yes or No
- Does the Applicant organization emphasize Housing First practices that include rapid placement and stabilization for housing permanency without service participation requirements or preconditions? Yes or No

A. Addressing Regional Needs & CoC Outcome Goals (30 points)

- The extent to which the proposed project addresses one or more of the Strategies to Achieve Outcome Goals outlined in the Local Homelessness Action Plan.
- The extent to which the proposed project addresses an identified or otherwise unmet Regional service need.
- The extent to which the Applicant has an existing service presence within the Region.

B. Project Focus (30 points)

- The extent to which the proposed project helps to expand or develop regional sheltering and housing capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.
- The extent to which the proposed project applies a best-practice framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and/or supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.
- The extent to which the proposed project will expend funds on evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness among eligible populations.

C. Coordination and Collaboration (20 points)

- The extent to which the proposed project supports regional coordination and collaboration to address immediate homelessness challenges.
- The extent to which the applicant will coordinate the proposed project activities through the CoC coordinated entry system and within the CoC homeless crisis response system structure.
- The extent to which the proposed project involves a multi-agency/entity collaboration.
- The extent to which the applicant leverages funding and resources in collaboration with other agencies/entities.

D. Experience and Capacity (20 points)

- The applicant's experience and capacity in providing similar services, the length and type of experience it has working with homeless service populations, the quality of programs/services it provides and the experience level of key staff.
- The applicant's ability and capacity to begin implementation of the proposed project upon HHAP-4 contract execution.
- The extent to which the applicant's proposed project supplements any current program funding.
- The applicant's ability and capacity to document, track, and report eligible use of funds and measurable outcomes as required by the state.
- The applicant's proposed budget costs are adequate, efficient, and realistic to complete the project and meet proposed outcomes.