

SOLE SOURCE PUBLIC NOTICE

****This is not a request for bids****

February 27, 2025

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Chad's Legacy Project to provide comprehensive mental health education model in Washington Schools through curriculum vetting, implementation resource support and online access for teachers and of distributing Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) manuals to instructors in rural Washington at no cost through an application portal to ensure free trainings, and shall provide training scholarships on an application basis. Chad's Legacy Project has been doing this work for the past seven (7) years and has been identified as the intended recipient of this funding by Representative Chris Corry, per a follow up supporting letter.

HCA was directed by the legislature per Senate Bill (SB) 5950, Sec 215(149) to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide education in innovative care for individuals with mental illnesses. The SB 5950 requires the contracted nonprofit organization to operate with a mission to (i) create an environment through education to eliminate stigma around mental illness; (ii) help to boost effectiveness of current treatment pathways through proactive care coordination and management; (iii) aid efforts in psychiatric research and innovations; and (iv) identify and elevate systems of excellence. The awarded funding shall be used to support initiatives related to the distribution of mental health curricula and training manuals, and innovation in the identification and treatment of individuals with mental illnesses.

HCA will enter into a contract with Chad's Legacy Project with an issuance date on or after March 20, 2025 and will continue through June 30, 2026, for the initial term. The cost of the initial term is \$200,000.00. HCA may opt to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year term in whatever increments HCA deems appropriate. HCA determines that each optional extension would result in equal (and /or slightly higher) consideration being added to the total contract value.

This is not an invitation to bid. However, vendors contemplating the above requirements can submit capability statements demonstrating their ability to meet HCA's requirements with a quote for providing the services within ten (10) business days of this announcement. HCA is subject to chapter 42.56 RCW, the Public Records Act. Therefore, any capability statements submitted to HCA are also subject to the Public Records Act.

The following information must be included in the capability statement:

1. Evidence of your organization operating as a nonprofit entity who provides education on mental illnesses.
2. Summary of your organization's expertise and prior experience hosting a mental health focused summit bringing various stakeholders together, including but not limited to mental health providers and advocacy communities.
3. Summary of your organization's expertise and prior experience in distributing Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) manuals, online resources for mental health curricula, and provider training scholarships.

Interested vendors will be considered only if they respond with clear and convincing documentation that they can meet the above requirements. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is HCA's intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

Capability statements must be submitted via email to the Sole Source Coordinator listed below, including the subject line provided, no later than March 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time. The emailed capability statement must be less than 25 Mb. Do not send zipped files.

Sole Source Coordinator Contact Information:

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Note: This contract requires a public inspection period and approval by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES). HCA will not award the sole source contract unless or until DES approves.