

Solano County Health & Social Services Department

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Dear Vendor:

Solano County Health and Social Services is looking to partner with organizations familiar with Recovery Oriented Services Programs to apply for a grant notice by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. The due date for grant applications is March 15, 2013. The Department wishes to evaluate the feasibility of creating a County-wide peer support reentry network with existing organizations to provide the following services to men and women returning to Solano County from the County jail or State prisons. The services will:

1. Provide substance abuse and mental health treatment within the framework of peer supported community services.
2. Provide gender responsive assessments.
3. Provide trauma oriented treatment.
4. Follow and track the progress of the target population.

If your agency is interested in providing these services, please contact my office as soon as possible and submit the following:

- Experience and capability in providing services listed in the Letter of Inquiry

Please submit your response letter to Stephan Betz at sjbetz@solanocounty.com by 4:00pm February 19, 2013. You may also respond by fax to Stephan Betz, Assistant Director, Solano County Health & Social Services Department, fax number 707-421-3207 or by mail to Stephan Betz, 275 Beck Ave., MS 5-200, Fairfield, CA 94533. If you should have any questions, or would like further information, please feel free to contact my office at 707 784 8500. Thank you.

With regards,

Stephan Betz, Ph.D.
Assistant Director

Attachment One – Letter Of Inquiry with details

Solano County Health and Social Services
Letter of Inquiry
Joint Grant Application to a Recovery Community Services Program Funding Opportunity



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Solano County Department of Health and Social Services

LETTER OF INQUIRY REGARDING

**Joint Grant Application to a Recovery Community Services Program
Funding Opportunity through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services
Administration**

February 11, 2013

Please respond by February 19, 2013, 4 PM

To:

Stephan Betz, Assistant Director, Solano County Health and Social Services

By email

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GENERAL BACKGROUND

Solano County Health and Social Services is soliciting letters of interest from organizations experienced in providing reentry services for men and women released from State prison or County jails through a Recovery Community Services Program supported by a network of peers and certified addiction counselors.

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration issued its grants notice TI-13-001 on January 24, 2013 to solicit proposals for Recovery Community Services Programs for up to \$250,000 annually over a three year period. Applications are considered competitive if they provide additional funds for services and include partnerships between organizations. For this reason, Solano County Health and Social Services proposes a joint grant applications of Solano Recovery Community Services Programs to best serve Solano residents.

POPULATION TO BE SERVED

The participants utilizing these services will be women and men released from jail or prison facing challenges to find stable housing, employment, education or vocational training, re-uniting with their families, child care, transportation, and a particular need for treatment for health, mental health and substance abuse issues.

Reentry services throughout the nation are increasingly utilizing evidence based and emergent best practices. This treatment model will use gender informed assessments and trauma informed treatment utilizing Dr. Covington's "Helping Women Recover" and "Helping Men Recover" programs.

Services are expected to begin in October 2013. The grant expires September 30, 2014 and includes a 2 year potential funding extension.

SERVICE COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

Letters of interest are sought from organizations serving reentry clients affected by substance abuse and mental health disorders through peer recovery support systems. The Letter should address how the organization is currently serving clients utilizing the following components:

1. The organizing principle for providing care for people with alcohol and other drug problems is shifting from pathology and intervention paradigms to a long-term recovery paradigm.

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2. Evidence in a shift in emphasis within addiction treatment from models of biopsychosocial stabilization to models of sustained recovery management.
3. Recovery management models include assertive interventions to shorten addiction careers, lengthen recovery careers, and enhance the quality of individual/family life in long-term recovery.
4. Peer-based recovery support (P-BRS) and formal peer-based recovery support services (P-BRSS) constitute central recovery management strategies and a core component of recovery-oriented systems of behavioral health care—with *system* here defined as a partnership with other organizations.
5. The organization uses evidence based practices listed in the Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration Guide to Evidence Based Practices.

Minimum Qualifications of applicants:

Organizations, agencies, or individuals will be required to meet the minimum qualifications as stated below in order to begin the contract process and develop services:

1. Proven track record providing substance abuse and mental health services through a peer based recovery oriented support system to reentry clients.
2. Proven familiarity with gender informed assessment and trauma informed treatment.
3. Familiarity with ASI, LOCUS and ASAM.

Response Content and Format

Interested parties should submit a Letter of Interest consisting of no more than three pages including cover letter that describe the organization's current incorporation of the components 1 through 5 described in the Section **SERVICE COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM** on page 2 above and describe how the organization currently meets the Minimum Qualification of applicants listed above on page 3.

PLEASE NOTE:

Letters of Interest must reference questions and criteria in exactly the same order by which they are posed in this solicitation.