

Questions and Answers for Support Independent Living RFP

1. Is there a preference for geographic area and/or county? **Our assumption was that these sites would be scattered throughout Carbon and Monroe Counties (Pike would be nice, but may not be possible).**
2. Do providers need to have a building secured prior to submission of a proposal? **No, this is not necessary.**
3. Will there be any start-up funding available? If so, how much and what is the timeline the funding would become available? **Funding will be available to the county on July 1st, and will be available to the provider as expenses are accrued. Start-up funds will be available. The amount will be determined based on need and timeline.**
4. Are there any specific requirements regarding Individual apartments or suites, etc.? **Single apartments are preferable, however, suites could be acceptable in some situations. We are not expecting that the apartments will be in one building.**
5. Is there an expectation for the apartments to be single-sex or co-ed? Are there any specific ratio requirements regarding gender. **This will be dependent upon who is referred to the program. Some folks will have a history that would indicate that they should not live with opposite sex individuals; for others, this may not be an issue. However, I will reiterate that it is preferable to have single apartments and will add that if shared apartments are necessary, same sex roommates may prove easier to manage.**
6. Is there a requirement for any specific forensic certification to be eligible to operate the CRR? **This is not a requirement.**
7. Does the county have any plans or initiatives in the works to help support peer recruitment? **There are no current initiative in place, however, if a provider has a candidate for a peer position, we will work together to have that person receive training.**
8. Are there any specific forensics training requirements for other staff (ex: Train for Change training)? **No, however, we expect staff to understand the population and to embrace the concept that recovery and change**

are possible and to want to be part of the team to help individuals make that change.

9. If proposing to expand an existing operation, should the bidder present a comprehensive (roll-up) budget that shows current infrastructure with the added 6 beds OR a separate budget with this as a stand-alone program?
A roll-up budget is acceptable as long as it is clearly delineated what the new costs are vs. current costs.
10. Are there benchmarks for the reduction of referrals to forensic facilities, correctional facilities, and state hospitals? Is there a method of obtaining baseline data?? There are no specific benchmarks identified, nor is there "baseline" data. The measurements would be tracked for the individuals being served. For instance, we diverted a referral to state hospital, got someone out of the correctional facility, or discharged someone from state hospital/jail and they did not go back.
11. Do you have any information regarding projected number of referrals? What do you anticipate the timeframe of referrals would look like? (ex- do you expect awardee will receive 8 referrals at the time of stand-up or will they be staggered?). We expect that there will be time needed to find a location and develop the program. We are hopeful that this will be completed within the first half to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the fiscal year. It would make sense to stagger admission to the program within reason to establish stability of the program. These are issues that can certainly be negotiated with the provider.