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Contracting Opportunity

Title: Services to Older Refugees Program
Agency: Temporary & Disability Assistance, NYS Office of
Bureau of Contract Management
Contract Number: TBD
Contract Term: 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2019
Date of Issue: 04/06/2016
Due Date/Time: 05/20/2016 2:00 PM
Must submit to Grants Gateway
County(ies): All NYS counties
Classification: Miscellaneous - *Consulting & Other Services*
Opportunity Type: Grant or notice of funds availability
Entered By: Jacob Weaver
Description: The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA) issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to select two agencies to provide assistance to older refugees age 60 and above for the purpose of accessing available services. The successful bidders will be expected to serve older refugee populations in their respective counties.

The Services to Older Refugee Program (hereinafter SORP) is funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is authorized to fund the SORP opportunity pursuant to §412(c)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. §1522(c)(1)(A), as amended. The Services to Older Refugees Program is found under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA), No. 93.566, of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program title, Refugee and Entrant Assistance Discretionary Grants. ORR State Letter 15-10 describes the Services to Older Refugees Program and classifies it as a Social Services Set-Aside for FFY2016, based on an ORR formula allocation. Under §412(c)(1)(a) of the INA, Services to Older Refugees funding is to be used primarily to ensure the provision of social and supportive services to older refugees and other ORR-eligible populations age 60 and above.

The purpose of the Services to Older Refugees Program is to provide social and supportive services that assist older refugees in gaining access to mainstream services within their respective communities so that they may live independently for as long as possible. Awardees under this program will be required to implement comprehensive programs that pursue the following four objectives:

1. **Mainstream Outreach** – Establish and/or expand working relationships with the Local Office for the Aging (OFA) as well as other relevant local service provider(s) to ensure older refugees will be linked to available services and providers as well as domestic seniors in the community;
2. **Service Enhancement** – Assess the needs of older refugees and provide them with appropriate direct services that are not currently offered, and connect them with available services to effectively meet the needs identified;
3. **Independent Living** – Create opportunities to enable older refugees to live independently as long as possible; and
4. **Naturalization** – Develop services for or link older refugees to naturalization assistance, especially for those who have lost or are at risk of losing Supplemental Security Income and other federal benefits. Applications must be submitted electronically via Grants Gateway at <https://grantsgateway.ny.gov> by 2:00pm 5/20/2016.
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OTDA/BRIA anticipates distributing \$364,500 in SORP funds to two agencies for 36-month contracts beginning 1/1/2017.

Applicant Eligibility:

Eligible applicants include public agencies, county or municipal governments, or any subdivision thereof; not-for-profit corporations, including charitable organizations incorporated, registered and in good standing with the Charities Bureau of the Attorney General in the State of New York; faith based organizations and educational institutions. Eligible applicants must be located in and do business in New York State.

Pursuant to the New York State Division of Budget Bulletin H-1032, dated June 7, 2013, New York State has instituted key reform initiatives to the grant contract process which require not-for-profits to register in the Grants Gateway and complete the Vendor Prequalification process in order for proposals to be evaluated. Information on these initiatives can be found on the Grants Reform Website: <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov/>.

Proposals received from not-for-profit applicants that have not Registered and are not Prequalified in the Grants Gateway on the proposal due date of 2:00 PM on 5/20/2016 cannot be evaluated. Such proposals will be disqualified from further consideration.

Minority Owned Sub-Contracting Goal: 0%

Women Owned Sub-Contracting Goal: 0%

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Contracting Goal: 0%

Disadvantaged Owned Sub-Contracting Goal: 0%

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