BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Request for Proposal
Questions and Responses
2/18/2026

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Request for Proposal: Strengthening Referral Pathways Between the City of Boston and Community-Based Domestic and Sexual Violence Organizations
Proposal Due Date: 2/23/2026

Q1: Our question is, if we work with one of the communities mentioned in the RFR, would the expectation that we be a referral partner for that community alone or for any survivors that City staff interact with?

A: Organizations will be expected to accept referrals for any survivors referred by City staff, regardless of the survivor's background or identity. Applicants may highlight particular areas of cultural or community expertise, which may inform referral coordination when appropriate;

Q2: I am wondering if we could apply in collaboration with other DV/SA organizations and request more than the $45K max?

A: Collaborative proposals are permitted, including a lead applicant with partner organizations and subcontracted roles. However, the maximum award amount remains $45,000 per funded entity. Partnership budgets and cost distribution may be described within the proposal but may not exceed the funding cap.

Q3: I was wondering what will happen with the referral system after this grant ends? Is there a plan to sustain the referral process after the funding ends?
A: This funding supports the development, piloting, and strengthening of referral pathways between community-based organizations (CBO's) and City staff, to inform longer-term implementation. BPHC- DSG recognizes that the need for survivor support extends beyond the grant period and that CBOs play a critical role in providing ongoing services. BPHC – DSG is actively working to identify and secure future funding and will use lessons learned, capacity insights, and partnership structures developed through this project to guide, plan, and advocate for sustainability of partnerships long-term. Continued funding cannot be guaranteed at this time and will depend on evaluation findings, partner performance in meeting deliverables, and available resources.