

July 17, 2019

ADDENDUM 1
2019 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
BRIDGE HOUSING

The following questions were received by the July 10, 2019 deadline for questions in response to the Bridge Housing RFP released on June 28, 2019.

Questions (Q) and Answers (A)

Q1: What's the total pool of funds available under this RFP?

A1: As part of a new initiative to bolster services for people experiencing homelessness, up to \$5 million is anticipated to support Bridge Housing over the next two years.

Q2: What is the maximum \$ amount of funds that one applicant/project could be awarded?

A2: Applicants are encouraged to identify the maximum outcomes achievable by your organization and the city support necessary to meet this goal. The City could award a single contract or multiple contracts under this RFP.

Q3: Is this money separate from the shelter expansion funding?

A3: Yes, this is separate funding but part of the same initiative. In April 2019, Mayor Hancock announced a \$15.7 million initiative that will be leveraged by the city in partnership with our business, nonprofit and philanthropic communities over the next three years to bolster two critical services for people experiencing homelessness – bridge housing and day shelters.

Q4: Are families a target population for this funding?

A4: There are no specified subpopulations. People, including families, experiencing [literal homelessness](#) are the target population to be served by this funding. OED expects that each project will have fifty percent of Bridge Housing resources connected to households who have been pre-matched by OneHome and/or are already matched with an identified permanent housing resource. Program partners will be expected to balance

other referrals to Bridge Housing and permanent housing resources with street outreach, particularly with a focus on encampments.

Q5: I am spearheading a project to create Safe Parking Sites here in the Metro Denver Area. This program allows persons living in their vehicles and experiencing literal homelessness to be screened and then allowed to park their cars at a Safe Parking site with Security, bathrooms, hand washing facility, and case management to assist them to move into a more secure housing situation. It is a temporary solution for people experiencing vehicular homelessness to be safe, prevent sleep deprivation, and to be helped to overcome barriers that are keeping them from becoming housed. Would we qualify for this RFP?

A5: Bridge Housing is short-term housing in a safe, stable environment. Programs that include housing assistance such as rental assistance or motel assistance may qualify as Bridge Housing. Programs that do not have housing supports would not qualify.

Q6: Does the 90 day length of stay requirement apply to average length of stay within a project or per voucher? If the 90 day length of stay is per voucher, will there be an exception or waiver process if a long-term housing resource has not yet been identified?

A6: The RFP does not state that there is a 90-day length of stay **requirement**; the RFP instead suggests 90 days as a guideline, stating, “Length of stay of Bridge Housing should be individually determined based on participant need, but, in general, is expected to not exceed 90 days” and “the Bridge Housing assistance intervention should ideally last for a period of 90 days or less though OED is interested in innovative programs including a solution, where a bridge unit would be used for more than 90 days, if needed, to better connect to a permanent solution.” If the proposed program is intended to serve residents for longer than 90 days please provide background on the rationale and support for residents.

Q7: Could you please let us know if these vouchers are Federal or State dollars?

A7: This housing program will be funded by local funds.