

Offender Success-Mentoring Provider RFP

Questions and Answers

1. Is it intended that the expense for local police officer be included in the proposal to be 'passed through' to the local police agency (HPD in this case) that is providing the uniformed officer?

Yes, the agency that receives the contract will be the one to pay the local police agency that is providing the uniformed officer to facilitate.

2. Can the returning citizen/co-facilitator be compensated for his time at the meetings? If the co-facilitator/returning citizen is on the paid staff of the organization that receives the contract can he receive compensation for his service?

It is not required that there be a co-facilitator. It is recommended that the officer have a co-facilitator, but this could be more than one returning citizen who voluntarily takes part in CLEAR. The administration does not give direction on how the awarded agency pays their staff.

3. Can this be a 'collaborative' bid? Can a company bid on being the contractor providing this service (arrangement with local police, local MDOC office, co-facilitator, and meeting site) include another agency that will provide support for additional mentoring and employment services? Would it be necessary to include a copy of the arrangement with other agencies that will provide these services as part of the bid?

No. Only one agency is allowed to bid on the contract with the understanding that they will have a sub contract with a local law enforcement agency that is providing the officer to facilitate the CLEAR meetings. It is encouraged and welcomed to have partnering community agencies attend CLEAR to share the services they provide in the community to returned citizens and provide support to Returning Citizens attending CLEAR. For example, Offender Success has Employment Providers in each county who, when able, will attend CLEAR meetings as a supporting service agency. However, anyone attending CLEAR is not required to receive services from a partnering agency who attends CLEAR to share information about their services (unless this was directed by their parole agent).

4. Per the discussion of the meeting with Angie Sprank in April, is this contract intended to be for one meeting weekly for male returning citizens or is intended that it include expenses for a weekly, or monthly, meeting for female returning citizens with an additional female uniformed co-facilitator?

A bidding agency can submit for a male group and/or a female group. However, if submitting for a female group there should be supporting documentation that there are enough female parolees in the bidding county to support the cost of a female uniformed officer to facilitate.