



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
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**Notice of Solicitation
NEGOTIATED ACQUISITION – Public Health Diversion Centers
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The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is soliciting Expressions of Interest for the operation of Public Health Diversion Centers (PHDCs). The goal of the PHDC initiative is to re-direct people with behavioral health issues interacting with Police, but posing no current community risk, to community-based services in lieu of arrest and prosecution. The Center will support NYC's multi-pronged approach aimed at moving New Yorkers with mental health and/or behavioral health issues out of the criminal justice system.

DOHMH anticipates awarding up to two contracts for these services and will give preference to one contract for a Center in Manhattan, and one contract for a Center in the Bronx. However, DOHMH will consider applications to serve other areas. DOHMH anticipates that contracts will begin no earlier than Fall 2016. It is anticipated that each contract will be five years in duration, with a five year option to renew, subject to availability of funding.

The PHDCs will accept referrals from defined NYPD precincts providing a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week, pre-arrest diversion option to individuals 18 years or older, regardless of gender and citizenship status. Referrals will be made via NYPD drop-off at the Center, but the person may decline the referral, in which case the police may choose to proceed with alternative responses. If an individual agrees to referral and is engaged by the Center, there will be no further law enforcement involvement, even if the individual leaves the Center prior to having all identified needs met (i.e. full engagement in services).

Each PHDC will serve approximately 1,200 (note: subject to change based on NYPD drop off patterns and the City reserves the right to expand referrals to non-NYPD sources) during the first contract year, with incremental increases over subsequent contract years through culturally competent services, in a safe environment, that should include the following:

- Health/behavioral health screening and assessment
- Medically supervised substance use withdrawal services
- Counseling services
- Short term case management and linkage to on-going care
- Health Insurance and Income Support assistance
- Peer services
- Overnight shelter
- Food, showers, laundry
- Community outreach component
- Desk Appearance Ticket assistance
- Well-trained on-site security

Vendors interested in providing these services should submit a letter containing an expression of interest and statement of relevant experience. The letter should be no more than 2 pages long, and it should be addressed to the contact person named below. Responses are due May 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., and they may be mailed or emailed to:

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