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NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED THROUGH THE HHS ACCELERATOR SYSTEM

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS (HOPWA) RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS PIN: 19DA000600R0X00 EPIN: 81618I0001

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has issued the HOPWA Rental Assistance Request for Proposals (RFP) through the HHS Accelerator system. This RFP is issued through the HHS Accelerator system *only* to those organizations prequalified in the relevant service areas. Likewise, proposals must be submitted through the HHS Accelerator system in the manner set forth in the 'Procurements' section of the system by those same prequalified organizations. Go to www.nyc.gov/hhsaccelerator to learn more.

Through this procurement, DOHMH is seeking an appropriately qualified vendor to provide rental assistance to very low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and their families in New York City. The goals of the HOPWA Rental Assistance program are to reduce the prevalence and risk of homelessness among PLWHA, enable PLWHA to establish and/or better maintain housing, improve access to health care and support services thereby reducing premature and excess morbidity among PLWHA, and to support self-sufficiency to enable PLWHA to maintain independent, permanent housing.

For the purpose of this RFP, rental assistance is defined as housing assistance designed to help eligible persons establish permanent residence when continued, long-term occupancy is expected, prevent homelessness, and increase housing stability. Activities include, but are not limited to, the disbursement of rent subsidies and housing-related support services. The disbursement of three types of rent subsidies, will be allowed through this RFP: start-up rental assistance, short-term rental assistance, and long-term rental assistance. All three types of rent subsidies must be offered and provided to eligible persons in each of the five boroughs of New York City by the organization awarded a contract through this RFP.

The contractor will be required to comply with all HOPWA federal regulations (<http://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2936/24-cfr-part-574-housingopportunities-for-persons-with-aids/>).