

Hello,

My name is Amy Upham and I am the Opioid Response Coordinator with Buncombe County Health and Human Services. We are exploring what options may exist for us to provide Medication Assisted Housing slots for those within our Post-Overdose Response program Safer Together from July 2020-December 2022. We are only seeking providers who have recent experience with providing this service or services that are functionally similar. Functionally similar can mean that individuals on MAT are allowed in the residence without programmatic barriers in accessing their medication. We are hoping to contract with more than one provider for this service so as to serve groups of individuals with differing needs. Our minimum need is for providers that can house 1-5 individuals at a time in 3 month intervals.

We would greatly appreciate it if you or an authorized representative of your agency could respond to the following questions:

- 1) Does your organization have recent experience providing Medication Assisted recovery housing?
- 2) If your answer to question 1 is yes: Does your organization have interest in providing this service in partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services? (If yes, please feel free to include any relevant information that demonstrates your experience in providing this or similar services. Please include specific therapies offered.)
- 3) If your answer to question 2 is yes:
 - a. Does your organization currently have the capacity to fulfill the level of service we are seeking? (If yes, please include any relevant information that demonstrates your capacity to provide this service)
 - b. What would your proposed rate of payment be in order to provide Medication Assisted recovery housing for 1-5 individuals at a time in 3 month intervals?
 - c. How is medication currently stored and delivered to residents? If stored or delivered with the assistance of staff, please include a listing of any certifications or licensures that Directors, Managers or staff possess.
- 4) If your answer to question 3 is yes, will you be able to transport these individuals to their MAT appointments, including Medication Assisted Recovery meetings?
- 5) We are seeking at least one provider who has experience in assisting individuals through employment training and a job search. Does your organization have experience in providing this service? If yes, please include current program activities regarding employment.
- 6) Does your organization have capacity to continue housing individuals after the initial 3 month interval? If yes, please explain how this service will be paid for, and what criteria if any individuals must meet to remain housed.

- 7) Is your organization open to keeping people housed within your programs if they return to use, but express a desire for recovery? If yes, please explain any protocol you have established or will establish to ensure participants remain housed and all residents remain safe. If no, please explain protocol you have established to ensure the safety of participants in transition.

Please reply by 3:00pm, February 21, 2020 in order to be considered as a potential partner for this service. Submittals should be emailed to Amy Upham at amy.upham@buncombecounty.org

Buncombe County reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers at any time if such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

Note: This and subsequent correspondence will be treated as informal bidding under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 45, Subtitle A, Subchapter A, Part 75.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Programs that may be applicable to the provision of this service:

CFDA #16.838 (Categories 1 and 2) and CFDA #16.754 (Category 3)