


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: Notice of Available Funding: Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

PURPOSE

This memo notifies counties, tribes, and non-profit agencies of the availability of funding to support Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs throughout the state, and explains how to access the current Request for Grant Proposal (RFP).

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) created the Bureau of Youth Services (BYS) to bring a stronger program and policy focus to vulnerable youth in Wisconsin. In 2015, the BYS began using a 3-year competitive procurement process for RHY programs to coincide with the regionalization of youth services.

DCF's RHY Program seeks to ensure services for youth that support safe shelter and stable housing, connections to healthy, supportive and potentially permanent adults, and access to resources/supports designed to assist youth in meeting their social, emotional, mental, cognitive, and physical health needs.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The target population for the RHY Program is youth and young adults ages 12-21 who have run away, are at-risk of running away, are homeless, or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Proposers may select a subset of this age range and youth may or may not have a history of child welfare or youth justice involvement. All RHY Programs must have an emergency shelter option and services available for homeless and other vulnerable youth under the age of 18.

A total of \$776,439 annually is available to DCF to make grant awards under this RFP. Non-profit organizations, local units of government and tribal governments are eligible to apply. DCF anticipates awarding seven RHY grants, with the intent of issuing one award in each of the seven DCF Youth Services Regions, provided applications are received in all regions. In the event no proposal is received that meets the requirements in one or more of the regions, DCF reserves the right to award to multiple grantees in any region. All programs will have a "base amount" of \$69,000; regions with an eligible population greater than 1,000 youth receive a pro-rated dollar amount in addition to the "base amount".

Programs are not required to provide services throughout the entire region. Additional funding information and a map outlining the Youth Services regions are provided in the RFP.

The anticipated contract start date is January 1, 2019 and shall run through December 31, 2019. Based on availability of funding, satisfactory performance and mutual agreement of the agency and the contractor, the contract may be renewed up to two additional one year periods.

The current RFP can be found at: <https://vendornet.wi.gov/> under "Bids" and the title "Runaway and Homeless Youth Grant". An **optional** proposer conference will be held on **September 20, 2018**, at 201 East Washington Avenue, Room H206, Madison, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Proposals are due no later than 2pm on October 16, 2018.

The sole point of contact for this procurement is Beth Blanchar, Purchasing Agent Senior. She can be reached at dcfprocurement@wisconsin.gov.

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