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1	Funding	Do the signed partnership letters count towards the 8 pg and 13 pg proposal limits?	No.
2	Funding	Should organizations that partner together submit one joint application or each apply separately with letters of support?	Organizations who will apply with partner group(s), must identify a lead applicant and submit one application. If your application includes formal partnerships, applicants will need to identify each partner and describe their roles and responsibilities and include signed letters of intent for any partners providing key program elements.
3	Program	If we apply for housing services, can we choose only one option? For example, can we apply only for transitional housing or only for emergency shelters? Or must we apply for both transitional housing and emergency shelter?	Applicants can choose to apply to either one or both housing activities.

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4	Funding	Is there a maximum award amount per application?	Applicants can apply for the maximum amount available for this investment, which is \$1,700,000. We intend to fund both investment strategies: Mobile Flexible Advocacy and Shelter/Housing Services. We anticipate funding up to four awards for Mobile Flexible Advocacy and up to two awards for Shelter/Housing services.
5	Funding	Are we applying with our collaborators as sub-awardees, are we applying as a coalition?	See question #2.
6	Program	Do all of the nonprofits partnering together need to be based in the City of Seattle?	No, Applicants and partner agencies do not need to be based in the City of Seattle. However, clients must meet the following Participant Eligible Criteria as stated on page 9 in the Guidelines and Applications: Participants may be of any gender, sexual orientation, age, race/ethnicity, and may be domestic or foreign nationals who meet one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live or work in the city of Seattle;• Be enrolled in a Seattle-based academic institution; and/or• Seek GBV services from a Seattle-based GBV services organization Eligible participants also include individuals who are referred by SPD, and other stakeholders within the CSE Collaborative Network.
7	Funding	I basically had the same question regarding budget formatting - separate budgets, or together?	Submit one budget per application.
8	Program	Can you confirm that eligible	Yes, children of parents who were personally harmed by CSE are eligible for services.

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		participants are not only survivors of CSE who have personally experienced CSE but also if they are children of a parent who was personally harmed by CSE?	Refer to page 9 on the RFP Guidelines and Application Participant Eligibility Criteria "Individuals and their children who have experienced harm or violence as a result of the commercial sex trade. Individuals can be adults (18 years and older) and/or youth (17 years old or younger).
9	Program	Separately, can funds support someone at risk of experiencing CSE?	Yes, individuals and their children who have experienced harm or violence as a result of the commercial sex trade can be supported by these funds. Refer to page 9 on the RFP Guidelines and Application Participant Eligibility Criteria for more details.
10	Program	Does a nonprofit need to be open to referrals throughout the performance period? Or can the nonprofit just serve individuals within its enrolled cohort through the year?	The awarded agency will need to be open to accepting referrals from the CSE Collaborative Network throughout the performance period unless at full capacity.
11	Program	Can you define surrounding Seattle areas?	"Surrounding" is being defined here as being near or in close proximity to Seattle. Applicants and partner agencies do not need to be based in the city of Seattle. See #6
12	Program	Will the City allow funding to be provided to a nonprofit	See #6

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		organization operating in Whatcom County if the service organization provides long-term housing for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation who have been exploited in and around the City of Seattle?	
13	Funding	On the second page 1 of the “2025 Commercial Sexual Exploitation Survivor Services RFP” there is a reference to “Attachment 5, Summary of Proposal Deliverables.” I don’t see that reference in other sections of the solicitation where there is a checklist.	Attachment 5 “Summary of Proposal Deliverables” is not required. See amended RFP Guidelines and Application for list of required application documents. https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/HumanServices/Funding/2025%20CSE%20Survivor%20Services%20RFP/2025-CSE-RFP_Guidelines-and-Application.pdf

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		Is Attachment 5 required, or is the reference to Attachment 5 an error?	
14	Funding	We are interested in applying to the 2025 Commercial Sexual Exploitation Survivor Services Request for Proposal RFP. Would you be able to send me the Excel version of the budget and the Word version of the application, please?	You can find application materials, including Excel version of the budget and Word version of the application, as well as additional information, on the HSD Funding Opportunities webpage: https://www.seattle.gov/human-services/for-providers/funding-opportunities/2025-cse-survivor-services-rfp
15	Funding	Do you know when the recording will be available of the information meeting?	See #14
16	Funding	I'm looking for the funding guidelines for the CSE mobile advocacy and flexible assistance. Can you please	See #14 Funding Guidelines are on Pages 3-13 of the 2025 CSE Survivor Services RFP Guidelines & Application. It is not a separate document.

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		provide the link to that or the document? I see “Funding Guidelines” referred to throughout the RFP document but don’t see where those are delineated. Is it a separate document? Specifically, I’m looking for sections B and D of the “Funding Guidelines.”	Section B of the Funding Guidelines (Pages 7-9) specifies the Service/Program Models. Bullet 1 describes Mobile Flexible Advocacy. Section D of the Funding Guidelines (Page 8) specifies the Priority Populations and Focus Populations.
17	Program	We are proposing an expansion to our existing shelter for this RFP. Can we request funding for beds, nightstands, and other furnishings/furniture? If so, which category would we use in the budget?	Yes, these items are allowable costs and could be categorized as “Operating Supplies”.

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