1. **BACKGROUND**

The County received funding from the U.S. Treasury Department as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Public Law No. 117-2, Title IX, Part 8, Subtitle M (March 11, 2021) and codified at 42 USC 802 and 803, known as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), and implemented by the U.S. Department of Treasury’s 2021 Interim Final Rule, 2022 Final Rule, and 2023 Interim Final Rule at 31 C.F.R Part 35. One of the primary eligible uses of ARPA-SLFRF funds is to address the public health.

* 1. **Budget and Justification**

Providers must submit a detailed budget justification and narrative that explains the proposed grant (federal) expenditures and non-federal expenditures (funds from other sources) for the proposed program. Budget line items should reflect specific expenses only.

* 1. **Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Law**

Providers awarded funding must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, regardless of whether such laws are expressly cited within this solicitation or any contract resulting from such award.

* + 1. **American Rescue Plan Act Funding**

If awarded, Provider must comply with the requirements of ARPA-SLFRF and all regulations and guidelines adopted by US Treasury Department, including, but not limited to: Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200; and Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act. Additional federal funding requirements are attached to this solicitation and will be incorporated into any agreement for funding.

* + 1. **Equal Opportunity for Participation by Religiously Affiliated Providers.**

Religiously affiliated providers of services are encouraged to apply for funding. Funding will be awarded based solely on merit, without regard to an organization's religious affiliation or lack thereof, and free from political interference, or the appearance of such interference. Section 2(g) of Executive Order 13279, as amended by Executive Order 13559, prohibits the use of direct Federal financial assistance to support or engage in "explicitly religious activities," which includes "activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization."[[1]](#footnote-1) Religiously affiliated providers receiving federal assistance are prohibited from discriminating against beneficiaries in providing services or carrying out activities with such assistance based on religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Any program that involves explicitly religious activities (including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) must be separate and distinct from the program that receives direct federal financial assistance, and that the distinction must be completely clear to the beneficiary or prospective beneficiary.[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Unhoused do not have access to safe and reliable bathing, laundry facilities, and case management services. Mobile shower Trailers and Laundry Trailers can provide the needs of the unhoused throughout the County.

Contractors will provide mobile shower and laundry trailers, along with related services, throughout the County. These services will be offered on a rotational basis in strategically chosen areas to best serve the unhoused population.

1. **SAMPLE SPECIFICATIONS**
   1. Minimum three (3) Stall Shower Trailer
      1. Minimum three (3) stall shower trailer with at least one (1) ADA compliant bathroom/shower facility with wheelchair access
      2. Minimum two (2) separate entrances
      3. Fiberglass stalls with non-skid surface
      4. Paper towel and soap dispensers
      5. Minimum 300-gallon freshwater storage
      6. Minimum 1,300 gallon black/gray water storage
      7. Interior heat and air conditioning
      8. Propane-fired water heaters to heat water
      9. Interior vanity light and exterior lighting
      10. Minimum two (2) separate vanity sinks with mirrors and electrical outlets
   2. Laundry Trailer
      1. Minimum two (2) washers
      2. Minimum two (2) dryers
      3. Minimum two (2) chairs
      4. Minimum two (2) charging stations
      5. Freshwater storage tanks
      6. Black/gray water storage tanks
      7. Laundry soap dispensers
      8. Interior heat and air conditioning
      9. Propane-fired water heaters to heat water
      10. Interior vanity light and exterior lighting
2. **INCLUDED SERVICES**
   1. Service of portable shower and laundry trailers shall include, but not be limited to, emptying/pumping out, cleaning, disinfecting of sinks and shower stalls, and general cleaning of trailer interiors. Installation of deodorizers, and recording service date and time, etc.
   2. Contractor shall obtain all required operational permits from the Department of Health prior to the commencement of required cleanings and any removal of contents of holding tanks and toilets.
      1. Service persons shall carry proof of possession of a current annual operating permit and vehicle inspection.
   3. Contractor shall comply with: [62-6.0101 : Portable Restrooms and Portable or Stationary Holding Tanks - Florida Administrative Rules, Law, Code, Register - FAC, FAR, eRulemaking (flrules.org)](https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?id=62-6.0101)
   4. Contractor shall follow all requirements for the removal and disposal of contents of holding tanks and toilets per the Florida Administration Code Chaper 64e-6, Sewage disposal Facilities. [64E-6 : STANDARDS FOR ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS - Florida Administrative Rules, Law, Code, Register - FAC, FAR, eRulemaking (flrules.org)](https://flrules.org/gateway/chapterhome.asp?chapter=64e-6)
      1. Disposal facility shall be approved by the Department of Health or into a treatment facility permitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
   5. Contractor shall record service dates and times.
      1. Supply and affix to the inside of each unit, upon delivery, a label/sticker or other similar means to identify service date, time, and technician.
      2. Shower trailers shall be serviced a minimum of once a day.
      3. All services shall be performed in a professional and sanitary manner.
   6. Contractor shall provide contact information for trailer deployment.
   7. Outreach and Case Management Services provided should include services and resources for the unhoused in areas such as early intervention, emergency, and other support services designed to permanently house the homeless.

1. Other examples of explicitly religious activities and materials include devotional exercises, production or dissemination of devotional guides or other religious materials, or counseling in which counselors introduce religious content: More specifically, in the context of social services, a devotional booklet for a substance abuse program or prisoner re-entry program, or the provision of a 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous program are examples of social service activities that are explicitly religious. While it is not feasible to develop a comprehensive list of all "explicitly religious activities," each of these is an example of an activity that is not religiously neutral because it promotes or endorses religion to beneficiaries. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Faith-based organizations may use space in their facilities to provide services supported with Federal funding, without removing religious art, icons, scriptures, or other symbols. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)