# ACAM RFP Homelessness Prevention Service Provider(s) (RFP No. ESG 13 CARES 2021-22) Answers to Questions Posted 10/8/21

# 1. Is the RFP posted online?

ESG 13 2021-22 RFP is on the ACAM website (<a href="https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/">https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/</a>) in Funding/Vendor Opportunities Tab.

### 2. Is ESG 13 a 12-month contract?

The Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. (ACAM) hereby requests proposals from offerors to perform homelessness prevention services, as described in the RFP, for a one-year period, with the potential of being extended up to four (4) years.

### 3. Is this a CARES program?

No. ESG 13 2021-22 is ESG Annual.

4. Is the budget table and narrative considered a separate page in the scope of work or is it part of the 8 page limit within the Statement of Work?

The budget and budget narrative should be included behind the responses to the statement of work and are included in the 8-page limit. Lastly, include all attachments in the order listed with the cover sheet placed in front of the proposal and other attachments following the proposal.

### 5. Can you share how much will be awarded?

This information has not yet been provided by TDHCA.

6. If a client is already enrolled and the in-person habitability inspection waiver then expires, would a case manager then have to go and physically inspect the unit?

There is no waiver for habitability inspections. Inspections do not need to be done in person. It would be acceptable to implement strategies for conducting inspections virtually using a video connection (e.g., FaceTime). Although video is preferred, photographs may also be an acceptable way to conduct an inspection. The video or photographs may be taken by the property owner or the household applying for assistance. A Case Manager or other representative must be able to visually inspect evidence of the unit's condition and document compliance in the ESG program participant's file. Case Managers shall complete inspection form derived from the video, note the method of observation, and date. The ESG Subrecipient(s) should conduct full in-person ESG habitability inspections once it is safe to resume standard operating procedures. ACAM will continue to seek guidance from TDHCA about in-person habitability inspections.

# 7. How many vendors are you looking to hire?

This depends on the responses to the RFP and the amount awarded by TDHCA.

# 8. Do we use the 2021 FMR or the recently published 2022 FMR?

The 2022 FMR was published on October 1<sup>st</sup> and should be used. More information on the 2022 FMR can be found here: <a href="https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html#2022">https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html#2022</a>.

9. Will questions asked prior to Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> be answered at the time they are asked or only at the October 8<sup>th</sup> published FAQ?

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They will be answered as received and the question with the answer will be published in the FAQ on October 8<sup>th</sup> to the ACAM website: (https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/).

# 10. For Section D. Expectations number 16f-16h, does there need to be a percentage since the other items (16a-16e) have percentages?

These outputs and outcomes are tracked by ACAM in the monthly performance report. The offer shall propose achievable targets to support the explanations for the output and outcomes.

#### 11. What counties will ESG 13 2021-22 cover?

Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. ("ACAM") is seeking a(n) organization(s) that serve clients at imminent risk of homelessness and that provide rent and utility assistance coupled with housing stabilization services in the course of normal business within the Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery Counties.