



## NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION

### HCA Solicitation #2021HCA42

**SOLICITATION TITLE:** Medication for Opioid Disorder (MOUD) in Jails Program

**SOLICITATION BUDGET:** \$500,000 per single site

**SOLICITATION POSTING DATE:** December 29, 2021

**RESPONSE DUE DATE:** January 28, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time

Find the full solicitation on [Washington's Electronic Business Solution \(WEBS\)](#). Vendors not registered in WEBS will not receive updates or amendments to the solicitation, which may put them at a disadvantage.

#### Estimated Schedule of Procurement Activities

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| HCA Release of Request for Applications  | December 29, 2021               |
| Informational Webinar  | January 5, 2022                 |
| Questions Due from Applicants  | January 14, 2022 – 2:00 pm (PT) |
| HCA Posts Answers to Applicant(s) Questions  | January 19, 2022                |
| Application(s) Due Date  | January 28, 2022 – 2:00 pm (PT) |
| Evaluate Applications  | January 31-February 4, 2022     |
| Announce "Apparent Successful Applicant" and send notification via e-mail to unsuccessful Applicants | February 8, 2022                |
| Applicant Request for Debrief Due Date   | February 14, 2022               |
| Hold Debrief Conferences via conference call (if needed)   | February 15, 2022               |
| Estimated Contract Start Date  | February 18, 2022               |

#### Purpose and Objectives

In 2021 Engrossed Senate Bill 5476 and Engrossed Substitute Bill 5092 both provided funding to implement and enhance medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in jails program. A total of \$10,000,000 is appropriated to be split between fiscal year 2022 and year 2023.

Drug overdose deaths are trending up across the nation including Washington State. In 2019 there were 1,259 drug overdose deaths among Washington residents, 337 of those were synthetic opioids (fentanyl and fentanyl analogs). In 2020, among Washington State residents,

these numbers increased to 1,731 drug overdose deaths and 672 of those involved synthetic opioids (predominately fentanyl and fentanyl analogs). Fentanyl has reached Washington and has saturated the illicit drug market creating more people with opioid use disorder (OUD) and doubling fentanyl related overdose deaths. According to a recent survey, sixty percent of those incarcerated (2019) are estimated to have known or suspected substance use disorder (SUD) including OUD at intake. The high prevalence of OUD among incarcerated individuals leads to increased risk of early death, hepatitis C and HIV. Untreated OUD perpetuates the cycle of incarceration, making it highly likely that an individual suffering from OUD will keep circulating back through the correctional system.

According to a recent study, only 37% of WA state jails surveyed, provide MOUD to every individual identified as having an OUD. Barriers include funding, staffing, stigma, and logistics.

The Washington State Health Care Authority, hereafter called "HCA," is initiating this Request for Application (RFA) to solicit Applications from city, county, tribal, regional, and juvenile jails interested in submitting information outlining how they would develop and implement or continue to expand MOUD in jails program. Other entities can submit on behalf of jails and can apply to support more than one jail if the entity is a more suitable administrator of the MOUD in jails program. Examples include local health jurisdictions for their local county and city jails, Indian health care providers on behalf of tribal jails or in partnership with the local county jail, or the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) to support multiple jails who need assistance in administering a full MOUD program. Other entities who apply must demonstrate which jails they will contract with and that it is the jail's decision and the jail is in agreement with the entity running the program.

HCA intends to award multiple contract(s) to provide the services described in this RFA.

### Minimum Qualifications

Applicants must currently have, or be able to hire, qualified and sufficient staff to address an individual's substance use disorder, must be able to provide FDA approved medications for opioid use disorder (e.g., buprenorphine, methadone, and/or naltrexone) or contract with the treatment facility or MOUD provider and coordinate treatment connections upon release or transfer to another facility.

### Solicitation Coordinator

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### WEBS Commodity Codes:

- 918-03 – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Consulting Services
- 952-20 - Correctional
- 958-28 – Corrections Management Services

Submit any questions or concerns regarding this solicitation to the Solicitation Coordinator shown above.