

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Traditional Healing

Proposal Due Date: ON-GOING

Owner: Tanana Chiefs Conference, Tribal Government & Justice Division

Contact: Elizabeth Jerue, Tribal Gov't & Justice Deputy Division Director

Scope: Establish contracted Traditional Healing Services for victims of crime

- (A) Tanana Chiefs Conference, Tribal Government & Justice Division invites qualified and experienced Alaska Native traditional healers and/or other non-Western allopathic healers to provide contracted 'Traditional Healing Services' to TCC Tribal Protective Services (TPS). Traditional Healing Services will provide complementary, traditional and healing services to referred clients within the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) region. TCC client who are eligible and referred by TCC Tribal Protective Services will be able to access traditional care as well as Western medical system care to integrate all aspects of health, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.
- (B) Tanana Chiefs Conference, Tribal Government & Justice Division invites qualified and experienced Alaska Native traditional healers and/or other non-Western allopathic healers to provide contracted 'Educational and Instructional Services' pertaining to traditional healing, including during TCC sponsored healing gatherings in Fairbanks and/or TCC Region villages. Education and Instructional Services will assist TCC Tribal Protective Services in bringing awareness and outreach to TCC clients, tribal governments, providers, and employees on the use of traditional healing services and teachings of traditional foods and plants as natural medicines to help support all aspects of health in harmony with all other health services including western science and medicines.

The selected traditional healers may propose contracted projects/services in one of both scopes (A/B), contracted services may include:

- Traditional Healing Services, i.e. Healing Touch, Healing Hands, REIKI, Cranio Sacral Therapy, Tui Na, cupping, reflexology, sound healing articular Acupuncture, Talking Circles, guided meditations, breath work, other cultural activities that bring healing etc...
- Proposed Presentations for Healing Gatherings sponsored by TCC
- Healing Gathering Facilitation and/or breakout facilitation sponsored by TCC
- Traditional Healing Instructor during Education/Outreach TCC events
- Traditional Healing Instructor for education videos, white papers, of other technical writing developed in partnership with TCC
- Traditional Healers mentorship/apprenticeship projects

The tribal contractors will be expected to provide deliverables upon completion for proposed projects, such as, but not limited, to the following:

- Client Intake demographics and Patient Experience evaluation reports for traditional healing services provided
- Presentation proposals, including PowerPoints and/or other developed training materials
- Facilitation proposals, including agendas, scopes of proposal, supplies and inventory lists, facilitation strategies including community, youth and elder engagement
- Powerpoints and/or curriculum materials for any presentations, education/outreach, and/or training materials
- Traditional Healers mentorship/apprenticeship curriculum/framework proposals, strategy for implementation, and a process for certifying apprentices that complete curriculum

Term: Contracts awarded will begin on October 1, 2023, and end on September 30, 2025. TCC will have the sole option of extending the award up to two additional fiscal years. TCC is accepting proposals on an on-going basis, and contract start dates will be effective once a proposal and contract is approved and signed, following the procurement procedures of TCC.

Selection Process: Tribal practitioners will be selected through a competitive and fair process based on receiving a responsive bid that meets the most qualifications indicated below.

Note: All tribal practitioners selected are required to comply with Alaska Native and American Indian Preference in accordance with Public Law 93-638 and the Family Violence Prevention and Indian Child Protection Act. Preference will be given to applicants living in one of the Tanana Chiefs Conference's villages.

Solicitation and Proposal Rejection. TCC reserves the right to cancel this solicitation, reject any proposal and award the Contract to the bidder(s) that provide the best overall value, which may be determined by factors other than the lowest quoted price, in TCC's sole discretion.

Submittal Requirements: Please submit proposals to the attention of:

Attention: Elizabeth Jerue, Tribal Government & Justice Division

Address: Tanana Chiefs Conference, 122 First Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks AK 99701

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The submittal package must be printed (or formatted for printing) on single-sided 8.5 X 11 inch paper. The proposal must have a cover letter that provides the name of a single person to contact for all information. Tribal Contractors will be required to have limited liability insurance through a licensed carrier(s) in the State of Alaska for no less than \$1,000,000, prior to the execution of any contract. Tribal Contractors with no insurance please contact me for more information.

Statements of Qualifications and Proposals should include the following:

- HISTORY – Describe history of traditional healing services, facilitation, and/or traditional healing educational/instructor experience.
- PROJECT EXPERIENCE – Describe the expertise in the A) providing traditional healing direct services to clients B) facilitating in traditional/healing spaces and/or preparation of traditional healing education/outreach materials, curriculum, etc.. .
- TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT – Describe experience working with tribal governments or TCC or other Alaska Native organizations, nations, tribes, or communities, and examples of Alaska Native or American Indian involvement on previous projects, and
- REFERENCES – Provide references and contact information for previous clients (ideally 3 projects).
- CAPACITY – List availability of designated staff and resumes, including copies of licenses/certifications for all staff. A list of traditional/cultural skills
 - a. For Traditional Services: staff capacity and availability to see clients on weekly/monthly basis, location to provide services, knowledge/experience working with victims of crime, capacity/ability to maintain confidentiality of client’s protected health information and victim information.
 - b. For Educational/Facilitation/Instruction: availability on a monthly/quarterly basis, ability and willingness to travel to villages, knowledge/experience working with victims of crime.
- CONTACT INFORMATION – Provide all relevant contact information for the tribal consultant, including phone, email, and mailing address.
- PROPOSED PROJECTS/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE- Tribal Government & Justice is seeking tribal contractors for a variety of traditional healing services and education/facilitation on traditional healing. Detail the specific services and/or proposed projects to be achieved under the proposed contract, and deliverable outcomes to reach during the proposed time frame of the contract.
- PROPOSED PRICES/COSTS – Detail the proposed prices/rates with consideration of the term of the contract (see term above) and the amount of work to be done on the proposed project.

TCC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for budgetary, conflict of interest, past performance, federal contract disbarment, or other reasons.