



NOTICE OF BID OPPORTUNITY – RFP 2024-112

FOR:

ASSERTIVE STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

The County of Simcoe is requesting Proposals for the provision of Assertive Street Outreach services within Simcoe County.

The County of Simcoe is inviting Proposals from not for profit/charitable groups or private sector to provide Assertive Street Outreach services within Simcoe County.

Assertive Street Outreach is an effective service approach for actively engaging people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to promote, connect, and coordinate access to the range of supports available across the County of Simcoe's Homelessness Service System, including emergency shelter and housing and support services. Assertive Street Outreach proactively engages and responds to requests in the community for individuals in public spaces, who for example may be 'sleeping rough' or living outdoors at that moment in time (ex. sleeping in car, encampments etc.) and is focused on ending the experience of homelessness, usually for those who would otherwise be underserved in traditional settings.

Assertive Street Outreach will be delivered in accordance with Coordinated Access, County of Simcoe Outreach Standards. As the Homelessness Service System evolves, the Successful Proponent will modify service delivery as service system policies are developed, tested, and implemented by the County of Simcoe. Coordinated Access is a standardized process for intake, assessment, program eligibility, referral, and prioritization to housing and supports across Simcoe County and the successful proponent will be required to utilize the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) database.

The Successful Proponent shall operate as part of the Homelessness Service System funded by the County of Simcoe. The Successful Proponent will participate in activities with the County of Simcoe as the legislated Service System Manager, together with other funded community partners to transform the County of Simcoe's Homelessness Service System. The Successful Proponent will align with evidence based best practice, the 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy, the County's 10-Point Homelessness Prevention Strategy and Built for Zero goals to reduce chronic homelessness.

The Successful Proponent will also work cooperatively with the County of Simcoe to deliver Assertive Street Outreach services.

Parties interested in this bid opportunity can view and download the opportunity on the County's electronic bidding site at [County of Simcoe RFP 2024-112](#), or alternatively may request the Request for Proposal and all associated documents by contacting bids@simcoe.ca.

Interested parties must ensure Proposals are received on or before the Closing Date and Time of **December 16, 2024 at 2:00:00 PM**.