## Siskiyou County RFP/RFQ Housing and Homelessness Information Session via Zoom Questions-and-Answers Notes March 15, 2023

## RFP: Project Base Camp Q&A

- 1. Are animals going to be allowed in the shelter? Will they be separated from their owners?
  - a. Yes, well-behaved dogs are welcome in the shelter. The County planned for companion animals when writing the grant. Kennels for animals is in the budget.
- 2. Are children allowed in the shelter with a parent/guardian? Will families be served?
  - a. No, this funding is intended for people involved in the criminal justice system over the age of 18. That is the priority population for the shelter. We provide services to families through different social services programs and mostly house families in motels/hotels.

## RFP: Future Housing and Homelessness Projects Q&A

- 1. If we were selected as a qualified provider for the list, and there are multiple qualified providers for a particular project type/activity, how do you select from the list which provider to work with?
  - a. In the event there were multiple entities that were selected for any one of the services on the RFQ list, we would rank these entities as number 1, 2, 3, etc. and start working with the entity ranked number 1 first.
- 2. Can we apply to just the RFQ?
  - a. Yes, absolutely. An organization can respond to just the RFQ, or just the RFP, or to both.

## **Questions Submitted Via Email**

- 1. If my organization is based in a different county, are we eligible to respond to the RFP/RFQ?
  - a. Yes, organizations based in a different county are encouraged to respond if they are interested in providing services in Siskiyou County.
- 2. Does the County of Siskiyou have a priority jurisdiction identified for the future development of affordable housing (i.e., the City of Mt. Shasta, Yreka, etc)?
  - a. Siskiyou County is continually assessing the housing needs of various areas within the County. The County does not currently have a priority jurisdiction for future affordable housing projects. Decisions about future projects will be based on the needs of the target population, feasibility of projects, and geographic equity. Recent data suggests that Yreka and south county along the I5 corridor have the largest populations experiencing homelessness. However, housing instability is evident across the entire county.