



**BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Item Description: City of Providence's African American Ambassador Group (AAAG) Reconciliation Process

Date to be opened: May 10, 2021

Issuing Department: Mayor's Office

QUESTIONS

- Please direct questions relative to the bidding process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit a bid (Pages 1-8) to Purchasing Agent Patti Jordan.
 - Phone: (401) 680-5264
 - Email: pjordan@providenceri.gov
 - Please use the subject line “**RFP Question**”
- Please direct questions relative to the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program and the corresponding forms (Pages 9-13) to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director for the City of Providence, Grace Diaz
 - Phone: (401) 680-5766
 - Email: gdiaz@providenceri.gov
 - Please use subject line “**MBE WBE Forms**”
- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 14) to the issuing department's subject matter expert:
 - **Bret Jacob, Deputy Director of Policy & LGBTQIA+ Liaison**
 - **(401) 573-7519**
 - bjacob@providenceri.gov

Pre-bid Conference

A **non-mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, April 14th at 11:00am via Zoom. Interested applicants can register here: <https://forms.gle/Y3BhBHYEgwdZcUmLA>. The information for the Zoom session will be provided upon registration.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Bids may be submitted up to **2:15 P.M.** on the above meeting date at the **Department of the City Clerk, Room 311, City Hall, 25 Dorrance Street, Providence.** At 2:15 P.M. all bids will be publicly opened and read at the Board of Contract Meeting in the City Council Chambers, on the 3rd floor of City Hall.

- Bidders must submit **3 copies** of their bid in sealed envelopes or packages labeled with the captioned **Item Description** and the **City Department to which the RFP and bid are related and must include the company name and address on the envelope as well.** (On page 1).
- If required by the Department, please keep the original bid bond and check in only one of the envelopes.
- Communications to the Board of Contract and Supply that are not competitive sealed bids (i.e. product information/samples) should have “**NOT A BID**” written on the envelope or wrapper.
- Only use form versions and templates included in this RFP. If you have an old version of a form do not recycle it for use in this bid.
- The bid envelope and information relative to the bid must be addressed to:

**Board of Contract and Supply
Department of the City Clerk – City Hall, Room 311
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903**

****PLEASE NOTE:** This bid may include details regarding information that you will need to provide (such as proof of licenses) to the issuing department before the formalization of an award.

This information is NOT requested to be provided in your initial bid by design.

All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city’s Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record. The City has made a conscious effort to avoid the posting of sensitive information on the City’s Open Meetings Portal, by requesting that such sensitive information be submitted to the issuing department only at their request.



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BID PACKAGE CHECKLIST

Digital forms are available in the City of Providence Purchasing Department Office or online at <http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/how-to-submit-a-bid/>

The bid package **MUST** include the following, in this order:

- Bid Form 1: Bidder's Blank as the cover page/ 1st page (*see page 6 of this document*)
- Bid Form 2: Certification of Bidder as 2nd page (*see page 7 of this document*)
- Bid Form 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records (*see page 8 of this document*)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. *See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 9-13) or on: <https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>*

***Please note: MBE/WBE forms must be completed for EVERY bid submitted and must be inclusive of ALL required signatures. Forms without all required signatures will be considered incomplete.**

- Bidder's Proposal/Packet: Formal response to the specifications outlined in this RFP, including pricing information and details related to the good(s) or service(s) being provided. Please be mindful of formatting responses as requested to ensure clarity.
- Financial Assurance, *if requested* (as indicated on page 5 of this document under "Bid Terms")

All of the above listed documents are REQUIRED. (With the exception of financial assurances, which are only required if specified on page 5.)

*****Failure to meet specified deadlines, follow specific submission instructions, or enclose all required documents with all applicable signatures will result in disqualification, or in an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.**



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NOTICE TO VENDORS

1. The Board of Contract and Supply will make the award to the lowest qualified and responsible bidder.
2. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, cash discounts based on preferable payment terms will not be considered.
3. Where prices are the same, the Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to award to one bidder, or to split the award.
4. No proposal will be accepted if the bid is made in collusion with any other bidder.
5. Bids may be submitted on an “equal in quality” basis. The City reserves the right to decide equality. Bidders must indicate brand or the make being offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.
6. A bidder who is an out-of-state corporation shall qualify or register to transact business in this State, in accordance with the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, RIGL Sec. 7-1.2-1401, et seq.
7. The Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
8. Competing bids may be viewed in person at the Department of the City Clerk, City Hall, Providence, immediately upon the conclusion of the formal Board of Contract and Supply meeting during which the bids were unsealed/opened. Bids may also be accessed electronically on the internet via the City’s [Open Meetings Portal](#).
9. As the City of Providence is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Sales Tax, prices quoted are not to include these taxes.
10. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will govern.
11. The contractor will **NOT** be permitted to: a) assign or underlet the contract, or b) assign either legally or equitably any monies or any claim thereto without the previous written consent of the City Purchasing Director.
12. Delivery dates must be shown in the bid. If no delivery date is specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made.
13. A certificate of insurance will normally be required of a successful vendor.
14. For many contracts involving construction, alteration and/or repair work, State law provisions concerning payment of prevailing wage rates apply ([RIGL Sec. 37-13-1 et seq.](#))
15. No goods should be delivered or work started without a Purchase Order.
16. **Submit 3 copies of the bid to the City Clerk, unless the specification section of this document indicates otherwise.**
17. Bidder must certify that it does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices and that all of its employees are lawfully employed under all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. (See Bid Form 2.)



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BID TERMS

1. Financial assurances may be required in order to be a successful bidder for Commodity or Construction and Service contracts. If either of the first two checkboxes below is checked, the specified assurance must accompany a bid, or the bid will not be considered by the Board of Contract and Supply. The third checkbox indicates the lowest responsible bidder will be contacted and required to post a bond to be awarded the contract.
 - a) A certified check for \$_____ must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the Contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder.
 - b) A bid bond in the amount of _____ per centum (%) of the proposed total price, must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder; and the amount of such bid bond shall be retained for the use of the City as liquidated damages in case of default.
 - c) A performance and payment bond with a satisfactory surety company will be posted by the bidder in a sum equal to one hundred per centum (100%) of the awarded contract.
 - d) No financial assurance is necessary for this item.
2. Awards will be made within **sixty (60) days of bid opening**. All bid prices will be considered firm, unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.
3. Failure to deliver within the time quoted or failure to meet specifications may result in default in accordance with the general specifications. It is agreed that deliveries and/or completion are subject to strikes, lockouts, accidents and Acts of God.

The following entry applies only for COMMODITY BID TERMS:

4. Payment for partial delivery will not be allowed except when provided for in blanket or term contracts.

The following entries apply only for CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE BID TERMS:

5. Only one shipping charge will be applied in the event of partial deliveries for blanket or term contracts.
6. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall attest to compliance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Worker's Compensation Act, RIGL 28-29-1, et seq. If exempt from compliance, the successful bidder shall submit a sworn Affidavit by a corporate officer to that effect, which shall accompany the signed contract.
7. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall, submit a certificate of insurance, in a form and in an amount satisfactory to the City.



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BID FORM 1: Bidders Blank

1. Bids must meet the attached specifications. Any exceptions or modifications must be noted and fully explained.
2. Bidder's responses must be in ink or typewritten, and all blanks on the bid form should be completed.
3. The price or prices proposed should be stated both in **WRITING** and in **FIGURES**, and any proposal not so stated may be rejected. **Contracts exceeding twelve months must specify annual costs for each year.**
4. Bids **SHOULD BE TOTALED** so that the final cost is clearly stated (unless submitting a unit price bid), however **each item should be priced individually**. Do not group items. Awards may be made on the basis of *total* bid or by *individual items*.
5. All bids **MUST BE SIGNED IN INK.**

Name of Bidder (Firm or Individual): _____

Contact Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone #: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Agrees to bid on (Write the "Item Description" here): _____

If the bidder's company is based in a state *other than Rhode Island*, list name and contact information for a local agent for service of process that *is located within Rhode Island* _____

Delivery Date (if applicable): _____

Name of Surety Company (if applicable): _____

Total Amount in Writing*: _____

Total Amount in Figures*: _____

Use additional pages if necessary for additional bidding details.

Signature of Representation

Title



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BID FORM 2: Certification of Bidder
(Non-Discrimination/Hiring)

Upon behalf of _____ (Firm or Individual Bidding),

I, _____ (Name of Person Making Certification),

being its _____ (Title or "Self"), hereby certify that:

1. Bidder does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices.
2. All of Bidder's employees have been hired in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on
this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Signature of Representation

Printed Name



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BID FORM 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records

Upon behalf of _____ (Firm or Individual Bidding),

I, _____ (Name of Person Making Certification),

being its _____ (Title or "Self"), hereby certify an

understanding that:

1. All bids submitted in response to Requests for Proposals (RFP's) and Requests for Qualification (RFQ's), documents contained within, and the details outlined on those documents become public record upon receipt by the City Clerk's office and opening at the corresponding Board of Contract and Supply (BOCS) meeting.
2. The Purchasing Department and the issuing department for this RFP/RFQ have made a conscious effort to request that sensitive/personal information be submitted directly to the issuing department and only at request if verification of specific details is critical the evaluation of a vendor's bid.
3. The requested supplemental information may be crucial to evaluating bids. Failure to provide such details may result in disqualification, or an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.
4. If sensitive information that has not been requested is enclosed or if a bidder opts to enclose the defined supplemental information prior to the issuing department's request in the bidding packet submitted to the City Clerk, the City of Providence has no obligation to redact those details and bears no liability associated with the information becoming public record.
5. The City of Providence observes a public and transparent bidding process. Information required in the bidding packet may not be submitted directly to the issuing department at the discretion of the bidder in order to protect other information, such as pricing terms, from becoming public. Bidders who make such an attempt will be disqualified.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on

this _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

Signature of Representation

Printed Name



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WBE/MBE Form Instructions

The City of Providence actively seeks Minority and Women business enterprises to participate in bids to meet the City's procurement needs. Pursuant to the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article II, Sec. 21-52 (Minority and Women's Business Enterprise) and Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), Chapter 31-14, et seq. (Minority Business Enterprise), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to contracts.

The goal for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation is **10%** of the total bid value.

The goal for Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation is **10%** of the total bid value.

The goal for combined MBE/WBE participation is **20%** of the total bid value.

Only businesses certified with the State of Rhode Island as minority and/or women business enterprises are counted towards the City's goals. Eligible minority or women-owned businesses are encouraged to seek certification from the State of Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office at: <http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/>

Note: MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

Bid Requirements:

All Bidders: All bidders must complete and submit the **MBE/WBE Participation Affidavit** indicating whether or not they are a state-certified MBE/WBE and acknowledging the City's participation goals. Submission of this form is required with **every bid**. Your bid will not be accepted without an affidavit.

Bidders who will be subcontracting: Bidders who will be subcontracting must submit the **Subcontractor Disclosure Form** as part of their bid submission. All subcontractors, regardless of MBE/WBE status, must be listed on this form. Business NAICS codes can be found at <https://www.naics.com/search/>. Awarded bidders are required to submit **Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Reports** with each invoice.

Waiver Requests:

If the percentage of the total amount of the bid being awarded to MBE or WBE vendors is less than 20% (Box F on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form) and the prime contractor is not a Rhode Island State-certified MBE or WBE, the Bidder must complete the **MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form** for review. Waivers will be considered on a case by case basis.

No waiver will be granted unless the waiver request includes documentation that demonstrates that the Bidder has made good faith efforts to achieve the City's stated participation goals. Waivers must be reviewed and signed by the City of Providence's MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, or her designee. Department Directors cannot recommend a bidder for award if this form is applicable and absent. If the bid does not meet the participation goals of the City of Providence and a waiver is not filed with the signature of the MBE/WBE Outreach Director or her designee, the bid will not be accepted.

Verifying MBE/WBE Certification

It is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm that every MBE/WBE named in a proposal and included in a contract is certified by the Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance office. The current MBE/WBE directory is available at the State of RI MBE Office, One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI, or online at <http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/mbe-wbe.php>. You can also call (401) 574-8670 to verify certification, expiration dates, and services that the MBE/WBE is certified to provide. Note: MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

Form Instructions:

Access all bid forms from <http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/> or <http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>. **Download** the forms as blank PDFs. Once saved on your computer, fill them out using the Adobe program. The fillable PDFs must be completed in Adobe in order to be saved property. Google Chrome and similar



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platforms do not allow for the forms to be saved as filled PDFs. Therefore, please download the blank forms to your computer, then fill them out and save.

Assistance with Form Requirements

Examples of completed forms can be found on the City of Providence website at <http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/> or <http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>.

Contract Requirements:

Prime contractors engaging subcontractors must submit the *Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Report* to the City Department's Fiscal Agent with every invoice and with request for final payment. This form is not submitted as a part of the initial bid package.

For contracts with duration of less than 3 months, this form must be submitted along with the contractor's request for final payment. The form must include all subcontractors utilized on the contract, both MBE/WBE and non- MBE/WBE, the total amount paid to each subcontractor for the given period and to date. During the term of the contract, any unjustified failure to comply with the MBE/WBE participation requirements is a material breach of contract.

Questions?

For more information or for assistance with MBE/WBE Forms, contact the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at mbe-wbe@providenceri.com or (401) 680-5766.



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MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT

Item Discussion (as seen on RFP):

Prime Bidder: _____

Prime Bidder (Company) Phone Number: _____

Which one of the following describes your business' status in terms of Minority and/or Woman-Owned Business Enterprise certification with the State of Rhode Island? MBE WBE Neither MBE nor WBE

By initialing the following sections and signing the bottom of this document in my capacity as the contractor or an authorized representative of contractor, I make this Affidavit:

It is the policy of the City of Providence that minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women business enterprises (WBEs) should have the maximum opportunity to participate in procurements and projects as prime contractors and vendors. Pursuant to Sec. 21-52 of the Providence Code of Ordinances and Chapter 31-14 *et seq.* of the Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), MBE and WBE participation goals apply to contracts.

The goal for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation is 10% of the total bid value.
The goal for Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation is 10% of the total bid value.
The goal for combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value.

I acknowledge the City of Providence's goals of supporting MBE/WBE certified businesses. Initial _____

If awarded the contract, I understand that my company must submit to the Minority and Women's Business Coordinator at the City of Providence (MBE/WBE Office), copies of all executed agreements with the subcontractor(s) being utilized to achieve the participation goals and other requirements of the RI General Laws. **I understand that these documents must be submitted prior to the issuance of a notice to proceed.** Initial _____

I understand that, if awarded the contract, my firm must submit to the MBE/WBE Office canceled checks and reports required by the MBE/WBE Office on a quarterly basis verifying payments to the subcontractors(s) utilized on the contract. Initial _____

If I am awarded this contract and find that I am unable to utilize the subcontractor(s) identified in my Statement of Intent, I understand that I must substitute another certified MBE and WBE firm(s) to meet the participation goals. **I understand that I may not make a substitution until I have obtained the written approval of the MBE/WBE Office.**

Initial _____

If awarded this contract, I understand that authorized representatives of the City of Providence may examine the books, records and files of my firm from time to time, to the extent that such material is relevant to a determination of whether my firm is complying with the City's MBE/WBE participation requirements.

Initial _____

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalty of perjury that the contents of the foregoing Affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Bidder

Printed Name

Company Name

Date



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SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE FORM

Fill out this form only if you WILL SUBCONTRACT with other parties. If you will not subcontract any portion of the proposed bid, do not fill out this form.

Prime Bidder: _____ Primary NAICS _____

Code: _____

Item Description (as seen on RFP): _____

Please list all Subcontractors below. Include the total dollar value that you propose to share with each subcontractor and the dollar amount to be subcontracted. Please check off MBE and WBE where applicable. The directory of all state-certified MBE/WBE firms is located at www.mbe.ri.gov. Business NAICS codes can be found at <https://www.naics.com/search/>

Proposed Subcontractor	MBE	WBE	Primary NAICS Code	Date of Mobilization	\$ Value of Subcontract
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
A. MBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:					\$
B. WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:					\$
C. NON MBE WBE SUBCONTRACTED AMOUNT:					\$
D. DOLLAR AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE PRIME CONTRACTOR:					\$
E. TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID (SUM OF A, B, C, & D):					\$
F. PERCENTAGE OF BID SUBCONTRACTED TO MBEs AND WBEs. (Divide the sum of A and B by E and multiply result by 100).					%

Please read and initial the following statement acknowledging you understand. If the percentage of the total amount of the bid being awarded to MBE or WBE vendors is less than 20% (Box F) and the prime contractor is NOT a Rhode Island State-certified MBE or WBE, you must fill out the MBE/WBE WAIVER REQUEST FORM for consideration by City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director. Initial _____

Signature of Bidder

Printed Name



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MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form

Fill out this form only if you are subcontracting and did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE participation goal. State-certified MBE or WBE Prime Bidders are NOT REQUIRED to fill out this form.

Submit this form to the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at mbe-wbe@providenceri.gov, for review **prior to bid submission**. This waiver applies only to the current bid which you are submitting to the City of Providence and does not apply to other bids your company may submit in the future.

Prime Bidder: _____

Company Trade: _____

Item Discussion (as seen on RFP):

To receive a waiver, you must list the certified MBE and/or WBE companies you contacted, the name of the primary individual with whom you interacted, and the reason the MBE/WBE company could not participate on this project.

MBE/WBE Company Name	Individual's Name	Company Trade	Why did you choose not to work with this company?

I acknowledge the City of Providence's goal of a combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value. I am requesting a waiver of _____ % MBE/WBE (20% minus the value of **Box F** on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form). If an opportunity is identified to subcontract any task associated with the fulfillment of this contract, a good faith effort will be made to select MBE/WBE certified businesses as partners.

Signature of Prime Contractor

Printed Name

Date Signed

Signature of City of Providence
MBE/WBE Outreach Director

Printed Name of City of Providence
MBE/WBE Outreach Director

Date Signed



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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

If the issuing department for this RFP determines that your firm's bid is best suited to accommodate their need, you will be asked to provide proof of the following prior to formalizing an award.

An inability to provide the outlined items at the request of the department may lead to the disqualification of your bid.

*This information is **NOT** requested to be provided in your initial bid that you will submit to the City Clerk's office by the "date to be opened" noted on page 1. This list only serves as a list of items that your firm should be ready to provide on request.*

All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city's Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record.

You must be able to provide:

- Business Tax ID will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.



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City of Providence – African American Ambassador’s Group

The City of Providence’s African American Ambassador’s Group (AAAG) seeks community engagement services between June 30, 2021-December 31, 2021. Funding will be contingent upon grant funding. Questions about this RFP should be directed to Bret Jacob, Deputy Director of Policy & LGBTQIA+ Liaison, at BJacob@providenceri.gov.

Background

The AAAG is a grassroots group of community leaders who protect, uplift, celebrate, and empower the African American community in Providence by developing and advancing City of Providence policies that dismantle oppressive systems and extinguish racial, social, and economic equity gaps for Black, Indigenous People, and People of Color (BIPOC).

Over the last ten months, this volunteer group has expanded to include 150 community leaders. Weekly meetings of the group have an average attendance of 70-80 members. There are eight subgroups that hold separate weekly meetings and conduct research, host community discussions, and reform policy that directly impacts BIPOC communities, including: Food Disparities, Housing Insecurity, Police Reform, Internal City Policy, Education Reform, Mental Wellness, Youth Voice, Truth Telling and Reconciliation, and Arts and Culture. Each subgroup has a community member that serves a lead, and City staff provide administrative and research support. More information about the AAAG’s work can be found [here](#).

On July 15, 2020, Mayor Elorza, joined by members of the AAAG and community members, enacted a community-driven [Executive Order](#) committing the City to a three-phase process of Truth, Reconciliation, and municipal Reparations for BIPOC communities in Providence.

The Truth-telling and Reconciliation Subgroup supports the mission of the AAAG by uncovering the truth of past and present wrongs and their impact on BIPOC communities, celebrating communities descended from those oppressed by structural racism in the past, as well as individuals who have been affected and victimized by it today, and laying the groundwork for quality of life improvements by establishing processes for Resolution, Reconstruction, Reparations, and Reconciliation in the City of Providence. Additional information about the Truth-Telling and Reconciliation Subgroup can be found [here](#).

On March 29, 2021, the Truth-Telling phase was completed by the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society with the release of a historical narrative that covers over 400 years of the history of the Black and Indigenous communities in Providence. This narrative is divided into seven categories and further divided into 78 subcategories that document, with over 600 primary and secondary sources, the cultural, political, and economic harm committed by the City of Providence and its institutions against Black and Indigenous people. This narrative will serve as the foundation of the Truth-Telling and Reconciliation process. More information about the Truth-Telling and Reconciliation process can be found [here](#):



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Goals

The goals of this funding opportunity are to:

1. Acknowledge the ancestral rights to the land now known as the City of Providence of the Indigenous community;
2. Publicly recognize and discuss the past and present wrongs uncovered in the Truth-Telling phase and address their continued impacts on BIPOC communities;
3. Celebrate the resilience and perseverance of BIPOC communities throughout history
 - a. Provide opportunities for individual survivors to share experiences;
4. Celebrate the historical, cultural, and economic contributions BIPOC communities have made to the development and advancement of the City of Providence;
5. Lay the groundwork for implementing quality of life improvements by establishing a Truth-Telling and Reconciliation policy framework that can be used in the City of Providence in perpetuity.

Scope of Services

The AAAG seeks community engagement services to disseminate the findings of the Truth-Telling document compiled by the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society. Specifically, the AAAG seeks a contractor that will:

1. Engage communities in the dissemination of the Truth-Telling document by creating a menu of programs and outreach strategies;
2. Highlight the contributions of BIPOC communities to the historical, social, cultural, economic advancement of the City of Providence;
3. Organize the information in the Truth-Telling document in an accessible and engaging digital format;
4. Design and recommend a policy structure that allows for the Reconciliation process to become integrated into the cultural fabric of Providence;
5. Design a sustainable Reconciliation framework/process that can be used in perpetuity;
6. Document the community engagement process and outcomes;
7. Leverage the AAAG and networks to center the experiences and histories of local Providence communities; understanding the harms detailed in the Truth-Telling document.

The outcome of this process will be:

1. Public recognition that the history of systematic racism and discriminatory practices by the City of Providence and institutions which have actively shaped the present-day outcomes of BIPOC communities;
2. Better sense of belonging among historically underinvested and underrepresented people to see themselves and their history in the life and landscape of Providence;
3. Creation of publicly accessible and engaging multimedia representations of the Truth-Telling document;
4. Previous and current harms are addressed and recommendations for remedies are made;
5. Documentation of the Reconciliation process that is accessible to community members, governments, and institutions interested in learning from and replicating its outcomes;



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6. A final report summarizing program activities, program outcomes, and recommendations for remedying harms;
7. Recommendation for integrating the AAAG in the decision-making processes of future City policy decisions to correct past and current harms.

Required activities and deliverables include:

1. Regular community meetings which are both geographically and logistically accessible to all residents of Providence, in particular, low-income and BIPOC communities;
2. Develop a proposal for the creation of digital presentations regarding the information in the Truth-Telling document for the purpose of preservation and dissemination of history; i.e. video archival collections, short video narratives, etc.
3. Reviewing inventory of, connecting with key players from, and integrating existing recommendations made by community-based entities relevant to Truth-Telling and Reconciliation.
 - a. Examples include, but are not limited to, the RI Labor History Society, Center for Reconciliation
4. Creating tools that demonstrate a clear connection between the information in the Truth-Telling document and the current impacts on the local Providence community;
5. Coordinating Truth-Telling programs and the dissemination of the Truth-Telling document.
6. Develop activities that use the Truth-Telling document to help community members understand who is honored in our public spaces and how that impacts the BIPOC communities. (e.g., make recommendations to applicable government entities regarding the renaming and future naming of streets, parks, schools, municipal buildings, public housing developments, and other named public spaces);
7. Identifying opportunities to leverage external funding for services to expand the reach of this work (e.g., grants).
8. Identify and connect with key stakeholders identified in the Truth document
 - a. Impacted communities
 - b. Perpetrators of harm (institutions, descendants of perpetrators of harm families, etc.)

Qualifications

The AAAG seeks applications from organizations or collaboratives that can provide community engagement services to support Truth-Telling and Reconciliation work in the City of Providence. Applicants will have a demonstrated commitment to Truth-Telling and Reconciliation work through education, outreach, and community-building.

The AAAG highly recommends organizations to apply as a collaborative.

Organizational Capacity

The awarded organization(s) will have the capacity to carry out the above scope of work. Additionally, organization(s) will have:

1. Demonstrated understanding of shared lived experiences of historical trauma individually and collectively for people and communities, particularly BIPOC communities, in the City of Providence;
2. Demonstrated commitment to diverse and equitable hiring and promotional practices; including delivering programs led and staffed by people with lived-experiences of racial trauma and healing.



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3. Demonstrated ability to form a coalition of partners to provide project deliverables (if applying as a collaborative);
4. Demonstrated ability to engage a variety of community stakeholders in Truth-Telling and Reconciliation work, including governments, institutions, and individuals;
5. Program delivery expertise that includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Trauma-informed facilitation, outreach and engagement techniques, de-escalation, and healing from racial trauma and tensions.
 - b. Culturally competent programming with an anti-racist, anti-stigma, intersectional lens for: BIPOC communities, people experiencing housing insecurity, people reentering society after a period of incarceration, people experiencing food insecurity, people with deficient access to mental and physical healthcare, and people with limited access to -or deficient experience with- quality education.

Reconciliation with a restorative justice framework.

6. Strong commitment to monitoring, evaluation, and ongoing project process improvement.
7. Strong multimedia skills and ability to produce high-quality, public-facing materials for internal and external communication.
8. Ability to receive funds on a reimbursement model.
9. The lead organization must be a qualified 501c(3) non-profit.

Funding Availability

The AAAG anticipates awarding one (1) proposal with a maximum allowable bid of \$100,000.

Allowable Expenses: Funds are available to support Personnel, Subcontracts, Administrative Materials, Technology, Transportation and Overhead. Applicants ***must*** build in and administer stipends for BIPOC participants engaging in Reconciliation programs. No more than 10% of total budget can be for overhead/indirect costs.

Reporting

The awarded entity will be required to:

1. Attend monthly meetings of the Mayor's African American Ambassador's Group (AAAG) to provide regular updates to the AAAG on progress and challenges in the work.
2. Attend tri-weekly project management meetings with the Truth-Telling and Reconciliation Subgroup.
3. Submit monthly written reports to the Truth-Telling and Reconciliation Subgroup on activities, progress, and metrics.
4. Issue a final report summarizing the Reconciliation process activities as outlined in the scope of work

Proposal Material

1. **Contact Information:** Individual or organization name, address, phone, and email. If applying as a collaborative, please identify a lead applicant and provide the information for each partner organization.
2. **Proposal Narrative** (maximum 10 pages, single-spaced)



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- a. Organizational Experience: Describe the organization's experience engaging local communities in Truth-Telling, Reconciliation, and Reparations discussions. Please respond directly to the Qualifications - Organizational Capacity section.
 - b. Work Plan Proposal: Describe the proposed work plan to meet the RFP's goals and activities set out in the Scope of Services.
 - c. Staffing: Provide the following:
 - i. Roles and qualifications of all relevant organization staff
 - ii. If you're collaborating with other organizations to staff or consult on this project, please identify the roles and responsibilities of all partnering organizations.
3. **Timeline** - On a separate sheet include the proposed timeline of work.
 4. **Resumes** - Provide resumes of all relevant lead organization staff. Include copies of any certifications, credentials, or documentation of experience, as appropriate. Please do not submit original documents.
 5. If applying with partners, provide **letters of commitment** from all partner organizations (other than lead) certifying their role and responsibilities in the proposed work plan.
 6. **Supporting documents** - (maximum 10 pages) Optional: Provide documents, links, communications materials, etc. that provide any relevant background information about the organization and experience with similar projects.
 7. **Budget**
 - . Funding proposal: In Excel format, provide a spreadsheet that includes costs and descriptions for allowable expenses. Additional budget lines or categories may be added or removed as appropriate.
 - a. Funding timeline: In Excel or Word format, please identify how your proposed budget will be spent by December 31, 2021.
 8. **Certificate of Good Standing** of the organization's 501c(3) status
 9. **Letters of Recommendation**:
 - . Provide two letters of recommendation from previous clients



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Selection

The AAAG anticipates making recommendations to the Providence Board of Contract and Supply by the first week of June, 2021; and all applicants will be notified of the selection outcomes by this time.

Selections will be made based on the following criteria:

Categories	Total Points
<p>Project Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed work plan supports the project's goals and strategies; and activities set out in the Scope of Services. ● Project activities support addressing community healing, Truth-Telling, Reconciliation, and Reparations. ● Applicant demonstrates an understanding of needs and challenges regarding historical trauma and the need for community healing for people in Providence. ● Project activities are clearly defined and described. ● Time commitment of staff is appropriate to the project. 	30
<p>Anti-Racism, Anti-Stigma, Intersectional Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demonstrated commitment to implementing programs using an anti-racism, anti-stigma, intersectional approach ● Demonstrated commitment to diverse and equitable hiring and promotional practices 	10
<p>Timeline & Budget Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Timeline of work is feasible and can be completed by December 31, 2021. ● Budget is in alignment with the proposed activities. 	20
<p>Organization Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Qualifications and relevant organization and staff experience, including partnering organizations. ● Demonstrated success on past projects of similar scope and complexity. ● Demonstrated experience addressing community relations, community healing, Truth-Telling, truth commissions, Reconciliation work, and Reparations outcomes that align with the goals and strategies of this project. 	30
<p>Cost Proposal</p> <p>The total maximum allowable bid for this project is \$100,000.</p> <p>The bidder with the lowest bid will be awarded 10 points, and the highest bid will be awarded 5 points. Any bids in between will receive points in proportion to their distance between the low and high bids. For example, if the highest bidder bids \$100,000 and the lowest bids \$80,000, a bid of \$90,000 will receive a score of 15 points.</p>	10
Total Eligible Points	100