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Developmental Disabilities Council

Charting a New Course

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Request for Proposal

The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council (The Council) is seeking a consultant to assist the Council with the development of a strategy and implementation for alternative housing for people with developmental disabilities. The candidate will research, work with attorneys and other professionals in the field of housing and labor, develop workplans, and provide implementation tools to demonstrate unique and creative living arrangements in an integrated and community setting. This project will run through September 30, 2023 with the potential for an extension.

The Council's mission is to advocate for the improvement in the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities. It is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit. Funds are 100% federal USDHHS, funds are drawn down by the Council's Designated State Agency which is the University of Rhode Island. The Council is comprised of 24 members appointed by the Governor of Rhode Island representing people with developmental disabilities, family members, and various agencies.

The Council requires the following services:

- 1. Research best practices on housing from other states and countries.*
- 2. Provide training and information on housing options from other states and countries.*
- 3. Work with experts and community partners in Rhode Island to gather and develop information crucial to housing on topics such as: Home and Community Based Services through CMS, Medicaid, ABLE Accounts, legal partnerships, and estate planning, and labor laws.*
- 4. Develop strategies and documents to implement unique and creative housing options in Rhode Island.*
- 5. Collect Data and file reports to the Council*

Qualities important to The Council:

1. *Dedication to the rights of people with developmental disabilities.*
2. *Knowledge of HCBS and Medicaid rules.*
3. *Ability to work with experts in a variety of fields*
4. *Experience in research and writing.*
5. *Knowledge and dedication to informed consent, person directed lives, and self determination.*
6. *Organizational and communication skills.*
7. *Experience with people with disabilities, preferably the family member or guardian of a person with a disability.*

Information Requested:

- *A short summary of qualifications and approach to working with The Council.*
- *A Resume or CV*
- *References may be requested at a later date.*

*All submissions must be received by the Council via email at riddc@riddc.org by mail at 400 Bald Hill Road, Suite 515, Warwick RI 02886 or in person at the same address no later than **4:00 PM on July 11, 2023***

Please call (401 737 1238) or email me (kevinnerney@riddc.org) with any questions regarding this RFP.

Salary and contract terms based on experience and skills of the awardee.

We look forward to receiving your proposal



*Kevin Nerney, Executive Director
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