

# Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network, Inc. Proposal

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## ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

✔ Addendum #1

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✔ Addendum #2

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✔ Addendum #3

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

**1. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN)\***

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Do not include dashes

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**2. Provide physical address in Alachua County\***

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**3. Provide a mailing address\***

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**4. Does your agency have a 501(c)(3) status?\***

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If yes, provide your certification in the question below, Failure to provide required documentation may deem your proposal non-responsive.

Yes

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**5. Upload your agency's IRS 501(c)(3) designation\***

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 [IRS\\_501\(c\)3\\_letter.pdf](#)

**6. Responsible Agent Designation\***

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The Consultant shall designate a responsible agent and alternate as necessary, for all dealings, communications, or notices or contracts between the County and the Consultant by completing and returning this Responsible Agent Form. Any notice or communication to or from the responsible agent shall be deemed to be a communication to the Consultant.

RESPONSIBLE AGENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Project Name:\*

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Securing Safe Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence

8. Amount of funds being requested\*

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Maximum of \$50,000

Maximum response length: 7 characters

45,000

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9. Does your proposed project benefit residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level?\*

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Yes

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10. Does you proposed project fit into one of the BoCC’s approved funding category?\*

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Safe, Affordable Housing

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11. Has your agency been operational, providing proposed program service(s) in the funding category at least one full year prior to the date of application?\*

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Yes

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12. Please describe the proposed project, and quantify the anticipated benefits to residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level:\*

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Peaceful Paths has been providing relocation and rehousing funds for survivors of domestic violence throughout the Alachua County area since 2005. Relocating to safe housing is a critical step in the long -term safety, support, and self-sufficiency process for victim of domestic violence. Every individual in our services is assessed for their housing stability, and we begin the process of determining the need for the continuum of housing interventions, from emergency shelter, to supportive housing, to shoring up current housing with supports, to relocating in or out of area to safe permanent housing. In the proposed project here, Peaceful Paths would expand existing relocation and rehousing programs for survivors that would cover the necessary financial costs of housing stability. This project would serve the most vulnerable survivors on our housing Campus who are homeless due to the violence in their lives, and are living at or below 150% of poverty level. Funding of up to \$3500 per family would cover the initial housing move in costs (application fee, deposit, and the first 1-3 months’ rent), critical financial assistance in the process of housing stabilization. This funding would provide support for 10-12 families moving into safe permanent housing in the community. Last year, Peaceful Paths served over 100 families on the campus, and was able to house 49 of them safely using other relocation and rehousing funds. This funding would increase the percentage of families on the Campus we could support in the journey to safe homes. In addition, the funding in this request would allow is up to \$1000 per family to cover additional housing obstacles, such as utilities, transportation costs, and childcare fees. In many scenarios, the excess utility fee or a childcare cost keep people from acquiring new housing so these funds would allow us to remove those obstacles.

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13. Please describe how your project will enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency of your agency’s service delivery:\*

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Additional funding for relocation and rehousing for survivors will allow us to meet increased demand for housing supports in the post-COVID era. Housing has always been a priority need for survivors, and Peaceful Paths has secured numerous funding sources (HUD, ESG, and the Attorney General Office) for paying for the costs associated with moving and rent. In recent years the pandemic, increased rental market values, and stale local wages and inflation, the need has reached critical levels. Peaceful Paths provided

over \$400,000 in the past 18 months in direct assistance to survivors in the form of rent, utility, and moving costs from multiple funders and general revenue raised locally. Being able to move people into safe, community-based housing away from the emergency shelter is a cornerstone to our safety, support, and self-sufficiency outcomes. This funding would allow us to enhance existing programming with additional dollars that directly impact the quality of life for vulnerable families, and address poverty at a source - housing. These dollars can make a tremendous impact in the lives of more families struggling with the short and long term impacts of domestic violence. By housing and removing housing obstacles for up a dozen more families in the community, we can save lives, create change and move people out of poverty. Our programs have in place the necessary staffing and processes to ensure quick and comprehensive response.

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**14. List all the budget items for which grant funds will be used and the dollar amount anticipated for each:\*** ☒ Pass ☐ Fail

If your budget has more than five line items, you have the option to download and fill the SPACE Budget Template provided, and upload in the next question.

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Budget items:

Rental assistance and move in costs: \$35,000

- Up to \$3500 per family for relocation and rehousing
- Anticipate serving 10-12 families in this category

Housing obstacles support: \$10,000

- Up to \$1000 per family to eliminate housing barriers in utility arrears and deposits, fees related to past housing and credit issues, childcare payments, and transportation fees (insurance and repairs)
- We anticipate serving 15-20 families in this category

The budget is based on over 10 years experience providing housing stabilization, relocation, and rapid rehousing services to survivors and their families in Alachua County. This budget does not include any operational costs, as all staffing, space, admin, and associated costs will be provided as match/leverage to the project from other sources of existing funding.

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**15. Upload SPACE Budget Template**

*No response submitted*

**16. Describe the timeline and anticipated milestone dates for the project:\*** ☒ Pass ☐ Fail

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Since this project is an expansion of existing poverty reduction and housing stability services already in place within the agency for over a decade, the timeline for implementation of new funding would be less than 30 days once all approvals have been received from the funder. The agency would implement existing processes for housing assessment, coordinated entry, and intake for the Rehousing program once we receive County approval. We could begin housing survivors in the community immediately.

Timeline for the SPACE project once funding is approved:

- Within 10 days: Approval of funding with the specifications of the allowable costs and required file elements (lease, rent reasonableness, habitability statement, eligibility)
- Within 15 days: Approval of the assessment and intake process by the County
- Within 30 days: Begin identifying survivors and families to enter the program

Reporting could be provided monthly, as is done currently with CAPP and CHOICES funding, and would include the same HMIS elements for all our HUD reporting.

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**17. Describe measurable outcomes for the project:\***

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Outcomes for the project will follow the same measures we currently utilize.

Priority one: Housing survivors in safe affordable housing that meets the federal FMR values and income guidelines.

Priority two: Complete 30, 60, 90, 180 day follow-ups, with ongoing case management access and referrals, to ensure success in housing placement.

In order to measure our impact and follow certification guidelines, Satisfaction Surveys will measure three outcomes:

- Survivors have more knowledge of and access to community resources
- Survivors have greater safety
- Survivors were able to achieve at least some of their goals

These outcomes are already in place and correspond with state and federal outcomes for Certified Center services, and focus on the same poverty reduction and housing stability/financial empowerment that the SPACE project is looking to create.

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**18. Upload any supplemental documentation that is relevant to your project.**

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 [Supplemental Narrative Securing Safe Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence.pdf](#)

 [Annual Fact Sheet 2022.pdf](#)

**19. Acknowledge that you have reviewed all Addendum(s) issued with this solicitation.\***

☒ Pass ☐ Fail

☒ Confirmed

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**20. Conflict of Interest\***

☒ Pass ☐ Fail

The bidder certifies that to the best of his knowledge or belief, no elected/appointed official or employee of the County is financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the purchase of the goods or services specified on this order. ( Select yes, if there is no conflict of interest)

☒ Confirmed

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**21. Drug Free Workplace\***

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In accordance with §287.087, Florida Statute

Do you certify that you meet the following:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893 or of any controlled substance law of the United

States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.

5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.

6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Yes

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## 22. Corporate Resolution Granting Signature\*

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The response must be submitted by an officer of the business who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the bidder. An authorized representative who is not an officer may sign the proposal, but must attach or upon request provide a corporate resolution granting authorization to the representative to execute on behalf of the business. Are you authorized to submit this RFA?

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**23. By submitting this application, we acknowledge that we are aware that the information contained in this funding application is public record. We further certify that this Request for Funding is consistent with our organization's mission, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and that this application for funding was authorized by the agency's Board of Directors.\***

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