

The Issachar Foundation Incorporated Response

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ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

Addendum #1

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. 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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2. 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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3. Conflict of Interest*

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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)

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4. 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:

ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE AGENT:

ADDRESS:

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5. Has your agency received funding in the Special Projects and Community Enhancements (SPACE) 24-416 RFA, CAPP or CHOICES?*

No Pass Fail

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6. How many permanent, full-time employees are employed with your agency?* Pass Fail

We are currently operating with two primary volunteers and 3 secondary volunteers, as additional expertise is needed.

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7. What is your agency's net worth?* Pass Fail

Unsure as we are in our infancy.

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8. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN)* Pass Fail

Do not include dashes.

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9. Provide physical address in Alachua County.* Pass Fail

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10. Provide a mailing address.* Pass Fail

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11. Project Name*

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Alachua County Affordable Housing Community Support Initiative

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12. Amount of funds being requested*

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Maximum of \$15,000

Maximum response length: 7 characters

\$11,000

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

Yes

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14. Does your proposed project fit into one of the BoCC's approved funding category?*

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Safe, Affordable Housing

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15. 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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Project Description:

Objective:

To provide financial, mortgage, and real estate literacy to low-income residents of Alachua County, specifically targeting families and individuals living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level, to position individuals for purchasing an affordable home.

Key Components:

1. Financial, Mortgage, and Real Estate Literacy Training:

- On-site workshops and one-on-one counseling sessions focusing on budgeting, credit repair, and savings.
- Partnerships with local businesses such as: realtors, mortgage brokers, bankers, and insurance agents to provide a 12-week Financial Literacy and Readiness training services.

2. Referrals to Educational Support Services, as needed:

- After-school programs, tutoring, and college readiness workshops for children and youth to offer a holistic approach.
- Adult education programs, including GED preparation and ESL classes.

Benefits to Alachua County Residents:

1. Economic Stability:

- Financial literacy programs help residents to learn to budget their income appropriately, improve credit scores, learn more about buying real estate and prepare for homeownership from professionals who may also be their neighbors.

2. Educational and Personal Growth:

- Referrals to Educational support services enhances the academic performance of the family and increases opportunities for higher education and better job prospects for the participants and their children, i.e. the entire household.
- Referrals to Adult education programs empower residents to pursue further education and employment opportunities, which enhances their economic stability and financial fitness.

3. Community Cohesion:

- Community involvement fosters a sense of belonging and community pride.
- Enhancing County residents' knowledge of safe and supportive living environment reduces stress and improves overall quality of life.

The Alachua County Affordable Housing Community Support Initiative aims to provide not just housing but a comprehensive support system that fosters stability, growth, and community for low-income residents.

16. Please describe how your project will build capacity, enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency of your agency's service delivery*

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Alachua County Affordable Housing Community Support Initiative: Building Capacity, Enhancing Effectiveness and Efficiency:

1. Building Capacity

1.1 Infrastructure Development:- ACAHCSI will provide key educational and training opportunities that will expand the currently available opportunities. The more opportunities that are available to Alachua County residents, the greater the increase in the number of residents better prepared personally and financially.

1.2 Professional Development and Partnerships: - By collaborating with local businesses, and educational institutions, ACAHCSI leverages expertise and resources to deliver comprehensive services. This project proposes to enhance current program relevance and sustainability of consistent workshop offerings.

2. Enhancing Effectiveness

2.1 Integrated Services Approach:- ACAHCSI combines affordable housing with supportive services like financial literacy, the real estate purchasing process, referral to job training programs, and educational support.

2.2 Data-Driven Decision Making:- The initiative employs a robust data management system to track resident progress, program outcomes, and resource utilization. Regular evaluations to help refine services, ensuring service provision meets the community's evolving needs and are effective in achieving desired outcomes.

2.3 Tailored Educational Programs:- Financial Literacy and educational programs will be tailored to the specific needs of each resident participant. This targeted approach maximizes the impact of financial literacy initiatives, from the basics of budget preparation to mortgage loan readiness and achieving a sustainable financial foundation.

3. Increasing Efficiency

3.1 Streamlined Service Delivery:- By offering financial literacy and support services in multiple locations throughout the County by utilizing the Library System, ACAHCSI reduces barriers to access.

3.2 Cost-Effective Operations: - Leveraging partnerships with local organizations and volunteers, ACAHSI reduces operational costs while maintaining high service standards. Shared resources and collaborative efforts minimize duplication and optimize the use of funds.

3.3 Scalable Model:- ACAHCSI's framework is designed to be scalable, allowing for the expansion of services and increasing the number of workshop units as needed. This adaptability ensures that the initiative can grow in response to community demand and funding availability.

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17. Describe measurable outcomes for the project.*

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These outcomes are designed to assess the initiative's success in providing affordable housing, enhancing economic stability, and improving residents' overall quality of life. Here are the key measurable outcomes:

1. Housing Stability and Accessibility

- **Affordability:** Ensure that all participants identify housing units that are affordable, with mortgages not exceeding 30% of household income for residents earning up to 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- **Resident Retention:** Achieve an 80% or higher retention rate in the Financial Literacy workshops annually.

2. Economic Empowerment

- **Financial Literacy:** Enroll at least 75% of adult residents who attend initial information session, in financial literacy workshops, with at least 60% showing improvement in budgeting and credit scores within nine months.
- **Savings and Homeownership:** Enable 80% of residents to start a savings plan, with 20% of families preparing to transition to homeownership within three years.

3. Educational Advancement

- **Adult Education:** Offer referrals to GED and vocational training to at least 40% of adult residents.

4. Community Engagement and Cohesion

- **Community Events:** Organize quarterly community events with local business partners and achieving 75% participation, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

5. Program Efficiency and Sustainability

- **Cost Management:** Maintain operational costs within budget, optimizing resource use and minimizing unnecessary expenses.
- **Funding and Grants:** Seek at least \$500,000 annually in grants and donations to support program sustainability and expansion.

These measurable outcomes will be tracked through regular assessments, surveys, and data analysis, ensuring ACAHCSI's continued alignment with its mission and the needs of Alachua County's low-income residents.

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18. Describe the timeline and anticipated milestone dates for the project.*

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Month 1: Planning and Preparation: Initial Planning and Research

- Identify potential participants and secure preliminary commitments from key community business partners.
- Purchase and install software.
- Meet with local partners to organize workshops and materials.

Month 2: Program Implementation and Resident Services

- Launch outreach campaign to inform potential residents and the community about the application process.
- Begin accepting applications and conducting eligibility screenings.

Month 3: Participant Orientation

- Conduct orientation sessions to introduce residents to available services, local businesses, Workshop Instructors and Financial education guidelines.

Months 4 - 6:

- Begin offering financial literacy workshops, job training programs, healthcare services, and educational support.
- Continuous monitoring and documentation of progress.
- Adjust programs and services as necessary to better meet resident needs.

Months 7-9:

- Performance Review and Adjustment
- Conduct a thorough evaluation of all program components, including resident feedback and key performance indicators.

Months 9-12:

- Begin preparing Annual Report and Future Planning
- Publish an annual report detailing project achievements, financials, and impacts.
- Plan for future expansion or additional services based on community needs and funding availability.

Long-Term Milestones:

Year 2-3: Begin expansion plans if successful, potentially adding more workshop units at additional locations or additional services.

Year 3 and Beyond: Achieve a sustainable model with continuous funding, maintaining high resident satisfaction and positive community impact.

This timeline provides a comprehensive roadmap for ACAHCSI, ensuring all aspects of the project are addressed systematically and efficiently. Regular reviews and flexibility in the plan allow for adjustments and improvements, supporting the project's long-term success and sustainability.

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19. SGI Budget Template for which grant funds will be used and the dollar amount anticipated for each.*

Download and fill out the SGI Budget Template provided in the attachments, and upload it here.

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 [25-416_SGI_Budget_Template.pdf](#)

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20. Acknowledgement of Requirements*

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Did you review and complete all the required documents, attachments, addenda and questions and answers?

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