

Request for Proposals

PROJECT EVALUATOR

MEETING THE MOMENT: Integrating Street Health, Addictions Medicine and Primary Care

Organization Requesting the Services

Nine Circles Community Health Centre is a community-based, non-profit organization that promotes sexual and personal health and specializes in HIV/STI prevention and care. We aim to improve the overall health of our community by: reducing the rate of infection for HIV and STIs, improving the quality of life for those living with HIV and decreasing the stigma and discrimination associated with sexuality and sexual health.

Location

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Duration

September, 2020 through March 31, 2023

Professional Fee

Not to exceed \$95,300.00 including expenses (plus applicable GST/PST)

Project budget also includes Peer Evaluation Assistant resources and participant honoraria

Project budget also includes resources for transcription

About the Project

This project aims to meaningfully engage people who use drugs in the design, promotion, implementation and evaluation of low-threshold primary care interventions. Secondary goals of the project, include establishing an inter-professional community of practice leadership table (CPLT) and subcommittees, which includes people with lived experience, to gain a better understanding of best practices which support the health needs of those in our community who are often overlooked. The benefits of inter-professional collaboration between agencies and through the larger Community of Practice, led by Nine Circles and Main Street Project include improved community care outcomes, reduced costs to the health care system, and improved relationships with other disciplines.

This project asks- what is the best way to connect people who inject methamphetamines and other drugs with much needed primary care and social support services? How can partnerships between agencies be more effective and responsive to the needs of this priority population? What does best practice look like when providing services for people who use drugs that are marginalized; transient; and unstably housed-in Winnipeg's downtown core areas?

Through structured peer-led evaluations, the CPLT will oversee a continuous quality improvement initiative, which uses in-the-moment data and client feedback to re-design primary care services that improve outcomes for marginalized clients using methamphetamines. By incorporating activities such as street outreach; community management of methamphetamine psychosis and withdrawal; addictions medicine; cultural programming; and social support and housing services to meet people who use drugs in the moment, when and where care and services are needed.

Overall Project Objective:

Improve the accessibility and acceptability of primary care and social services for people who: inject methamphetamines and other drugs; and are street involved or unstably housed; or otherwise experience a degree of social exclusion/isolation- in Winnipeg's Downtown and Point

Douglas neighborhoods- As evidenced by: increased uptake of health and social services; increased knowledge of self-care practices; improved collaboration between health and social service agencies and increased involvement of people who use drugs in the design, promotion, implementation and evaluation of low-threshold primary care interventions by March 31st, 2023.

Services Requested Summary

Nine Circles is currently seeking a project Evaluator to lead the Meeting the Moment Project Evaluation. In collaboration with the Project Advisory, the Evaluator will refine the project evaluation plan, develop data collection tools and complete quarterly and annual evaluation reports. The Evaluator is also expected to work collaboratively, and supportively, with Peer Evaluation Associates and the Project Team (Project Manager, Nurse Practitioner, Cultural Support Worker and Social Worker) to support high quality, peer engaged evaluation.

The project will run between September, 2020 through to December, 2023.

- Please contact Michael Payne, Executive Director (Nine Circles) for additional project information.

Proposed Timeline

- July 16: Request for proposals posted
- August 6: Deadline for proposals
- August 20: Evaluator selected
- August 31st: Project Start

Bidder Qualifications

- Demonstrated training and expertise in theory of change design, evaluation and report writing
- Demonstrated experience in participatory evaluation
- Ability to work in a timely manner and deliver products in line with agreed timeframes, ensuring strong communication with our project team
- Knowledge of the health-community-social sector is an asset
- Fluent in English
- Ability to meet client in Winnipeg for face to face meetings and/or ability to utilize virtual meeting technology

Bidder Requirements for Submission

Bidders are to include the following information:

- Firm background and related projects
- Approach to the required work
- Ability to provide 3-5 samples of work
- Costs for required work
- Three references

How to Apply

Interested bidders will electronically forward their submission to (not to exceed 20MB):

Email: humanresources@ninecircles.ca

Website links to work samples will also be accepted.

Mention “Meeting the Moment” in the subject line of your email application.

Project queries may also be directed to the above email address.

Deadline for application: Thursday, August 6th by 4:00 p.m.

Nine Circles thanks all bidders for their interest, however only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.