

# Procurement Summary

## Basic Information

Procurement Title:	Court Based Homelessness Prevention Project
Agency:	Human Resources Administration
Agency Email Contact:	accoprocurements@hra.nyc.gov
Procurement Description:	<p>Human Resources Administration (HRA) Office of Housing and Homelessness Prevention (HPLP) is seeking a qualified vendor to provide Court Based Homelessness Prevention Project in the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn. The Court Based Homelessness Prevention Project provides an array of legal services that help ensure that low-income families facing eviction or other potential loss of housing remain housed and avoid becoming homeless and entering shelters.</p> <p>By targeting these legal services toward the most at-risk households facing eviction and homelessness, the project will maximize both social and monetary benefits to the City and its most vulnerable residents. This program will target risk factors such as a history of homelessness, potential loss of housing subsidies and public housing, and the involvement of multiple city agencies. Researchers have shown that a history of homelessness is the greatest predictor of future homelessness. Housing subsidies, particularly those that are federally funded, have been proven to be the most effective means by which households remain stably housed. Once evicted, these subsidies are most often lost to vulnerable tenants forever.</p> <p>The provision of services for households at risk of homelessness requires a seasoned, well trained civil legal services lawyer who is able to address complex, interrelated legal matters faced by HRA's target population. Lawyers may also need to address housing conditions, research legal rent levels, and navigate issues with public benefits in order to thoroughly represent the case. In addition to providing the full legal representation services when appropriate, the Court-Based Homelessness Prevention Project can instead offer some at-risk tenants "brief" legal services, meaning housing counseling from lawyers or paralegals. The active participation of the court staff and judges, the constant presence of the contractor in the housing court, and case management provided by the social services staff allows for all of the tenants from the high risk zip-codes selected by HRA to be served effectively with a combination of full representation and brief legal services</p>
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