



## NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED THROUGH THE PASSPort SYSTEM

#### Strong Messenger Project (SMP)

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DOHMH is issuing this RFP to solicit proposals from appropriately qualified organizations to operate the SMP. The contractor would provide direct therapeutic services to over 250 direct-care staff at all CV sites located in each of New York City's five boroughs. This RFP is available through the PASSPort system. To respond to this RFP and all other Human/Client Services RFPs, organizations must have an account and an Approved HHS Accelerator PQL qualification status in PASSPort. Proposals and Prequalification applications will ONLY be accepted through PASSPort.

The contractor would deploy culturally competent, qualified psychotherapists (psychologists, LCSWs, LMSWs, MSWs, LPCs, LMHCs, CASACs, and CACs) with lived and situated experience of the negative impacts of structural racism and violence. To effectively operate the SMP, these licensed professionals should demonstrate success in working with predominantly African American, Afro-Caribbean, and Latino/a/x populations in inner-city settings. The contractor's staff or consultants working on the SMP would be expected to become familiar with the theory and practice of the CV model.

#### Project Goals

1. Strengthen CV staff members' coping skills, help-seeking skills, and self-care practices.
  - Staff can request individual therapeutic consultations; the clinician will support and assess the needs of the staff members and make recommendations and referrals if needed.
2. Strengthen CV team cohesion, team resilience, internal problem-solving capacity, and staff retention.
  - Through weekly clinical group sessions, staff can address program team needs, workplace and/or employment concerns, and any issue with program participants. Group activities and an open dialogue help to create a safe space for these teams.
3. Build professional integrity, accountability, and leadership skills among CV staff members.
  - Conduct, host and lead professional seminars and/or workshops on various topics such as effective leadership, workplace wellness, Adverse Childhood Experiences, etc.

The RFP is posted on PASSPort from October 16, 2023 through November 30, 2023 and can be found [here](#).

DOHMH will hold a pre-proposal conference for interested providers on **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 11am – 12pm** via Microsoft teams.

- All vendors interested in attending the conference should RSVP to [RFP@health.nyc.gov](mailto:RFP@health.nyc.gov) by 2:00 p.m. on **October 28, 2023**. Be sure to indicate ""81624P0002-PPC"" in the subject line.
- DOHMH will answer questions received by 2:00 p.m. on **October 28, 2023** at the pre-proposal conference. Please email questions to [RFP@health.nyc.gov](mailto:RFP@health.nyc.gov). Be sure to indicate ""81624P0002-Question"" in the subject line.
- Substantive information/responses to questions addressed at the conference and those received prior to the question due date will **be released in an addendum to the RFP to all organizations through the PASSPort system**.

If you do not have a PASSPort account or Approved PASSPort HHS Accelerator PQL Application, please visit [nyc.gov/passport](https://nyc.gov/passport) to get started. If you have any questions about your HHS Accelerator PQL status or for assistance with creating a PASSPort account, please submit an inquiry to the [MOCS Service Desk](#).