

# STATE OF WASHINGTON

 Department of Social and Health Services

SOLE SOURCE POSTING

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The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Solid Ground Washington (doing business as (dba)) Statewide Poverty Network to provide leadership and coordination of a community assembly planning grant for rural Washington & provide Community Compensation Distribution. The purpose of this Contract is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Contractor works with DSHS, and other state and community partners, to plan for the implementation of up to two (2) Community Assemblies in a rural part of the State of Washington. The findings will be used by DSHS and other stakeholders to inform policy, program, and budget decisions as well as to leverage the public-private partnerships that are available for this work. The activity of Community Compensation Distribution has been awarded by the Office of Equity to the Economic Justice Alliance to compensate the lived experts who have actively participated in the Alliance.

The Contractor must have experience facilitiating this community assembly process in both urban and rural areas AND have experience with compensation of lived experts with low-incomes. Solid Ground Washington dba Statewide Poverty Network currenly holds listening sessions in rural communities and has the capacity and resources to bolster these sessions to talk about the assembly model which goes even deeper into relational partnership that leads to either policy, program or budgetary outcomes.

DSHS will enter into a two-month contract with Solid Ground Washington dba Statewide Poverty Network. The contract, with a projected value of $56,861 will be issued on or after June 16, 2025 and will continue for approximately two months with no further amendment extensions.

Vendors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements within ten (10) working days of this announcement.

Capability statements should address the following state requirements:

1. Participation in leading nonprofits to implement the Just Futures Community Assembly model.
2. Ability to compensate lived experts according to Office of Equity standards and compliance needs.
3. Ability to bring policy experts, legislators, nonprofits, and those with low incomes to a table to co-create solutions to the state’s most pressing problems.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state’s intent to make a sole source award for this contract.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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