

MOHCD LGBTQ Safety Initiative RFP
 Questions and Answers

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	Question Submitted	MOHCD Response
1	Is a vulnerability assessment, an assessment from an outside entity indentifying vulnerabilities, a requirement of this grant?	No, it is not a requirement. However, you are more than welcome to submit it as a supporting document along with your submission packet.
2	Is MOHCD awarding one organization a \$1.1M grant for this project or giving multiple smaller grants to several organizations?	As stated in the RFP, \$350,000 has been made available to organizations serving broader LGBTQIA+ communities and \$750,000 has been made available to organizations primerily working with transgender, gender non-confirming and/or gender non binary communities. We expect to made at least one award in each of these categories. An organization can apply in one or both categories.
3	<p>Financial assistance and consulting assistance can be offered directly by the grantee or can be offered through sub-grants to qualifying organizations serving this community. The sub-grant amount is projected to be approximately \$75,000 per organization. The intent of this grant is to focus approximately \$350,000 towards organizations broadly serving the LGBTQIA+ community and \$750,000 towards groups primarily serving the transgender, gender non-confirming, non-binary and intersex communities.</p> <p>This paragraph seems to suggest that we could either provide direct grant-funded safety services ourselves, and/or issue subgrants in the amount of roughly \$75,000 to "qualifying organizations." Our first question is, is it a requirement of the grant program that we distribute subgrants, and would we be at a disadvantage if we did not distribute subgrants?</p>	While we encourage a collaborative proposal with subgrants, it is not a requirement of the program and your proposal will not be penalized.
4	Second, if we did issue subgrants, would the Mayor's Office make the determination as to which agencies receive subgrants and in what amounts, with us serving as de facto fiscal agent distributing them, or would we as an agency have to identify agencies to which to distribute subgrants ourselves?	With proposals with subgrants, it is our expectation that the respondent(s) identify subgrantees in their proposal. However, we would also welcome a proposal that outlines a fair and competitive selection process for identifying additional subgrantees, subject to city approval. MOHCD will not make the determination as to which agencies receive subgrants and in what amounts.
5	Third, since we are thinking of applying for funding for trans and non-binary populations, are we able to apply for any amount up to the estimated \$750,000 total amount for these communities, or is there a ceiling to how much an agency could ask for for a direct safety program directly toward these communities? At the top of page 5, there is a suggestion that the maximum grant per organization will be \$500,000 through this RFP. Is that the maximum amount we could request?	The maximum amount of funding available to trans and non-binary focused organizations through this RFP is \$750,000. However, MOHCD may fund multiple agencies and reserves the right to make awards at a lower amount.