

Community Centered Transportation Leadership to Curb Carbon Q&A

Question - Is this a federally fund contract or subject to FAR guidelines?

Answer – No, this is state funded.

Question - Is there an incumbent for this work?

Answer – No.

Question - Can you provide a more detailed scope?

Answer –

This scope is draft and will be finalized as part of the consultant agreement.

Deliverables	Tasks/Approach
Task 1: Grant Program Development/Design	Co-create grant program: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop with interested community members, representing Overburdened Communities and Vulnerable Population, and WSDOT.• Align grant program application, timeline and deliverables to ensure that the resources will support community-centered carbon reduction strategies.• Develop grant decision-making process to ensure transparency in allocation of resources.
Task 2: Application and Award	Decision-making and technical assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide technical assistance for community members in application process.• Grant decisions made and communicated.
Task 2: Partnership	With WSDOT: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify what WSDOT partnership would entail.• Report out on progress of each grant and the resulting community effort.• Collaboratively identify additional partners – internally if WSDOT has expertise and funding, externally if another agency or partner is needed to realize community vision.
Task 3: Grant Delivery and Oversight	Support grantees in reaching their stated goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide facilitation, organization, and any other hands-on support to ensure community groups can meet the goal.• Resources for this support role should be included in Grant Stewardship budget and not part of the grantee awards.• Provide technical assistance.

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<p>Task 4: Grant Reporting and Close Out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process document so that WSDOT can apply any learning to future actions. [July 2025]• Grant process documents – application process, decision-making process, deliverables [July 2024 and July 2025]• Support reporting requirements for legislature. Progress report [April 2024] and Final Report [April 2025].
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Question - Do you want a grant program development/technical experience in addition to engagement? Or are the grant program specifics already developed and in need of socialization/promotion through engagement?

Answer – Yes, we are interested in grant program development as well as engagement expertise. The grant program will be co-developed as part of the initial task delivery.

Question - For item 1b, could you please provide clarification? Are you seeking a breakdown of hours per staff for each month, or would it be sufficient to demonstrate the average hours per month?

Answer – Per staff is preferable.

Question - I am reaching out about the anticipated timeline for posting responses to the Bidder's questions?

Answer – By the end of the week.

Question - When will contract be awarded and winning bidder notified?

Answer – February/March 2024

Question - What is anticipated start date once contract is awarded?

Answer – March/April 2024

Question - Will named resources be working from client location or remotely?

Answer – Primarily remote. Could require some in person meetings based on the need of the conversation.

Question - Does the solution require multi-lingual translation and support? Can you share any available information on community demographics?

Answer – The focus for this grant program will be Overburdened Communities and Vulnerable Populations. Definitions from RCW are below. It will be required to consider barriers to engagement and work to remove them. Language access as well as other barriers to engagement.

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"Overburdened community" means a geographic area where vulnerable populations face combined, multiple environmental harms and health impacts, and includes, but is not limited to, highly impacted communities as defined in RCW [19.405.020](#).

"Vulnerable populations" means population groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms, due to: (i) Adverse socioeconomic factors, such as unemployment, high housing and transportation costs relative to income, limited access to nutritious food and adequate health care, linguistic isolation, and other factors that negatively affect health outcomes and increase vulnerability to the effects of environmental harms; and (ii) sensitivity factors, such as low birth weight and higher rates of hospitalization.

(b) "Vulnerable populations" includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Racial or ethnic minorities;

(ii) Low-income populations;

(iii) Populations disproportionately impacted by environmental harms; and

(iv) Populations of workers experiencing environmental harms."

RCW [70A.02.010](#)