



Request for Information Cuyahoga County Diversion Continuum

Cuyahoga County has identified certain gaps when dealing with individuals who are Mentally Ill and/or have Addiction needs, particularly when it comes to handling these populations within our current Criminal Justice system. Over the past year, the concept of Diversion, or diverting these populations into community-based treatment option(s) rather than jail, has become a paramount discussion among many local stakeholders.

This Request for Information (RFI) is seeking information from service providers and other appropriate agencies who have interest in developing a Diversion Continuum for Cuyahoga. Our intention is to review the responses received from this RFI to gain a more detailed understanding of the vision(s), capabilities, and options for Diversion planning here in Cuyahoga.

Following that review process, an RFP will be released with more specific details to implement a local Diversion program.

It is the County's intention to issue a final Diversion Request for Proposal (RFP) in early 2nd Q of this year, late April or early May 2020.

Guidelines for RFI Responses:

There is no length requirement on responses, but your proposed vision should be detailed regarding a Cuyahoga County Diversion Continuum. You should be specific in the agencies that would be involved in the Continuum, the services they would be able to provide, and any gaps that would still need to be covered.

Where possible, responses should address both short and long-term Diversion efforts with an estimated timeline for both.

Data and metrics are not required as part of any responses received but encouraged. This includes either current data from an agency(ies)

correlated to outcomes, or information on what data would be tracked and measured within Diversion if selected as part of the future Diversion program.

Responses should address potential funding sources and/or grants that are available or may be available, as well as other ways to offset costs such as insurance coverages, Medicaid, private pay, or other options. The RFP that will be released in the future will be more specific to costs and budget planning. Cuyahoga County has budgeted initial funding for this effort in 2020.

All questions should be emailed no later than Monday, March 30, 2020.

All responses should be returned by email no later than Friday, April 10, 2020.

Any questions regarding this RFI, along with any final submissions should be sent to:

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