

DAUPHIN COUNTY PRISON



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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

SCOPE: Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, operates the Dauphin County Prison. For purposes of this RFI only the County and Prison are deemed to be synonymous. Dauphin County Prison (DCP) is seeking information regarding providers capable of delivering chaplaincy services. This RFI aims to maintain and potentially expand access to chaplaincy services. We invite parties interested in providing comprehensive spiritual care, fostering rehabilitation and facilitating successful reintegration for incarcerated individuals. This RFI will help us assess the availability of area providers and their ability to operate within existing systems of Dauphin County.

Responses to this RFI are voluntary and do not constitute a request for proposals, quotations, or bids. There is no obligation or commitment from DCP for future action, contracts, agreements, or acquisitions based on this RFI. We will not pay for the preparation or submission of responses, which will be used solely for planning and market research.

To the extent possible, please submit non-proprietary information. Any proprietary details should be clearly marked and will be safeguarded according to Dauphin County Prison regulations. Responses will not be returned.

BACKGROUND:

Dauphin County Prison's mission is to serve our community by providing a safe environment that supports personal growth, rehabilitation, and successful reentry. DCP recognizes the importance of addressing the spiritual needs of those in our care as part of holistic development and rehabilitation. DCP seeks partnerships with organizations that can provide chaplaincy services to address diverse religious and spiritual needs within the prison population.

PURPOSE:

This RFI seeks information about your organization's capacity to deliver chaplaincy services tailored to a correctional environment.

GOAL:

To ensure that incarcerated individuals at DCP have access to high-quality chaplaincy services that address *all* spiritual needs, promote emotional resilience, and support overall rehabilitation and reentry goals.

SOLUTION APPROACH:

Identify providers who offer chaplaincy services aligned with industry standards and equipped to meet the unique challenges of a correctional setting. Services should address spiritual guidance, faith-based counseling, crisis support, and interfaith accommodations, fostering a rehabilitative environment.

REQUESTED INFORMATION:

1. **Organization Overview:** Provide a description of your organization, including history, size, scope of services, and legal status (e.g., corporate, non-profit, partnership).
2. **Chaplaincy Services:** Describe the chaplaincy services your organization provides, including approaches to spiritual guidance, religious accommodation, and interfaith collaboration.
3. **CPE Accreditation and Staff Credentials:** Detail your organization's requirements for chaplain credentials, including Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or equivalent certifications.
4. **Crisis and Faith-Based Counseling:** Explain your approach to providing crisis support and faith-based counseling tailored to incarcerated individuals.
5. **Program Structure and Scheduling:** Outline how services are structured (e.g., group sessions, individual counseling, worship services) and describe your approach to flexible scheduling in a correctional setting.
6. **Cultural and Religious Diversity:** Describe your capacity to address diverse faiths and cultural practices across the prison population.
7. **Outcome Measures:** Describe the metrics your organization uses to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of chaplaincy services.
8. **Previous Experience with Correctional Facilities:** List any prior or current collaborations with correctional facilities, detailing your experience in providing spiritual care in such settings.
9. **Reentry Support:** Outline how your chaplaincy services align with or complement reentry efforts, including spiritual support during the transition back into the community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED: Please provide the following business information:

- Company Name
- Telephone Number
- Email Address
- Point of Contact for further clarification (legal/contract representative)

QUESTIONS: All questions regarding this RFI should be submitted via email to:

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RESPONSES:

Responses are due no later than **Friday, January 17, 2024, by 4 PM EST**. Please submit responses via email to **lray@dauphincounty.gov**.

Responses should be single-spaced, in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with one-inch margins, formatted for MS Office Word 2007, and should not exceed 50 pages, printable on 8½” x 11” paper. Verify that your email system does not block attachments.

By submitting a response, you consent to the review of your submission by Dauphin County Prison and related officials. Responses may be shared with other Dauphin County entities for relevance to other programs.