



2018 Winter Shelter Request for Proposal (RFP)

What is Winter Shelter?

Winter Shelter is a short term, 14-hour emergency shelter that is established annually as a program to address the basic shelter and service needs of homeless persons during December 1 and February 28, a period in which Los Angeles usually experiences its most inclement weather. LAHSA's Winter Shelter programs are intended to be low-barrier emergency shelters that provide adult individuals and Transition Age Youth (TAY), who are either homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, with temporary emergency shelter, and access into the Coordinated Entry System, to receive additional eligible services and housing, as necessary.

When will the Winter Shelter RFP be released?

This RFP is scheduled for release in May 2018. Please visit our Procurement Schedule at: <https://www.lahsa.org/funding> for more details. If you have general questions about LAHSA's procurement opportunities, contact the Procurement Team at fundingopportunities@lahsa.org.

Who is eligible to apply for the Winter Shelter RFP?

To apply for the upcoming Winter Shelter RFP, agencies must be certified as a qualified bidder through LAHSA's Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) process. More information about the RFSQ process can be found at: <https://www.lahsa.org/funding>.

What types of shelters would be suitable for a Winter Shelter?

Winter shelter operates under a "State of Emergency Declaration" that allows for non-traditional facilities to be converted into emergency shelters. In the past, Winter Shelters have operated out of churches, parks and recreational centers, gymnasiums, public libraries, and the National Guard Armories.

What services are provided?

❖ Services:

- Fourteen (14) hour bed availability (with the possibility to extend to 24-hours under inclement weather conditions)
- Light Case Management (1:50 ratio)
- Residential Supervision
- Crisis Intervention
- Security
- Two (2) Meals (One hot dinner and Sack Breakfast/ Lunch)
- Restrooms & Showers (1:20 ratio)
- Transportation

DID YOU KNOW?

During the 2017-2018 Winter shelter season, LAHSA implemented 14 Winter shelter sites and added 1,451 temporary shelter beds across the LA Continuum of Care. By the end of the season, approximately 7,258 unduplicated clients were sheltered through the winter shelter program.





Can an agency still apply if they are not RFSQ Certified?

If an agency has not passed LAHSA's RFSQ process by the time the Winter Shelter RFP has been released, you may want to partner with an RFSQ certified agency as a subcontractor for this RFP. A list of RFSQ certified agencies can be found on LAHSA's website (see [Exhibit I: "List of Certified Agencies And Funding Sources"](#)). If you have additional questions regarding LAHSA's RFSQ process, please e-mail our Procurement Coordinator, Elsie Nwankwo at enwankwo@lahsa.org.

Additional Questions Regarding the Winter Shelter Program?

Contact LAHSA's Crisis Housing Coordinator, Raquel Ziegler at (213) 326-1340 and or e-mail Rziegler@LAHSA.org