

RFP for the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness' Speakers Bureau training session on stigma

TRAINING DESCRIPTION

The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (the Coalition) requests a proposal to deliver training for its Speakers Bureau, concerning the various types of stigmas that individuals who have experienced homelessness and/or extreme poverty may have faced as well as building skills in challenging these stigmas.

Proposals will be received by email until Friday, March 27, 2015. Please send them to:

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Questions should be addressed to Flora Pagan, either by email or phone, 250-507-1889.

Short-listed proponents may be asked to speak to their proposals in person.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Speakers Bureau is a group of individuals who have experienced homelessness and want to share their story. Through funding provided by the United Way, the Coalition has provided training for these individuals to speak publicly about their personal experiences – putting a face to homelessness. Our speakers address a variety of issues including racism, mental illness, addiction, domestic violence, disability issues, and unemployment. In addition to the problems surrounding homelessness in Greater Victoria, our speakers will also discuss the solutions and their personal successes.

TRAINING DETAILS

Our speakers have identified that the main goal of this project is to address stereotypes associated with living in homelessness. They have also identified that they want to be careful not to perpetuate stigma and stereotypes against specific communities within the population of those that experience homelessness, such as those that use illicit substances. They wish to gain a broader understanding of the experiences that marginalized groups within the diverse population of those experiencing homelessness face, as well as learn how to better challenge perceptions about those experiencing homelessness and/or extreme poverty.

The speakers have diverse backgrounds. The Coalition would like to provide them with an opportunity to learn how to address stigma and build upon their skills in sharing their lived experiences without compromising their safety, privacy, or personal wellbeing.

Please provide a quote on training sessions and training materials, and a detailed timeline. Training sessions in the past have typically been for 0.5 days, over 1-3 days. Training should not exceed \$2000.

In addition, please provide details to the format of the training (i.e. multiple sessions, number of participants recommended per training, video or other technology)

Please note that the members of the Speakers Bureau are paid honoraria for their time spent in training. They are also provided with food and bus tickets for every meeting. The Social Inclusion Coordinator will provide these components associated with training.

The Coalition values the input of individuals who have lived experience, and thus will privilege those who apply that have lived experience of homelessness.

Proponents will be scored on the following items:

- experience providing training to individuals with lived experience of homelessness and/or extreme poverty;
- experience providing community education on stigma;
- proximity to the Capital Regional District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Additional background information can be obtained from Flora Pagan

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Progress payments will be made on invoiced work.

The Coalition is not bound to accept any of the proposals received as a result of this RFP.

Proponents may be asked after the submission date to modify certain components of their initial proposal(s), or to add in additional services not originally quoted.

All costs of a proponent in the preparation and submission of the proposal, and any additional costs incurred in responding to requests for further information during the evaluation process, shall be at the sole expense of the proponent.

Proponents who are short-listed may be required to attend a presentation and interview for clarification and exploration.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Information pertaining to this proposal or any information obtained by the proponent as a result of participation in this project is confidential and must not be disclosed without written authorization from the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness

OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS AND RESULTS

Materials will remain the sole property of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, and may not be shared, sold or disclosed without the written authorization of the Coalition.