Homelessness Policy Research Institute

RFP Services Offered

Part of the Homelessness Policy Research Institute (HPRI) mission is to help facilitate high quality, rigorous and timely research to support a range of stakeholders working to end homelessness in Los Angeles County. To this end, HPRI offers a range of no-cost services to assist public, private, and philanthropic partners in developing, issuing, and reviewing requests for research proposals.

Available RFP services include:

**Introductory Consultation**
HPRI is available for limited consultations for community partners seeking to identify the type of research needed to best inform their work to end homelessness. These consultations are designed for stakeholders who have designated research funds available but are unsure of the best research approach.

**Framing Research Questions**
The incorrect wording of a solicitation can unintentionally limit the potential of the work and/or unknowingly exclude important but related questions. HPRI offers our community partners assistance formulating precise research questions to best serve the community’s goal to end homelessness.

**Reviewing RFP Applications**
The process of reviewing, analyzing, and evaluating RFPs is an important and time-consuming task. HPRI subject matter experts are available to review and score proposals. HPRI will collaborate with funders to frame and weight the scoring criteria.

**Administer the Full RFP Process**
HPRI is also available to lead the entire RFP process, in collaboration with the funder. This includes developing research questions, drafting the RFP, circulating the RFP, reviewing letters of intent (LOI), reviewing full proposals, managing communication with applicants, scoring proposals, notifying participants, and tracking progress by grantees. HPRI anticipates that scientific research produced through the full RFP process will be published once complete.

Research produced through the above RFP services should align with the following HPRI values:

- HRPI is dedicated to collaborative research that has a positive impact on homelessness in Los Angeles.
- Communication among homelessness researchers is transparent and proactive.
- Research is relevant, dynamic, actionable, and can be applied in different policy contexts.
- Research is scientifically rigorous research and uses tools that fit rapid cycle learning.
- Partnerships consist of mutual trust, coordination, and collaboration, not competition.
- We are dedicated to maximizing potential for innovation and work that extends beyond the incremental stages of support.

*For questions about the Homelessness Policy Research Institute RFP services, please contact Gary Painter, Director of the Homelessness Policy Research Institute, at gpainter@usc.edu*