

**New York State Department of State
Office for New Americans
2023 Letter of Interest
LOI #23-ONA-25**

The responses to questions included herein are official responses by the Department of State (DOS) to questions submitted by potential proposers and are hereby incorporated into the Letter of Interest LOI#23-ONA-25 issued on June 15, 2023. In the event of any conflict between the Letter of Interest and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

Questions are still being accepted for this opportunity, please submit any questions to the Procurement mailbox at dos.sm.procurement@dos.ny.gov. This document will be revised and reposted as questions are received and answered up to the due date of the LOI.

June 21, 2023:

Q1.

- **[Our agency] provides housing, and extended services (DSS assistance, rides to medical appointments, school assistance, employment assistance) for all of the Special Immigrant Visas who arrive in Monroe County, NY. But because we cannot do this state-wide, we would not be eligible for this grant. Is that a correct reading?**
- **We know [several] groups that are very interested in funding to serve the asylum seekers coming to Albany. The request mentions the need to set up statewide. The groups they are using are not statewide but regional. Would that exclude them?**

A1. As stated in the LOI, this opportunity is open to any for-profit or not-for-profit organization who can demonstrate experience providing legal and case management services to migrants and asylum seekers. Any organization that meets these requirements is eligible to apply, however, DOS is seeking a qualified provider to coordinate these services across the State to ensure resources are utilized efficiently and are responsive to the need. Per the guidance, the umbrella coordinating entity can enter in subcontracts with other entities to provide services to targeted geographic areas where needed.

Q2. We're wondering what the overall amount is or how much is targeted at the Capital Region?

A2. The proposed services are significant with regard to complexity of service delivery as well as nature of geographic expansion and need Statewide. Organizations should

submit detailed budgets that outline costs related to service delivery for the time period anticipated to be covered through an executed contract.

June 22, 2023

Q3. Will there be more than one organization selected to provide services?

A3. As stated in the LOI document, one or more service providers may deliver services. Selected provider(s) must be able to provide services to target population(s) statewide upon contract award and may propose partnerships to provide the requested services.

June 30, 2023

Q4. I am reaching out because we are submitting an LOI for the Provision of Legal and Case Management Services through a Statewide Coordinating Agency tomorrow, and I can't seem to find anywhere that outlines the dollar range for grant requests. What is the minimum and maximum we can apply for?

A4. There is no set funding range for this LOI. However, the proposed services are significant with regard to complexity of service delivery as well as nature of geographic expansion and need Statewide. Organizations should submit detailed budgets that outline costs related to service delivery for the time period anticipated to be covered through an executed contract.