

CHARITABLE CHOICE AND GUIDANCE AND POLICY STATEMENT OF RELIGIOUS NONDISCRIMINATION IN PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY

Charitable Choice

Fresno County has a long history of partnerships with faith-based and community-based organizations. The County encourages faith-based and community-based organizations, including small and novice organizations, to respond to this RFP.

- Proposals are awarded competitively
- No funds are set aside specifically for faith-based providers, nor will separate funding be established

Guidance and Policy Statement of Religious Nondiscrimination in Proposal Eligibility and Service Delivery

The County does not discriminate against non-governmental organizations on the basis that such organizations have a religious character. Faith-based organizations are eligible to compete for proposal funds on the same basis as all other non-governmental organizations. Decisions about RFP's and awards will be made based solely on the competence, capacity, and actions of the provider, not whether it is a secular or faith-based provider.

To the extent permitted by law, County-contracted faith-based organizations may - just as secular non-governmental organizations - use their facilities to provide County-contracted services without removing or altering art, icons, literature, or other distinctive symbols from these facilities. In addition, faith-based organizations that apply for or participate in programs may retain their organizational identity including, but not limited to name, internal governance, and mission statements.

No bidder may discriminate in its delivery of a County-contracted program against a client or potential client on the basis of religion or religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to actively participate in a religious practice. Any specifically religious activity or service made available to clients by the provider must be voluntary as well as separate in time and location from County funded activities and services.

APPENDIX C

I have read and understand the above "Charitable Choice and Guidance and Policy Statement of Religious Nondiscrimination in Proposal Eligibility and Service Delivery."

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