



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health (DHHS) is issuing this Request for Applications (RFA) for the purposes of entering into a Grant agreement and awarding State funds to multiple eligible and qualified agencies in accordance with the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act, Neb Rev Stat 71-9002 – 71-9005.

RFA #	TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	POSTING DATE
R-5850	\$1,135,000.00	3/31/2026
APPLICATION DUE DATE	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND QUESTIONS
5/15/2026	7/1/2026-6/30/2027	Niki.Tuzicka@nebraska.gov

1. OVERVIEW

The purpose of this RFA is to solicit proposals from qualified entities to provide housing assistance and housing stabilization services for victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking. Further details may be found in **Attachment 1 – Purpose and Project Background.**

OBJECTIVE

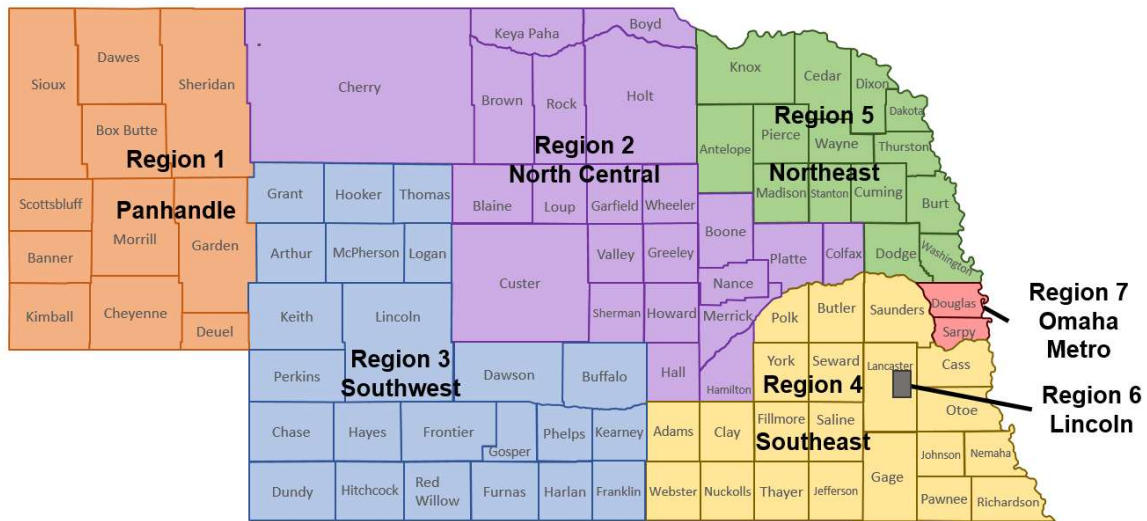
The funding is intended to ensure access to safe, affordable, and stable housing for survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking.

DHHS is making the full amount of \$1,135,000.00 (one million one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars) available for Grants under this RFA. DHHS may award up to the total available funding and shall distribute funds among multiple applicants at its sole discretion. Actual award values will be determined by DHHS dependent on the number of applications received and total funds appropriated to DHHS.

FUNDING ALLOCATION

To best serve the needs of people who are homeless throughout the entire state, the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP) allocates funds according to the geographic regions identified on the map located below:

Regional Coalitions to End Homelessness



The funding for 2026-2027 per region is listed in **Table 1: Regional Funding**. DHHS applied its funding formula to determine the allocation for each region. Applicants whose service areas span multiple regions and who intend to provide services in more than one region must submit a separate application for each region.

Table 1: Regional Funding

Region	Funds Available
Region 1: Panhandle	\$81,135.54
Region 2: North Central	\$109,410.32
Region 3: Southwest	\$104,357.07
Region 4: Southeast	\$140,711.40
Region 5: Northeast	\$104,562.46
Region 6: Lincoln	\$155,549.40
Region 7: Omaha Metro	\$439,273.80

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Nonprofit organizations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or a federally recognized Indian tribe with a governmental body in this state. Institutions of higher learning, state or local governments, individuals, and for-profit organizations may not apply for this grant funding. Applicants must possess previous experience providing stable housing solutions. Applicants with multiple locations must submit one application per region.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds must be used for housing-related assistance and encouraging housing stability that includes rental payments, utility payments, security and utility deposits, and other related costs and payments.

Applicants may only use funding to provide housing-related assistance to individuals who are victims of sex trafficking and/or domestic violence, as referenced by Nebraska Revised Statute 71-9003(4).

Expenditure of these funds must be for necessary, allowable, and reasonable costs incurred during the Period of Performance, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The dates and allowable uses of funds may be subject to change.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to maintain a financial system to track and monitor their expenditures. Grantees may be audited at any time, and all receipts must be made available upon request. Additionally, Grantees must submit a quarterly report by the 15th day of the month following the end of each reporting quarter, including all expenditures and data as specified by DHHS. Report due dates are as follows:

- Quarter 1: July 1 – September 30, due October 15th
- Quarter 2: October 1 – December 31, due January 15th
- Quarter 3: January 1 – March 31, due April 15th
- Quarter 4: April 1 – June 30, due July 15th

Awardees must gather and record the necessary information into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable system for domestic violence service providers exempt from using HMIS.

ATTACHMENTS

The following documents are incorporated as attachments to this RFA:

- Attachment 1 – Purpose and Project Background
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2. TIMEFRAME FOR APPLICATIONS AND PROGRAMS

DHHS will review applications by 6/15/2026. All applications must be submitted with all required materials by 11:59PM CDT on 5/15/2026, or be subject to dismissal. Late applications will not be accepted for this project. Applications will be reviewed in the order that they are received. Applicants may be given 24 hours to provide corrections to errors noted by DHHS. The Intent to Award will be posted by 6/19/2026. All dates are subject to change without notice and are contingent upon funding availability.

The period of performance must not begin before July 1, 2026. All costs must be incurred by June 30, 2027.

3. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, an applicant must fully complete Form 1: Application and Work Plan and submit it electronically to Niki.Tuzicka@nebraska.gov. Applications that do not contain the required information may be rejected. DHHS reserves the right to evaluate Applicants and award funds in a manner utilizing criteria selected at DHHS' discretion and in the best interest of meeting the objectives of the funding involved.

APPLICATION CONTENTS

A complete, responsive Application must contain the following completed documents:

- Form 1 – Application and Work Plan
- Form 2 – Total Agency Budget

4. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

DHHS will evaluate all Applications to determine whether the Applicant is an eligible entity; whether the Application meets the minimum requirements of this RFA; and whether the Applicant poses risk of noncompliance with the terms and conditions of the Grant, such that DHHS should not award funding.

DHHS will evaluate all Applications to determine:

- Whether the Applicant is an eligible entity
- Whether the application meets the minimum requirements of this funding opportunity
- Whether the applicant poses risk of noncompliance with the terms and conditions of the Grant.

DHHS will, at the state of Nebraska's discretion, then award to ALL Applicants who meet these minimum requirements, subject to funding availability.

DHHS will award to Applicants based on the above method, as DHHS determines, and as funding allows.

Questions regarding the program and applications should be sent to:

Program Contact Information
Department of Health and Human Services,
Public Health, Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
Niki.Tuzicka@nebraska.gov

Form 1: Application and Work Plan

Application	
Applicant's Legal Name	
Applicant's "Doing Business As" (DBA) Name	
Applicant's UEI Number (if applicable)	
Applicant's EIN Number	
Organization Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Higher Learning <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local, or Tribal Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Complete Address (city, state, zip +4)	
Congressional District(s) served	
Contact Person Name and Title	
Contact Person's Email Address	
Contact Person's Phone Number	
Total Amount of Funds Applicant is requesting	

Describe the need for this funding and how funds will address the objectives of this RFA.

Describe how program activities will be performed, the funds will be used, activities and funds will be tracked, outcomes will be measured, and programming/activities will be evaluated.

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Work Plan				
Goal #1				
Objective				
Activity	List What Your Measure of Success Will Be	Responsible Staff/Party	Start Date	End Date

Goal# 2				
Objective				
Activity	List What Your Measure of Success Will Be	Responsible Staff/Party	Start Date	End Date

Goal# 3				
Objective				
Activity	List What Your Measure of Success Will Be	Responsible Staff/Party	Start Date	End Date

To the best of my knowledge, all data in this Application, Work Plan, and Budget is true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the Applicant, and the Applicant will comply with the attached assurances in the proposal if selected for funding. By signing and submitting this application, the applicant is giving permission for a preliminary background check to be completed, if necessary.

Signature		Date	
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Form 2: Total Agency Budget

FY 2026-2027 NHAP REVISED BUDGET		NHAP REQUEST	OTHER SOURCES	GRAND TOTAL
STREET OUTREACH	Essential Services			
	Indirect Cost*			
	SUBTOTAL			
SHELTER	Essential Services			
	Operations (including minor repairs)			
	Indirect Cost*			
	SUBTOTAL			
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION	Services- Housing R & S			
	Financial Assistance - Housing R & S			
	Rent Assistance - Tenant-Based			
	Indirect Costs*			
	SUBTOTAL			
RAPID REHOUSING	Services - Housing R & S			
	Financial Assistance - Housing R & S			
	Rent Assistance - Tenant-Based			
	Indirect Costs*			
	SUBTOTAL			
OSNIUM or VELA	Direct Cost			
	Indirect Cost*			
	SUBTOTAL			
GRAND TOTAL				
<i>*To be reimbursed for Indirect Costs, an approved Indirect Cost Rate Proposal must be on file at DHHS, or the agency must provide calculations to support the "de minimus" rate.</i>				

Signature: _____ Date:

Name & Title of Signer:

Attachment 1: Purpose & Project Background

PURPOSE

The purpose of this RFA is to solicit proposals from qualified entities to provide housing assistance and housing stabilization services for survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and funding requirements

The funding is intended to support programs that deliver survivor-centered, trauma-informed housing interventions that promote safety, stability, and self-sufficiency. Allowable activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Emergency shelter and safe housing
- Transitional housing
- Rapid rehousing and rental assistance
- Housing stabilization services, including landlord engagement, utility assistance, and move-in supports

Programs should incorporate flexible, individualized approaches that respect survivor choice and address unique safety needs, cultural considerations, and barriers to housing.

Programs funded under this RFA must comply with all applicable federal requirements, including but not limited to:

- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) nondiscrimination, confidentiality, and survivor rights provisions
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) program standards and survivor confidentiality protections
- Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) definitions and survivor protections
- Applicable provisions of HUD's VAWA regulations (24 VFR Part 5, Subpart L), where relevant
- State laws governing victim services, housing assistance, and data privacy

Funded Programs must prioritize survivor safety, voluntary participation, informed consent, and confidentiality, and must not require survivors to engage in services or legal actions as a condition of receiving housing assistance. Programs are expected to incorporate individualized safety planning and provide flexible assistance tailored to survivor-identified needs.

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate collaboration with domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy organizations, trafficking service providers, housing authorities, and other community partners to ensure coordinated service delivery. Programs should also address equity and access by reducing barriers for underserved populations, including survivors in rural



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areas, survivors with disabilities, survivors with limited English proficiency, and survivors from historically marginalized communities.

BACKGROUND

Survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking face significant and often immediate housing instability as a direct result of abuse, coercion, and exploitation. Many are forced to flee unsafe environments with little notice, limited financial resources, disrupted employment, and complex legal and safety concerns. Lack of access to safe, stable, and affordable housing is one of the primary barriers to survivor safety, recovery, and long-term independence.

Federal law recognizes housing stability as a critical component of survivor safety and recovery. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), as reauthorized (most recently under the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022), emphasizes survivor-centered, trauma-informed approaches that prioritize safety, confidentiality, housing stability, and autonomy for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. VAWA also establishes housing protection for survivors, including emergency transfer provisions, nondiscrimination requirements, and confidentiality safeguards.

Survivors of sex trafficking, as defined under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), similarly face acute housing instability, often compounded by economic exploitation, criminalization related to victimization, limited access to financial resources, and ongoing safety threats. The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) further recognize the essential role of emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services in preventing further harm and supporting survivor stabilization.

At the state level, ensuring access to safe, affordable, and stable housing for survivors aligns with federally mandated and evidence-based best practices. Trauma-informed housing interventions reduce barriers to safety, improve survivor outcomes, and support long-term independence. Programs that are survivor-driven, culturally responsive, and coordinated with victim advocacy services are critical to meeting the complex needs of survivors and their families, including children.