

AHCCCS MAJOR DECISIONS
#YH23-0008 Secure Behavioral Health Residential Facility (BHRF)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

MAJOR DECISIONS AS OF 12/9/2022

Decisions are Subject to Change

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A. Offeror Requirements

Offerors must-

1. Be the proposed owner of the facility.
2. Construct and/or renovate-
 - a. One or more of the requested six (6) facilities;
 - b. Facilities with no more than sixteen beds per facility; and
 - c. Secure facilities, defined as limiting a patient's egress in the least restrictive manner consistent with the patient's court-ordered treatment plan.
3. Establish benchmarks/milestones to complete the development of each facility.
4. Utilize no more than seven million dollars to develop each facility.¹
5. Identify an ongoing operator of each facility who:
 - a. Provides services to persons placed in or committed to the facility pursuant to a court order issued pursuant to A.R.S. 36-550.09 or 13-4521 and not provide services to any other persons on that facility's premises;
 - b. Obtains and maintains ADHS licensure as a secure BHRF pursuant to A.A.C. R9-10-701 through R9-10-722 and provide twenty-four-hour on-site supportive treatment and supervision by staff with behavioral health training;
 - c. Obtains and maintains AHCCCS registration as a secure BHRF provider type; and
 - d. Ensures that the facility is developed and operated in a manner that complies with all other Federal and State requirements related to the operation of a licensed secure behavioral health residential facility.
6. AHCCCS is considering requiring the awarded contractor to hold an escrow account for the project.

¹ AHCCCS will be utilizing three funding sources: the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, funding previously transferred from the Department of Housing, and the SFY2023 secure BHRF General Fund Appropriation, for a total of approximately 43.6 million. The [SFY 2023 General Appropriations Act](#) includes \$25 million in funding for secure BHRFs which currently is authorized to be utilized through 6/30/23; however, AHCCCS will be requesting a legislative extension for timeline to spend this general fund allocation given workforce shortages and supply chain issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Offeror Options

Offerors may-

1. Elect to operate the facility or contract with an eligible operator;
2. Contract with an unrelated third party development consultant to develop the real estate on a turnkey basis;
3. Bid on one or more of the facilities;
4. Serve:
 - a. Persons persons placed in or committed to the facility pursuant to a court order issued pursuant to A.R.S. 36-550.09;
 - b. Persons placed in or committed to the facility pursuant to a court order issued pursuant to A.R.S. 13-4521; or
 - c. Persons placed in or committed to the facility pursuant to a court order issued pursuant to A.R.S. 36-550.09 and 13-4521.
5. Propose to serve either persons placed in or committed to the facility pursuant to a court order issued pursuant to A.R.S. 36-550.09 or 13-4521 with the intent to expand service delivery to the other population in the future.

C. AHCCCS Awards

AHCCCS intends to award contracts to one or more offerors six total facilities, with a minimum of one facility in the Northern Geographic Service Area (GSA), one facility in the Southern GSA, and three facilities in the Central GSA.²

Depending on responses, more than one award may be made.

² Counties assigned to each GSA are:

Central: Gila, Maricopa, and Pinal

North: Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo, and Yavapai

South: Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Yuma