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Mental Health Field Response

-Second Round Solicitation Overview

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Mental Health Field Response (MHFR)

RCW 36.28A.440 Program Overview

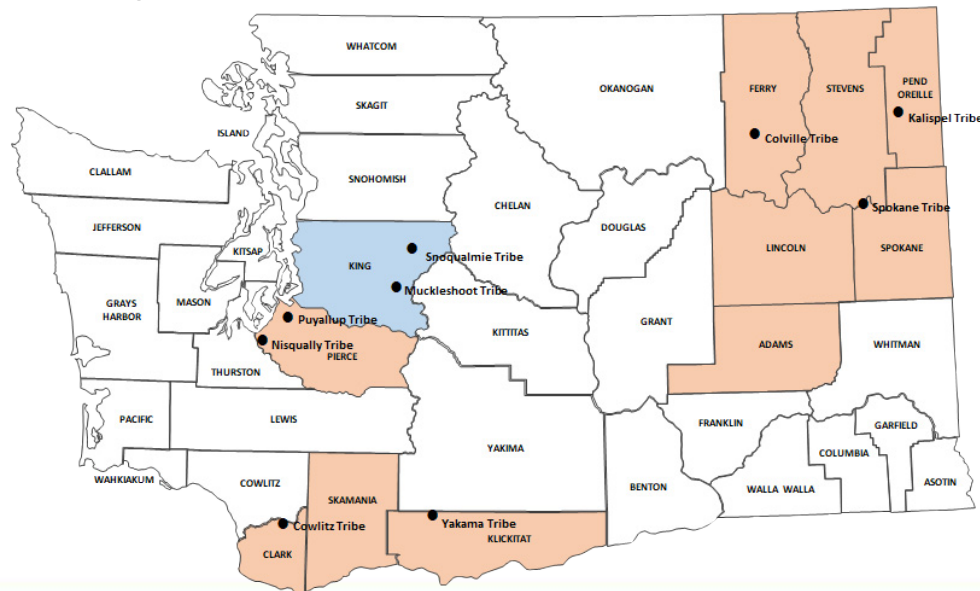


MHFR Origins

- Established in 2018 by [HB 2892](#)
 - [RCW 36.28A.440\(1\)](#): *“...The purpose of the program is to assist local law enforcement agencies to establish and expand mental health field response capabilities, utilizing mental health professionals to professionally, humanely, and safely respond to crises involving persons with behavioral health issues with treatment, diversion, and reduced incarceration time as primary goals...”*

MHFR Program Expansion

- Trueblood et al v. Washington State DSHS
 - Additional funding was made available to WASPC through the Contempt Settlement Agreement.
 - This funding utilizes a phased, regional approach to program expansion:



Mental Health Field Response Sites

Airway Heights Police Department

- *Cheney Police Department*

Chelan County Sheriff's Office

- *East Wenatchee Police Department, Wenatchee Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and the Chelan County Regional Jail*

Kirkland Police Department

- *Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency (Shoreline Police Department, Kenmore Police Department, Lake Forest Park Police Department and Bothell Police Department)*

Longview Police Department

- *Kelso Police Department, Kalama Police Department, Woodland Police Department, Castle Rock Police Department, and the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office*

Port Angeles Police Department

- *Sequim Police Department, Forks Police Department, and the Clallam County Sheriff's Office*

Spokane County Sheriff's Office

- *Spokane Police Department and Spokane Valley Police Department*

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(Eligible Entities)

- For law enforcement agencies (only) that:
 - Have calls-for-service responsibilities, and
 - Do not currently receive funds from WASPC's MHFR program, and
 - Have not been a recipient of WASPC's MHFR program grant funds in the past (at any point, in any amount), and
 - Do not have a program that incorporates mental health professionals into their mental health field response planning and response.

MHFR Solicitation Overview

(Year One Budget)

- Period of Performance/Budget for Year One:
 - April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

- Funds Available:

Note: funds allocated for this period do not carry over from one state fiscal year to the next and must be utilized by June 30, 2024.

- \$380,000 is available for allocation for programs located in Trueblood Phase I or II areas as defined by DSHS ([here](#)).
- \$71,000 is available for allocation for programs not located in Trueblood Phase I or II areas as defined by DSHS ([here](#)).

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(Year Two Budget)

- Period of Performance/Budget for Year Two:
 - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

- Funds Available:

Note: funds allocated for this period do not carry over from one state fiscal year to the next and must be utilized by June 30, 2025.

- \$488,000 is available for allocation for programs located in Trueblood Phase I or II areas as defined by DSHS ([here](#)).
- \$46,000 is available for allocation for programs not located in Trueblood Phase I or II areas as defined by DSHS ([here](#)).

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(Eligible Activities)

Generally broad cost eligibility (within reason) to support efforts to:

- “...establish and expand mental health field response capabilities, utilizing mental health professionals to professionally, humanely, and safely respond to crises involving persons with behavioral health issues with treatment, diversion, and reduced incarceration time as primary goals.” ([RCW 36.28A.440\(1\)](#))
- “...must include at least one mental health professional who will perform professional services under the plan. A mental health professional may assist patrolling officers in the field or in an on-call capacity, provide preventive, follow-up, training on mental health field response best practices, or other services at the direction of the local law enforcement agency. ([RCW 36.28A.440\(3\)](#))
- Currently, allowable expenses are categorized following the definitions found in [2 CFR § 200.1](#) for the following: Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Consultants/Contracts, Other, and Indirect (capped at a maximum of 10% of actual approved expenditures).

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(Risk Assessment, Monitoring, Management, and Mitigation)

- One of WASPC's highest priorities is to ensure that we and our partners in these efforts are good stewards of public funds.
- As such, risk assessment, monitoring, management and mitigation activities are required and include *(but are not limited to)*:
 - In-person site visits (no fewer than three total)
 - Monthly “Check-In” calls with WASPC staff and program representatives, and
 - Ongoing, timely communication and program status updates

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(Timeline – Upcoming Deadlines and Dates)

- **February 6, 2024, at 4:00 PM PST** – Inquiry period closes. No further inquiries will be taken or responded to after this date.
- **February 9, 2024, by 4:00 PM PST** – Responses to inquiries (submitted via email or taken from this webinar) will be posted on the program's page of the WASPC website.
- **February 19, 2024, at 5:00 PM PST** – Grant application period closes. No late submissions will be accepted.
- **Mid-March** – Following a thorough review and scoring of the applications as outlined in the RFA, WASPC expects to notify apparently successful applicants with work expected to begin no earlier than April 1, 2024 and no later than April 14, 2024.
- **45 Calendar Days** – Deadline to return a fully executed (dually signed) Award Agreement to WASPC (*not counting day of receipt of the unsigned copy of the Award Agreement*). At WASPC's sole discretion, and when presented with a formal written request, WASPC may choose to allow additional days (not to exceed another 14 calendar days) for execution of the Award Agreement (for a maximum of 59 calendar days). After the allotted time and any subsequent extension(s) expire(s), WASPC may withdraw its Notice of Intent to Award and subsequently reallocate the sum total of funds mentioned therein.

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(Submitting an Application)

- Required documents:
 - Organizational Overview and Key Personnel
 - Program Abstract
 - Program Narrative
 - Program Timeline
 - Program Budget

See the RFA document ([here](#)) for additional information about the required elements and details necessary for the documents listed above.

- Submitted via the web-form ([Formstack](#)) with a copy of the submission sent to the email listed in the completed application.

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(Q & A)

Questions?

