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THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. May 20, 2025 – The City of Grand Junction, in collaboration with Mesa County and key community leaders, released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Comprehensive Community Solutions for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness. The request for proposals aims to identify and financially support organizations in delivering services aligned with the City's strategic priorities on homelessness. Interested organizations can access the solicitation documents at the City's Purchasing Bids page at gjcity.org/purchasingbids or by calling 970-244-1545. Submissions are due by June 26, 2025, before 1 p.m. MDT.

The city is requesting proposals that serve a significant number of individuals or households and directly address one or more of the following community-identified needs:

- Shortage of affordable housing specific to unhoused individuals
- Shelter and housing options for acute needs
- Housing instability and displacement
- Access to supportive services and basic needs
- System improvement, coordination, and collaboration

Proposals are asked to include components such as demonstration of relevant experience, detailed program descriptions, capital costs and operational budgets. Proposals must demonstrate a clear plan for operation and financial stability over a one-to-three-year period. Funding requests may range from a minimum of \$75,000 as a one-time request to a maximum of \$500,000 per year, for up to three (3) years, which may be distributed across multiple projects or contracts.

This funding opportunity is part of the City of Grand Junction's ongoing efforts to address a 60% increase in homelessness since 2019, driven in part by rising housing costs that has far outpaced wage growth. In July 2024, the City adopted an Unhoused Strategy & Implementation Plan, a community-wide initiative aimed at closing critical service gaps and achieving "Functional Zero" homelessness. To implement the plan, nine workgroups were established, each focusing on a strategic priority such as housing stability, outreach, and public health. These groups comprise service providers, subject matter experts, faith-based partners, community members, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Plan implementation is jointly led by the City of Grand

Junction, Mesa County, and the Mesa County Collaborative for the Unhoused (MCCUH) fostering a coordinated response to homelessness.

More details about the City's housing initiatives and strategies can be found online at gjc.org or by contacting housing@gjc.org.

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