



## 2026 Notice of Upcoming RFQ

### 2026 Severe Weather and Emergency Response RFQ

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The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is pleased to announce an upcoming Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify a pool of qualified agencies to provide the region's emergency response to severe weather and emergency events for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. KCRHA supports a regional severe weather and emergency event response that includes providing secure and dignified temporary emergency shelters and essential supplies for unhoused individuals seeking refuge from adverse weather conditions (i.e. snow, smoke, extreme heat and cold) and emergency events (i.e. biological, geophysical, intentional, and infrastructural hazards).

**Please note: this RFQ process does not involve funding.**

The intent of the Severe Weather RFQ is to identify and prequalify a diverse group of agencies to provide severe weather response services. This will help KCRHA front load some of the procurement and compliance work in the off season so severe weather RFPs released later can be completed in a shorter timeframe. This ensures that essential funding is available sooner for severe weather response. Agencies that are approved through this RFQ process will be invited to apply to future Severe Weather Request for Proposals (RFPs) as they are released.

Beginning in 2025, **agencies seeking funds for severe weather must be approved via the RFQ process.** KCRHA will run a Severe Weather RFQ twice per year to ensure agencies have ongoing opportunities to submit qualifications.

- Agencies currently contracted for severe weather services that have not been approved through a previous Severe Weather RFQ must be approved through an RFQ in order to apply for and receive future funding.
- Agencies that have been approved through a previous Severe Weather RFQ do not need to reapply now. Agencies will only need to reapply once their 5-year MSA has expired.
  - Future RFQs will include updated categories (i.e geophysical or infrastructural hazards) but agencies previously approved through Severe Weather RFQs do not need to reapply.
- Agencies that have previously applied to a Severe Weather RFQ and were not approved are able to reapply now.

- An Information Session will be available where agencies can ask questions about the upcoming RFQ. Registration information and link will be available within the RFP. Email questions to [rfp@kcrha.org](mailto:rfp@kcrha.org).

<b>2026 Funding Opportunity</b>	<b>Anticipated Funding Process Release</b>	<b>Anticipated Funding Available</b>	<b>Anticipated Contract Start Date</b>	<b>Anticipated Funding Process</b>
Severe Weather and Emergency Response Request for Qualifications	May 4, 2026	No funding is available through this process.	This process will not result in a contract.	Request for Qualifications

\* *These are estimated process release dates and are subject to change. Please visit [kcrha.org](http://kcrha.org) regularly for formal announcements.*

