



Dear Service Provider,

We are pleased to inform you that the Sexual Assault Services - Call for Responses is now open on BC Bid. The opportunity will be posted for 6 weeks and will close on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 pm (PST).

This Call for Responses (CFR) is intended to establish funding for support services for survivors of sexual assault across the province.

All details on the opportunity, including an overview of the application process, mandatory criteria and key deadlines can be found on BC Bid (Opportunity ID 11751) [here](#).

To provide further details and guidance on using BC Bid and developing an application, the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch will be hosting three virtual information meetings on:

- **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (PST)**
- **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm (PST) – *focused on Indigenous centred services***
- **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm (PST)**

Attendance at these sessions is optional. These sessions will provide an overview of the procurement and information on how to apply, with the January 19<sup>th</sup> session focused on Indigenous centred services.

Prospective respondents do not need to attend all sessions (although may if they would like). If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, you will also be able to access all of the materials (including notes on questions and responses) through [BC Bid](#).

To register to attend the information sessions, please send an **email to Gajanan Pujar at [Procurement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Procurement@gov.bc.ca) before 2:00 pm (PST) on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. The email should include the Respondent's organization name as well as the name and role of each attendee. Respondent's will receive an email reply confirming registration that includes the teleconference / web link information.

Questions will be welcomed at the information meetings. Complex questions, or questions that need to be anonymous, should be forwarded at any time before Tuesday, February 14, 2023 to **Gajanan Pujar**, Procurement Specialist at [Procurement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Procurement@gov.bc.ca).

If you haven't already, we encourage you to take some time to familiarize yourself with the new BC Bid Website. The BC Bid Supplier Guide found [here](#) also provides more information about how to access and use the BC Bid portal.

**Note:** A parallel opportunity for the funding of “Centres” for survivors and sexual assault support services will also be posted on BC Bid in late January. In addition to counselling and coordination services, a Centre is intended to provide a dedicated space for system partners to provide forensic and medical exams and police interviews in a trauma-informed environment. The Ministry intends for Centres to provide integrated and co-located services in the high population/high demand areas of Prince George, Surrey, and Vancouver. If you intend to apply for funding a Centre, refer to Opportunity ID 11975 later in January