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To: Providers serving *Trueblood* Class Members

From: Danna Mauch, PhD, *Trueblood* Court Monitor, and the *Trueblood* Parties

RE: Solicitation for new and additional housing resources for *Trueblood* Class Members

The *Trueblood* Court Monitor and the *Trueblood* Parties are soliciting letters of interest¹ from providers who currently or recently have operated programs specifically targeted to *Trueblood* Class Members² who wish to enhance the availability of housing for current or previous Class Members in their region. A survey of grantees conducted by Policy Research Associates in early 2020 indicated that housing was the most critical determinant of success for those served by the *Trueblood* Diversion Programs. Scarcity of appropriate affordable housing has been repeatedly cited by all of these programs as the greatest unmet need for Class Members.

Approximately \$20 million dollars will be available (reliant upon the *Trueblood* Court's approval) in the spring of 2021 on a one time only basis. Funds will expire prior to the 2023-2025 Budget Biennium with the priority being distribution and use of funds as soon as possible. The goal is to maximize the number of Class Members statewide who will benefit from these targeted funds by achieving access to appropriate affordable housing. Awards will be made to those programs that can provide dedicated housing resources to Class Members as rapidly as possible. Proposals that can leverage existing partnerships and that can be sustained after the grant funding ends are preferred. Letters of interest submitted jointly by two or more geographically contiguous Programs will be considered. Funds are not sufficient for the funding of large capital projects.

When preparing a letter of interest for this current solicitation, respondents should refer to the original *Trueblood* Diversion Services Request for Proposal Applications for background information and key definitions (see attached). Letters of interest will be evaluated by the *Trueblood* Court Monitor and the Parties, and a subsequent Request for Proposal will likely be issued.

Please complete the following questionnaire and email it to Kimberly Mosolf at Disability Rights Washington (DRW) and Danna Mauch in the Office of the Court Monitor³ by **March 1, 2021**. Brevity is encouraged.

1. Describe the type of housing you propose to create with this funding dedicated for *Trueblood* Class Members (e.g., shelter/temporary, tiny homes, transitional, permanent supportive, single room occupancy, supervised living).
2. Describe how you would identify and confirm *Trueblood* Class Membership for those served in the proposed housing.

¹ As this is a solicitation of letters of interest, there is no guarantee of grant award to those responding. Additional information will be provided after letters of interest are reviewed in March, with likely issuance of a Request for Proposals to follow.

² Class members are all pretrial detainees waiting in jail for court-ordered competency/restoration services that the state is statutorily required to provide. On October 31, 2014, the Federal Court certified the class as: All persons who are now, or will be in the future, charged with a crime in the State of Washington and: (a) who are ordered by a court to receive competency evaluation or restoration services through the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services ("DSHS"); (b) who are waiting in jail for those services; and (c) for whom DSHS receives the court order.

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3. How would you obtain this housing (e.g., purchase, lease, rent, renovate existing structure)?
4. How long would it take for this housing to be available for Class Members? Provide a timeline that describes the steps needed to develop the capacity to begin providing services.
5. How would you propose to sustain housing created with this one-time grant?
6. In addition to housing, what other services and necessities would be needed to meet the needs of those being housed (e.g., peer support, on site staff, housing supervision, house wares, furniture, food, cleaning supplies)? How would you provide for these services and necessities?
7. Would you partner with other agencies or leverage other funding sources to increase the number of people served or the range of services provided? If so, please specify.
8. How would your proposal intersect with regional requirements/priorities for housing eligibility (e.g., Coordinated Entry, municipal/county initiatives)? How would you overcome any barriers to prioritizing housing for *Trueblood* Class Members?

Questions can be directed to Kimberly Mosolf at DRW, kimberlym@dr-wa.org.