



RFP for Evaluation Consultant: Delivering on the Dream August 23rd, 2022

Proposed Consultancy

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) seeks to engage a research consultant or team of consultants to evaluate Delivering on the Dream (DOTD), a ten-year old national network of state and local funding collaboratives investing needed resources to support immigrant and refugee communities. Through a unique partnership model that leverages national matching funds, state and local funders engage in coordinated grantmaking to strengthen the immigrant rights and service infrastructure and advance the wellbeing of immigrant communities in diverse locales. The network also provides a wide range of funders with meaningful peer learning opportunities, including those new to funding immigration-related work and those who have long provided funding in this area.

Earlier in 2022, GCIR announced that DOTD would be entering its final year in its current form. This evaluation will surface the key successes and lessons of DOTD and document them in a report that will inform future collaborative philanthropic efforts to support immigrant communities, including a briefing for funders.

About GCIR

GCIR envisions a society in which everyone thrives no matter where they were born. To make that vision a reality, we galvanize philanthropy to advance immigrant justice and belonging. Guided by the values of love, solidarity, dignity, power, and abundance to advance the vision of a more equitable world, GCIR moves money and power for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. As the nation's only immigrant-focused philanthropy mobilizing organization, we work with more than 140 member institutions, the 1,200 individual grantmakers in our network, our partners in the field, and other philanthropic affinity groups to advance immigrant justice and belonging. Amid continued challenges and significant opportunities for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, we are building on our 32-year history to drive short- and long-term immigrant-related philanthropic investments to advance our vision of a just, equitable, and inclusive society for all.

Evaluation Goals

The goal of this project is to provide funders with both a retroactive analysis of the successes and challenges of DOTD over the last decade and with recommendations for how the collaborative model could be adapted and deployed in the future.

Contract Deliverables

1. Undertake Qualitative Research to Understand DOTD's Operation, Successes, and Challenges

- Interview at least ten stakeholders (to be identified in partnership with GCIR), including DOTD collaborative leads, DOTD funders, and GCIR staff involved in the creation and administration of DOTD
- Develop and administer a survey with at least 15 sub-grantee respondents from at least six different DOTD collaboratives

2. Produce a Written Report and Participate in a Funder Briefing

- Share draft summary of findings with GCIR staff for review and revision
- Capture key findings in a final report (and slide deck) that includes graphics and covers key questions about the operation, challenges, successes, and overall learnings and recommendations that emerge (questions to be refined in partnership with GCIR)

Application Process

Interested consultants should submit: their proposed scope of work, total hours needed to complete the project, and project timeline; CV and cover letter including an overview of relevant previous evaluation experience and any relevant knowledge of the issue area; list of 2-3 client references; brief writing sample (no more than 3 pages); and a proposed budget (GCIR's hourly rate for this project is anticipated to be \$175 - \$200).

For questions or further information on this consultancy project, please contact Kevin Douglas, Senior Director of National Programs, at kevin@gcir.org (for questions during the week of August 22nd, contact Ivy Suriyopas, Vice President of Programs, at ivy@gcir.org). Interested parties may register for a pre-bid session by contacting Stephanie Cerda-Ocampo, Programs Assistant, at scerdaoc@gcir.org. This brief optional session will include a review of the RFP and time for questions.

As an organization committed to social justice and racial equity, GCIR recognizes the importance of identifying and working with vendors and consultants that bring a wide range of educational, professional, and lived experiences. We welcome potential vendors and consultants of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities and expressions. We strongly encourage people of color, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, those from immigrant and refugee backgrounds, differently abled people, formerly incarcerated people, and people of any and all historically marginalized identities to submit an RFP. Potential vendors and consultants will not be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, religion, national origin, disability, ancestry, marital status, veteran status, medical condition, or any protected category prohibited by local, state, or federal laws.

Please submit proposals to kevin@gcir.org no later than September 8th at 5:00pm PT.

Proposed Timeline (Negotiable):

Release RFP: August 18th

RFP due to GCIR: September 8th

Estimated Contract Award: September 22nd

Interviews & Surveys: September 22nd - October 27th

Draft Report: November 9th

Final Report: November 18th

Slide Deck + Webinar: Dates TBD Nov/Dec