

## Request for Quotation

### UNHCR Multi Country Office for the USA and the Caribbean (MCO Washington)

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- **Project Title:** Psychosocial Support for U.S. Stateless Persons Organization (United Stateless)
- **Total amount approved:** Up to \$6,500.00 (not including travel)
- **Duration and dates:** 6.5 months; From: 15 June 2020 – 31 December 2020
- **Deadline for Submissions:** 1 June 2020, 23:59EST

#### UNHCR Background:

UNHCR is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people. We deliver life-saving assistance like shelter, food and water, and develop solutions that ensure people have a safe place to call home where they can build a better future. Every year, millions of men, women and children are forced to flee their homes to escape conflict and persecution. Millions more are denied a nationality. We are present in over 125 countries, using our expertise to protect and care for refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people the world over. UNHCR's Multi-Country Office in Washington (MCO Washington) covers the United States of America and the Caribbean. This project forms part of MCO Washington's work to promote protection and solutions for the stateless in the U.S.

#### Project Background:

In November of 2016, MCO Washington hosted a series of consultations with stakeholders in light of the "Global Action Plan to End Statelessness: 2014-2024" (Global Action Plan). With the assistance of stakeholders, UNHCR developed a U.S. National Action Plan (NAP),<sup>1</sup> laying out a strategy by which the United States can achieve the global goals, and end statelessness, by 2024. Organizing stateless persons is central to advancing the goals of the U.S. NAP.

Since December 2017, MCO Washington has supported the creation and development of United Stateless (USL), an organization dedicated to advocating exclusively for the end of statelessness in the United States. The organization was founded by stateless people living in the United States and has a dual-purpose mission: to provide networking and mutual support for stateless people in the United States and to use their collective voices to advocate for solutions to statelessness in the U.S. Over the last two years, United Stateless has logged a number of organizational milestones, including awareness raising and outreach to other stateless individuals in the U.S.

The leadership of United Stateless are affected persons, operating in a largely volunteer capacity, who face a number of pressures and stresses from their work with USL. They are called upon not only to grow and develop the young organization but also to share their experiences as part of their advocacy and mutual support mission. In response, **MCO Washington seeks to contract an expert to provide psychosocial support and resiliency training and individual consultations to interested members among**

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<sup>1</sup> See U.S. NAP document.

**the United Stateless leadership team (comprised of seven affected individuals).** The goal of such support is to foster individual and group resiliency as the organization continues to grow and develop.

To this end, the service provider will be responsible for:

- Conducting **monthly remote self-care/counseling sessions** for interested members of the United Stateless leadership team (~40 sessions total)
- Conducting one **resiliency and self-care workshop** during United Stateless convening

#### **Monitoring and Progress Controls:**

The service provider will check-in with UNHCR staff twice – once mid-year and again at year's end. UNHCR will also gather feedback from the members of United Stateless as to the relevance and impact of the psychosocial support. The service provider will also submit a summary report from the workshop, detailing the content and follow-up.

#### **Qualifications and Experience of Provider:**

- **Degree Required:** Advanced degree (minimum Bachelors, Masters preferred).
- **Years of Experience:** 10 years of experience in provision of psychosocial training and support, direct services or otherwise, particularly with trauma-informed practice. Experience working with vulnerable refugee, asylum-seeker and/or stateless populations, and knowledge of migration and human rights issues preferred.
- **Language Required:** English fluency required.

#### **Submission Requirements:**

To be considered for the project, please submit the following to [usawaadm@unhcr.org](mailto:usawaadm@unhcr.org), with the subject line "RFQ - Psychosocial Support for U.S. Stateless Persons Organization", no later than 1 June 2020, 23:59 EST:

- Proposal for provision of services
- CV of the service provider

If selected, submission of the following additional documents will be required:

- [UNHCR Vendor Registration Form](#)
- [UN Supplier Code of Conduct](#)
- [UN General Conditions for the Provision of Services](#)