

Central District Preservation and Development Authority
Request for Proposals
Community Historian
Issue date: 6/6/22
Closing date: 6/21/22
Contact: info@cdcpda.org
Subject: Community Historian

1. Introduction:

- a. CDCPDA's aim is to preserve and restore the historical and cultural character of the Central District community, which has experienced dislocation, displacement, and disintegration. To support this mission, the CDCPDA has taken ownership of and begun to restore the building formerly known as the Seattle Vocational Institute or Seattle Opportunities Industrialization Center to productive use. The CDCPDA's working board was empanelled in August 2020.
- b. In April 2022, the CDCPDA received a National Trust for Historic Preservation grant from the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund grant program. This is a National Endowment for the Humanities pass-through grant coming from the American Rescue Plan. Federal funding is subject to a competitive procurement, conflict of interest, and federal debarment rules.

2. Background:

- a. The CDCPDA is governed by a 13-member board. This grant falls under the Communications Committee. A sub-committee, the 7-member History Advisory Committee (HAC), is being formed for the purposes of this project. The HAC may help determine additional survey needs beyond the Washington State Inventory form.
- b. For additional information about the organization, please see mckinneycentr.com

3. Request for Proposals

- a. Position title: Community Historian
- b. Primary responsibility: Prepare a short narrative history of the story around the building – the creation of SOIC, the work of creating the building (in consultation with the preservation consultant), and the transition to SVI.
- c. With the History Advisory Committee, create an outline of additional stories of note that should be researched for the final interpretive plan for the building. For these additional stories or eras, identify repositories and community contacts for future research.
- d. Assist History Advisory Committee with connecting with other history partners to facilitate the continuation of this work beyond the end of the grant timeline.

4. Qualifications:

- a. Experience working on history in/with the Central District/Central Area of Seattle
- b. Demonstrated experience working with community organizations

5. Details:

- a. The Grant term ends in March 2023. Work for this position will run from July 2022 through March 2023.

- b. Price: not to exceed \$6,000
 - c. Please also scope both State Register and National Register nominations as additional work, both for price and timeline.
- 6. Send proposal to info@cdcpda.org
 - a. Cover letter describing appropriate experience and qualifications
 - a. Contractor shall certify that neither contractor nor its principles are presently debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in the transaction by any Federal department or agency.
 - b. Links to examples of written historical work