

**Tri County Community Action
Heart of the Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Plan
Harrisburg, PA
Request for Qualifications**

Tri County Community Action (TCCA) is soliciting the submission of qualifications from established urban planning/design firms or individuals, with experience in participatory neighborhood planning processes. Firms or individuals should demonstrate knowledge and experience in:

- Holistic neighborhood planning processes;
- Authentic community engagement;
- Safe and complete streets design;
- Commercial corridor revitalization;
- Affordable housing and blight remediation;
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design;
- Equitable economic development strategies;
- Identifying project budgets and potential funding sources;
- Realistic prioritization and phasing of revitalization activities;
- Innovative and emerging trends to revitalization of low-income neighborhoods;

Background

For over 25 years, Tri County Community Action has been the lead organization in developing community strategic plans and leading implementation activities to stabilize and fight disinvestment in the South Allison Hill area of Harrisburg, PA. These efforts resulted in rehabbing major commercial buildings, affordable home ownership projects, corridor revitalization activities, beautifying green space, and intensive community building through the residents' association, events, beautification projects, countless outreach and feedback activities.

After completing the first phase of the Heart of the Hill plan for the next wave of revitalization activities in 2017 the community prioritized strategies that fall under their core community values: Safety, Youth Opportunity, Beautiful Physical Environment, and Sense of Community. In this phase of the process we are seeking a consultant who can continue to work with the community and stakeholders to develop strategy and design that will uplift these community values.

This community is also at a critical juncture due to renewed interest in investment and redevelopment in the community by multiple partners. Recent projects include large-scale affordable housing projects near Derry and Mulberry Streets, an Area-Wide Brownfield Planning grant for a portion of the neighborhood, planned investments in street design and pedestrian amenities in the Derry and Mulberry Street area, streetscape improvements along Derry Street, and potential housing development along Market Street. It is essential that these efforts are integrated, equitable, and leveraged.

Neighborhood Planning Area Map



Background Information Provided By:
 City of Harrisburg
 Harrisburg Area Community College

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South Allison Hill Neighborhood

Map A

Regional Location

*South Allison Hill
 Neighborhood*
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Overarching Goals

- Gather and review information already gathered through multiple stakeholders to guide strategic design and development;
- Develop a cohesive multi-year plan created by the community, which will serve to guide investments in the community;
- Plan officially included in the City of Harrisburg's Comprehensive Plan; and
- Build a stronger stakeholder base within the community to increase the level of implementation success.

Objectives

- Develop a land-use plan for the neighborhood;
- Urban design of strategic public spaces;
- Developing short-term and long-term investment and funding strategy for housing, economic development, education, public safety, blight elimination, open space, recreation, cultural expression and other community assets as related to the community values;
- Involving youth meaningfully in understanding urban planning and assist in a specific design project; and
- Transforming the neighborhood planning process participation of community residents into broader, more effective and organized community to implement the plan.

Statement of Interest (SOI)

The appointments will last for a period of nine (9) months with the opportunity to engage in implementation stages. As projects are identified, one (1) firm or team of firms will be selected for the intended purpose, and an individual agreement or work order will be prepared.

Firms interested in this work must show a good faith effort to involve disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE).

Firms interested in this work should submit a statement of interest (SOI). The selection will be made directly from the SOI. The SOI shall be limited to five (5) 8 ½ x11 inch pages single sided not including organization chart and resumes. Three (3) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy in pdf format of the SOI must be received by TCCA no later than **4:00 PM on June 24, 2019**. Any SOI received after this time will not be considered. Statements of interest must be delivered to:

Jennifer Wintermyer
Executive Director
1514 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

The SOI shall include:

- One (1) page cover letter;
- Organizational chart;
- Resumes for each key member who will be assigned to this project;
- Statement of availability of proposed staff;
- Relevant Planning Style: Provide a list of projects that best demonstrates past performance with a community participator planning process with a brief description, type of services provided,

date of services, cost and duration. Identify each project by name and location and indicate the name and address of the client and the name and telephone number of a contact person familiar with the project; and

- Five (5) page maximum discussion of team qualifications and experience to address the following:
 1. What will the team do to ensure that cost effective projects will be designed? (20%)
 2. How will the team assure that it will provide a quality product? (20%)
 3. Philosophy: Explain your philosophy on community planning and your approach to participatory planning. (20%).
 4. The team's technical knowledge and experience in identical or similar projects as that described in this solicitation. (20%).
 5. How will the team manage creating maximum community impact while addressing all community values? (10%)
 6. How will the team pursue project delivery in relation to developing and/or meeting design schedules and budget control? (10%)