



AOT Program Request for Qualifications

Submitted Questions and Answers

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- I. **Question 1:** Could a single provider submit a proposal for multiple locations/counties?
 - **ASO Response:** Yes. This can be indicated in the project proposal response form. Separate proposals for each county should be submitted if there are differences in how each location would be run.
 - II. **Question 2:** Where can the list of required provided services be found?
 - **ASO Response:** RCW 71.05.585 contains the most up to date details of what all forms LRAs should include. These services, along with additional ones specific to AOT can be found in the Statement of Work included with the RFP documents.
 - III. **Question 3:** Has anyone proposed a mobile care option?
 - **ASO Response:** Services can happen in an office, and some may need to, however, our focus remains on meeting individuals where they are i.e., in their home or in the community.
 - IV. **Question 4:** Would the provider chosen need to stand up their own 24/7 crisis team or would they develop a partnership with a preexisting DCR office?
 - **ASO Response:** The chosen provider would support individuals in accessing crisis services if needed and coordinate with the crisis system for any necessary follow-up, however the provider would not need their own 24/7 crisis team.
 - V. **Question 5:** Would an AOT Revocation be the same process as other LRAs?
 - **ASO Response:** Yes, this would be the same process.
 - VI. **Question 6:** Are petition forms for AOT available?
 - **ASO Response:** Yes, forms have been made and are published. They can be found here: <https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.contribute&formID=101>
 - VII. **Question 7:** Could you clarify/give more information on the funding?
 - **ASO Response:** Currently, the ASO is providing \$700,000 for startup funds and \$900,000 for AOT monitoring, services, and ongoing expenses. AOT monitoring and treatment services for Medicaid recipients are funded through the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).
 - VIII. **Question 8:** Would Certified Peers be limited to working only with clients who receive ASO funds?
 - **ASO Response:** No, Certified Peers would not be limited to only those receiving ASO funds.
 - IX. **Question 9:** Can AOT last for up to 18 months?
 - **ASO Response:** Yes, AOT orders can last for up to 18 months.
 - X. **Question 10:** Does an organization have to be a BHA to administer an LRA?
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- **ASO Response:** Yes, one of the requirements is to be a licensed BHA. Please reference RCW 71.05.585 (4).
- XI. **Question 11:** Is the AOT Less Restrictive alternative always a court order?
- **ASO Response:** Yes
- XII. **Question 12:** Is the threshold for hospitalization lower for a person on an AOT?
- **ASO Response:** No
- XIII. **Question 13:** If an individual on an AOT is not following requirements on the LRA and looks to be in need of hospitalization, does the person need to be evaluated by a particular agency besides the typical Emergency Department mental health professional? (I'm wondering if it's like an individual who is on a Less Restrictive Order who has been referred for hospital admission on a revocation of the LRO and needs to be evaluated by the DCR)
- **ASO Response:** Only a DCR or the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services may provide an evaluation, upon their own motion or upon request of the facility or agency designated to provide outpatient care, to cause a person to be detained for the purpose of a hearing for revocation of their order, resulting in hospitalization.
- XIV. **Question 14:** If an individual who is on an AOT LRA is hospitalized, does the hospitalization need to be involuntary?
- **ASO Response:** No, an individual on an AOT order may still consent to be voluntarily hospitalized.
- XV. **Question 15:** Is there an expiration date of the AOT LRA?
- **ASO Response:** AOT orders can last for up to 18 months.
- XVI. **Question 16:** Is there any treatment that can be compelled for an individual on an AOT LRA?
- **ASO Response:** All treatments that are included as part of the court mandated AOT order can be compelled by the court.
- XVII. **Question 17:** Is there an agency that needs to collect any sort of compliance reports for individuals on an AOT LRA?
- **ASO Response:** AOT providers will be required to coordinate monitoring and compliance with the DCR office. Reference North Sound BH-ASO Policy 1562.00. Policy 1562.00 will be updated and made available in the coming months.
- XVIII. **Question 18:** Who decides if an individual can be on an AOT LRA?
- **ASO Response:** The Superior Court of the county in which the AOT petition was filed.
- XIX. **Question 19:** Is there an estimate on how many individuals might need AOT per county? If so, can you provide the number for Snohomish County?
- **ASO Response:** No, AOT is not in operation, in the North Sound Region, and courts are not currently issuing AOT court orders. The volume of AOT orders will be dependent on community & provider awareness of AOT, number of AOT petitions filed, and the number of AOT orders issued by the Superior Court. The majority of current LRAs are concentrated in Snohomish and Skagit County. The AOT program will serve as many AOT court orders as program capacity and staffing allows.