

Request for Proposal (RFP) Food Supply for Shelter Meal Preparation Issued by: Austin Street Center Issue Date: 4/17/2025 – Revised 5/21/2025 RFP Number: RFPFOODFY25

1. Introduction

Austin Street Center is a nonprofit organization committed to providing safe shelter and meeting the basic needs of the most vulnerable homeless. We are seeking qualified food vendors to supply fresh and shelf-stable food items as well as kitchen supplies used in the preparation of meals served through our programs.

2. Scope of Work

The selected vendor(s) will provide regular deliveries of food products to our kitchen facility located at 1717 Jeffries St Dallas, TX 75226., in accordance with our meal program needs. Products include:

- Fresh produce (fruits and vegetables)
- Meats and proteins (fresh and frozen)
- Grains and dry goods (rice, pasta, flour, etc.)
- Dairy products
- Canned goods and condiments
- Beverages (milk, juice, etc.)
- Miscellaneous food service items

Deliveries are expected on a weekly basis starting from July 1, 2025 and continuing through October 31, 2028.

3. Proposal Requirements

Vendors must include the following in their proposal:

- Company name and contact information
- Overview of relevant experience and clients served, especially nonprofit or institutional accounts
- Product catalog and price list (including bulk pricing if available)
- Delivery capabilities, timelines, and minimum order requirements
- Food safety and handling certifications or procedures
- Payment terms and accepted payment methods
- Three (3) references from current or past clients

4. Evaluation Criteria

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Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Cost and pricing structure
- Product quality and availability
- Delivery reliability and flexibility
- Experience with nonprofits or meal service programs
- Customer service and responsiveness
- Commitment to food safety and compliance
- Minority or Women-Owned Business Certified

5. Submission Instructions

All proposals must be submitted by June 18, 2025 to: Attn: Accounting Austin Street Center accounting@austinstreet.org PO Box 710729 Dallas, TX 75371 Alissa Rodgers Chief Financial Officer 972-807-0017

6. Questions and Clarifications

Any questions related to this RFP must be submitted in writing to accounting@austinstreet.org by June 11, 2025. Responses to all questions will be shared with all potential vendors.

7. Terms and Conditions

Austin Street Center reserves the right to:

- Accept or reject any or all proposals
- Award contracts to multiple vendors
- Request additional information from any respondent
- Cancel or modify this RFP at any time

The below Chart reflects the Austin Street Center Food Costs incurred from FY20 – FY24 along with the budgeted Food cost for the current FY25 which ends Oct 31, 2025.

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	FY20 Actual 11/1/19 - 10/31/20	FY21 11/1/20 - 10/31/21	FY22 Actual 11/1/21 - 10/31/22	FY23 11/1/22 - 10/31/23	FY24 Actual 11/1/23 - 10/31/24	FY25 Budget 11/1/24 - 10/31/25	11/1/24 -
Expenditures Food	44,722	88,588	123,499	619,130	446,281	561,653	323,143

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