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Subject: We Need Your Help!



Dear Partners,

We need your help!

New York City is currently experiencing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, as thousands of individuals and families fleeing their home country seeking asylum in the United States make their way here. To meet this need, the City has opened more than 120 emergency shelters and an additional 8 Humanitarian Relief and Response Centers (HERRCS) over the last year. There are over currently 36,500 asylum seekers in our care, and it's rapidly increasing as policies at the border continue to shift.

City workers, community-and faith-based partners have all stepped up over the last year to provide the critical services that asylum seekers need, such as food, clothing, shelter, health care, access to legal information and education.

The City is seeking partners to help identify space and/or provide shelter services at emergency sites.

Services

Emergency shelters, overseen by the Department of Homeless Services (DHS), provide temporary housing, case management services, food, security and other needed services to individuals and families. The [attached emergency solicitation](#) provides more detail.

Any provider interested in providing these services can submit a proposal under the emergency solicitation. Once selected, DHS will work closely with you at every step of the way to ensure the sites run smoothly.

DHS and their partners will find the sites, negotiate the rents, manage all payments and oversee the maintenance and cleaning of the sites. This will allow providers to focus on providing services.

DHS is holding informational sessions to brief interested providers on this work and to answer any questions you have. Please sign up below.

- **Wednesday, 5/10 from 2:30 -3:30. [RSVP here.](#)**
- **Friday, 5/12 from 10:30-11:30. [RSVP here.](#)**

Space

The City is also looking for emergency sites such as gyms or dorms that are available quickly and that could be used by the City temporarily to provide immediate relief to asylum seekers.

Please evaluate your inventory – both spaces you own as well as other ideas you have- and let us know if you have anything available for potential use as soon as possible.

For any property that meets the following key criteria and is available for use or for any suggestions, please send an email to Asylumseekersupport@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Key Criteria for temporary shelter space –

- **10,000 square feet minimum**
- **Large available open layout spaces** i.e., gyms, recreational centers, dorms, etc.
- **Contained within a building**
- **No known health hazards**
- **Secure space with 24/7 access**
- **Bathrooms and preferably showers** (but we can figure out showers if need be)

**Thank you so much in advance for your partnership.
We cannot do this alone.**