



## **Request for Proposals (RFP) Youth Program Services – Fiscal Year 2026**

**Issuing Organization:** ACC Transformers Rite of Passage Experience (R.O.P.E.)

**Date of Issue:** May 1, 2025 (**SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE: May 30, 2025**)

### **Introduction:**

ACC Transformers invites qualified organizations to submit proposals for delivering impactful youth programs targeting youth aged 12-18 in Wards 7 & 8, Washington, D.C., for FY26 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026). Maximum Award: Up to \$50,000. Funded by the Department of Behavioral Health through the Opioid Abatement Fund.

Addressing the critical issue of youth opioid deaths in Washington, D.C., the ACC Transformers Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE), a partnership between the Anacostia Coordinating Council and the Transformers DC, offers a transformative journey for young people. Grounded in the traditional rite of passage framework of Separation, Transformation, and Re-integration, this program intentionally cultivates well-rounded development through enriching experiences. Participants gain a stronger sense of identity, self-discovery, and increased self-esteem. Alongside valuable skill development and meaningful community engagement, ACC Transformers ROPE equips youth with vital knowledge about the dangers of opioid use, effective prevention strategies, and the ability to make informed choices that impact their future.

ACC Transformers ROPE invites proposals from qualified, collaborative-minded organizations to deliver impactful youth program services to young people aged 12-18 residing in Wards 7 & 8, Washington, D.C. Programs will also be considered to address the needs of parents. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to partnering in support of community youth and working cooperatively within the overall program structure. Organizations seeking to operate independently are not eligible. Non-profits and Community Based organizations are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **2. Program Goals and Objectives:**

The proposed program should aim to:

Goal 1: Provide a weekly transformational experience that exposes youth to greater opportunities for their future (minimum of 12 contact hours per month, engaging groups of at least 10 youth participants).

Goal 2: Increase youth awareness of the dangers associated with drugs and opioids.

Goal 3: Teach leadership and decision-making skills to empower youth to make healthier choices.

### **3. Key Objectives:**

Objective 1: Reduce drug and opioid use among youth aged 12-18.

Objective 2: Decrease in opioid-related fatalities among youth.

Objective 3: Enhance awareness of the harmful effects of drugs and improve decision-making skills.

#### **4. Scope of Services**

Proposals should present a clear, feasible program model that includes:

- Target population and recruitment strategies.
- Specific activities and curriculum details.
- Staff qualifications and relevant experience.
- Proposed timeline and schedule.
- Data collection and evaluation plan.

#### **5. Proposal Requirements:**

Interested organizations are asked to submit a comprehensive proposal of no more than 5 pages including:

1. Organization Overview: Mission statement, history, and relevant experience. (Please include address and website info.)
2. Program Narrative: Detailed description of the program model and how it aligns with the goals and objectives.
3. Budget: Itemized budget outlining all costs.
4. Organizational Capacity: Staffing, resources, and capacity to implement the proposed program. Include 3 references
5. Evaluation Plan: Methods for measuring and reporting program outcomes.

#### **6. Submission Deadline Date:**

Proposals must be submitted electronically to [info@TotalLifeConsultancy.com](mailto:info@TotalLifeConsultancy.com) not later than COB Friday May 30, 2025.

Questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Dr. LaVerne Adams at [Info@TotalLifeConsultancy.com](mailto:Info@TotalLifeConsultancy.com).

#### **7. Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be assessed based on:

Program design and innovation

Experience and qualifications of the applicant

Budget feasibility and cost-effectiveness

Demonstrated outcomes and evaluation plan

Organizational capacity

#### **8. Anticipated Notification Date**

August 2025

#### **9. Anticipated Start Date**

October 1, 2025

***ACC Transformers reserves the right to revise this RFP as well as accept or reject any or all proposals. All accepted proposals will be submitted to our funding source and are subject to approval and funding availability. There is no guarantee that accepted and submitted proposals will be awarded.*** For more information about ACC Transformers' initiatives, visit <http://TransformersDC.com>.