

Portland's Waterfront

by Heath Cleaveland

Hnnn....Hnnnn....Hnnnn....
Amtrak brings in cargo, people
Across a great Steel Bridge, its
Wheels squeal in harmonic notes, a
Lugubrious dirge for the fallen hero.

Whirr...Whirr...Pk!...Pk!...Pk!...
A Red Line crosses my path, is it
Good luck or a chance to make a friend
The speed indicates exercise and plans.

Wroaaa...Wroaaa...Wroaaa...
On rivers, there are various sizes of
Boats, ships, and smaller vehicles, here
A cigarette gives cancer of the ears and not the lungs.

The sounds of the waterfront are filled
With laughter, joy, some shouts and
Emergency vehicles, trains, planes,
Helicopters, recumbents, Segways,
The ding ding of a bicycle built for a family.
On Portland's waterfront, an ear event always.

The poet's poem

by Avendor

This is a poem that ought not to have been written
some things are just better left undone
to be a poet is a serious calling
for your words can really affect someone

Hot dog and beans in the morning
smoke a cigarette and sigh
all these anxious spirits warring
better be famous when I die

Lovers on the fire escapes
pick a pen up from the puddle
and read your poems to the bums
who around the evening fires are huddled

To be a poet is a blessed calling
you can really inspire the world
you can animate the universe
and maybe win the heart of a girl

Notice:

Request for Proposals RFP No. 07/16-316 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Project Based Vouchers

Home Forward is requesting proposals from housing providers to partner with Home Forward and the local Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for set-aside funding available for Project Based HUD-VASH Vouchers using a Housing First approach. VASH vouchers come with Section 8 voucher rent assistance as well as ongoing case management and supports for the veteran provided by the Veterans Affairs (VA). Selected properties will be included in joint applications for VASH vouchers to be project based pending an award from HUD. The award of Project Based Vouchers (PBV) to the selected property will be conditional, subject to the successful award of HUD funding and compliance with all federal requirements including the PBV VASH regulations, the Fair Housing Act, the Civil Rights Act and the American with Disabilities Act. In the event HUD does not award Project Based VASH Vouchers for the selected property, Home Forward may elect to award Project Based VASH Vouchers currently available to Home Forward to the selected properties.

Interested parties may access the RFP at the Home Forward website below.
<http://www.homeforward.org/work-with-us/business-contracting/current-opportunities>

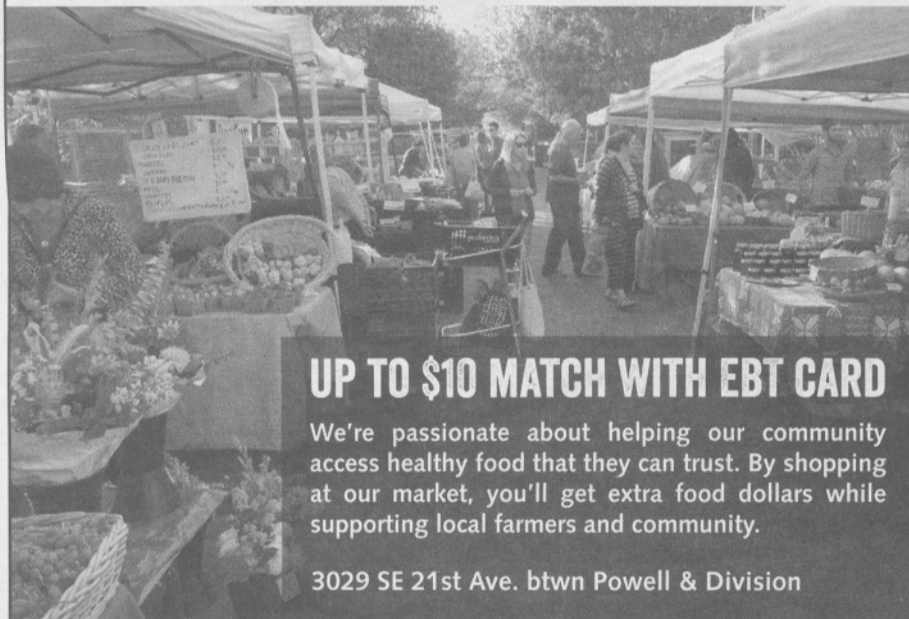
Proposals must be received by 2 p.m. on August 17, 2016. Proposals should be sent either electronically as pdf files or by other postal delivery method to the attention of:

RFP Contact:
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Direct questions regarding this RFP to the RFP contact listed above.

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