

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Wellness Feast: October 2026—September 2027 (10 Events)

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for monthly cooking, meal preparation, and cleanup for the BRHWC Behavioral Health Department Wellness Feasts. These events will be on the last Wednesday of the month, or otherwise specified—beginning in October 2026 and ending in September 2027 (Please note: No feasts will be held for the months of December & August). The Wellness Feast will be held within Bad River Tribal lands at a place chosen by BRHWC Behavioral Health Department (Preference will be at the BRHWC). Advance notice of location will be given at least one week prior to the event, however, vendor must have flexibility and ability to switch locations on short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Proposals that cannot commit to all ten events will still be considered if specific months/dates are identified within the proposal.

Cooking, meal preparation and cleanup for 150 people. Try to include the following food items as part of the menu:

- Wild Rice (If not available a substitute will be acceptable, such as: other types of rice, quinoa, whole grain pasta)
- Venison (If venison is not available a meat substitute will be acceptable. Such as ham, turkey, some type of roast)
- Potato (any form of mashed, fried, baked), No instant potato mix
- Vegetables (cold with dip, steamed, etc.)
- Dessert (No premade goods)
- Drinks (water is fine) If providing tea, soda or juice, there needs to be a diet or no sugar option included.

There may be other meal plans for events provided the Behavioral Health Director is notified and approves. The following are some examples, but not limited to: Tacos; spaghetti, meatloaf, fish fry

Proposals are required to contain the following information:

- Food Requirements for 150 people. (Include cost for other needed items, such as paper plates, plastic utensils, & napkins)
- Service charge or invoice of cost of service per month.
- Payment for services will be mailed within two weeks due after date of event.
- If the BRHWC needs to cancel an event, the vendor will be given at least a 3-day notice. A service payment for that event will be cancelled or postponed dependent on if an alternative agreement for services can be negotiated at that time. Reimbursement for food supplies will be made if an alternative agreement cannot be reached (alternative agreement examples, but not limited to: changing the event day to the following week; cooking food for employee appreciation; cooking food for other community event happening at that time).
- If the BRHWC needs to cancel an event less than 3 days before scheduled day of event and an alternative agreement on services cannot be negotiated, the vendor will be paid their service fee per contract with the following changes:
 1. The vendor will cook and deliver the food to another location within the BRHWC service area as directed by Behavioral Health Department.
 2. If food is only to be delivered and no event is taking place, cleanup at the delivery

location will not be required with the exception of picking up any equipment or food containers owned by the vendor after the meal is concluded.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 476. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.

Sealed bids must be labeled "2026-2027 Wellness Feasts" and submitted by 4pm Friday, September 18th, 2026.

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
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Questions regarding this project can be directed to: Elizabeth Kalio, Behavioral Health Director, 53585 Nokomis Rd. Odanah, WI 54806, 715-682-7133, ext.4309, e.kallio@badriverhwc.com

Bid opening will be scheduled at Chief Blackbird Center (Administration), Conference Room C, 72682 Maple Street, Ashland, WI 54806, Monday, September 21st, 2026, at 10am.

Any or all bids may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

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