

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Safe Commercial Corridor Grant RFA Submitted Questions
(as of January 5, 2024 at 5 p.m.)

Questions asked from December 26, 2023 - January 5, 2024.

Question	Answer
<p>In Appendix D, under consultant fees, it says that consultant rate cannot exceed \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour. It doesn't indicate whether these are direct labor rates or fully loaded rates, but in the example they provide for calculating consultant costs, it doesn't provide a means to factor direct rates. Our loaded billing rates (including OH and profit) rate from \$95 to \$315, significantly outside of the rate they provided. Am I missing something, or does this exclude us from being able to provide services for this project?</p>	<p>If an organizer includes consultant services in the application, the consultant fees cannot exceed \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour. The applicant determines the budgeting parameters to stay within the \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour.</p>
<p>In section 5.8 on page 11, one of the required documents is a "Tax Affidavit" but it's not clear what type of affidavit you're referring to. It's also mentioned on page 17 in the checklist under Other Required Application Materials. Could you please clarify what type of tax affidavit we need to include?</p>	<p>The Tax Certification Affidavit is available here: https://otr.cfo.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/otr/publication/attachments/tax_certification_affidavit.pdf</p>
<p>In Appendix D, subhead F, it says "<i>...if the item cost is above \$5,000, then the organization must seek no less than three price bids and award based off the best price.</i>" Does that just refer to a single item or would it apply to a single purchase? For example if we were purchasing 6 items from a single vendor that cost \$1000 each would we need to get competitive quotes, or would that requirement only kick in if we were purchasing a single device that cost \$6,000?</p>	<p>This refers to a single item that is \$5,000.01 or greater. If a single item costs \$5,000.01 or greater, the organization must seek no less than three price bids and award based off the best price. The dollar amount is not \$6,000 or more.</p>
<p>We want to confirm that we do not have to submit to any portal and that the email submission is all we must do.</p>	<p>There is no portal for the submission process. To submit an application for this RFA, an applicant must email the application by Friday, January 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. ET to dmpsgrants@dc.gov. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.</p>

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Questions asked from December 18-December 25, 2023.

Question	Answer
Does "staff" refer to only full-time staff employed by us or would part-time staff/ part-time contractors also qualify as staff?	For this RFA, staffing references the personnel the applicant has identified to complete the proposed activity/activities in their application. An allowable expense for this grant includes funding to pay salaries and fringe benefits for staff. Salaries may cover full-time, part-time, or contract wages.

Questions asked at the pre-application conference on December 12, 2023.

Question	Answer
If my organization receives a grant award, when can I use the money?	Grant funding is eligible for use after a grant award letter is issued through September 30, 2024. This is a one-time FY24 funding source and there is no guarantee that this funding will continue after September 30, 2024.
If my organization receives a grant award, can I use the funding to hire staff?	This grant may be used to pay for the cost of salary and fringe benefits for staff.
What are the minimum and maximum thresholds for grant fund requests?	The funding period is from the date of the award through September 30, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024). DMPSJ is making \$1.1 million available for Safe Commercial Corridors Grant Program. Award sizes may vary, and eligible organizations can be funded for a minimum of \$25,000 for projects that meet the criteria outlined in this RFA. This RFA currently covers three commercial corridors: Downtown, Shaw, or Adams Morgan. This does not necessarily mean that there will only be one grantee for each commercial corridor or that a grantee is limited to only servicing one commercial corridor.
This funding can be used to assist business owners with improvements to their security and safety systems. Would those physical improvements become the property of the business?	Yes.
If my organization receives a grant award, can I use the funding to hire MPD Reimbursable Detail Officers (RDOs)?	This grant may be used to pay for the cost of salary and fringe benefits for staff.

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What is the payment structure for this grant?

This is a reimbursement grant, meaning an organization will incur expenses and then submit reimbursed quarterly for eligible expenses. Invoices will be due on April 15, July 15, and October 4.