

**Safe and Secure DC Nonprofit Fund RFA Submitted Questions  
(as of February 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.)**

Questions submitted to The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice from  
Friday, January 31, through Monday, February 10, 2025

*The deadline for submitting questions is Wednesday, February 12, at 5:00 p.m.*

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Is an organization allowed to request funds for security personnel if the organization would like to use off-duty police officers?	Yes, an off-duty police officer can be hired through this grant. Of note, the officer cannot perform duties in two roles at the same time.
The grant says that one can apply for "physical security enhancements". Is there a list of items that will fall under this category?	No. There is not a list of items that fall under "physical security enhancements" since this is a competitive process. The items submitted in the application should allow the grantee to interpret what is needed in their program to meet the focus area and core capabilities identified on page 4 in the RFA.
Is staff time allowed as an expense request for training as compared to the cost of the actual training?	Yes, staff time is allowed as an expense if the applicant provides a detailed allocation of how grant funds will be used for training, along with supporting documentation. The cost of the actual training should be listed as a separate line item, as an organization may hire a third-party contractor to provide the training.
Our nonprofit has an IRS Affirmation Letter that confirms our 501(c)3 status, but not an IRS Determination Letter. The IRS website says that the Affirmation Letter has the same function as the Determination Letter, however I want to confirm that an IRS Affirmation Letter will also be accepted and meet the eligibility requirement for the grant.	Yes, the IRS Affirmation Letter is allowed as proof of IRS Determination Letter 501(c)3 status.
Does the requested funding need to be for extra services, or can we request funding for costs we are already planning? Specifically, for security personnel.	The use of grant funds for invoicing will be permitted only from the date the agreement is executed until September 30, 2025.
We received a NSGP grant in FY23 with a grant period of FY23-FY25. Are we still eligible to submit a request for this new grant?	If an applicant was selected and awarded an NSGP grant in FY24, the applicant cannot apply for this grant opportunity.
If an organization has two locations and one of the locations received the federal NSGP funds in FY2024 but the other did not, can the second	Yes, a different location can apply for this grant opportunity if the applicant did not receive an NSGP award in FY24.

location that did not receive the federal grant be eligible for this program?	
Based on the rule stated that recipients of FY24 NSGP grants do not qualify for this DC grant, that previous question about receiving an FY23 grant seems to suggest they should be eligible since it was an FY23 grant rather than an FY24 grant.	An applicant can be part of an active Federal NSGP award; however, if an applicant was selected and awarded an NSGP grant in FY24, the applicant cannot apply for this grant opportunity.
Do you anticipate this being an annual grant?	DMPSJ received \$500,000 in FY25 to support this grant.
Is there a definition for community-based non-profits?	A letter from the IRS, either an Affirmation or Determination Letter, defines a community-based non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.
If the nonprofit can demonstrate a recent security incident, can demonstrate and an elevated threat as a target, will that be taken into consideration in the in the grading and the scoring?	An applicant may submit details regarding a recent security incident and or an elevated threat in their application. Per the RFA, the scoring will be based solely on the proposal, which aligns with the three focus areas plus the scoring criteria described in detail on page 10 of the RFA.
Proposal Narrative (Up to and no longer than 10 pages or 18,000 characters) When the language says 'define objectives and expected outcomes', does that mean the applicant defines its own objectives and expected outcomes or are there objective objectives and outcomes from the DC government from which an applicant has to work within?	The applicant should define objectives and outcomes based on the project(s) included in the grant application, then demonstrate in their application what the data they will use to measure implementation of the program.  DMPSJ cannot define objectives, outcomes, or data since applicants can submit an application which can cover an array of project(s) associated with the three focus areas of the RFA as identified on page 4 (enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places; planning; and/or exercises and training).
Data and Evaluation (Up to and no longer than 1 page or 1,800 characters) Include the standard data measures and performance outcomes, as well as the application specific outcomes; What does DC consider 'standard data measures and performance outcomes'?	