Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Program Year 2022
Community Development Block Grant - Neighborhood Public Service
Today’s agenda

• Review Neighborhood programs under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
• 2022 NOFA Schedule
• Discussion – Q&As, comments, suggestions
Vision
NEST envisions vibrant, innovative, and interconnected communities with the means and opportunities to make a home, get a job, and build a future.

Mission
To support neighborhoods experiencing significant change to elevate their voice in determining the future of their community by empowering under-resourced and marginalized residents and businesses.

Participants: Please post your name and associated organization in the chat
Participating agencies need to develop projects that address real community needs.
- what does your data show?

Participating agencies are highly encouraged to develop partnerships with other agencies and organizations.
- provide more comprehensive support services to neighborhood residents for greater impacts

- $150,000 minimum budget,
- Partnerships will designate a Lead Fiscal Agency that agrees to be the primary organization contracting with the city,
- Partnerships between multiple agencies will be considered subcontractors to the Lead Fiscal Agency and will be required to execute legal documents (MOU’s) outlining such,
- We will accept applications that only include one nonprofit entity; however, projects incorporating collaborations will receive higher consideration.

2022 NOFA Application Changes

COLLABORATION

MINIMUM THRESHOLD

BUDGET TEMPLATES

- Personnel & Non-Personnel
- Fee for Services
- Separate budget narrative form has been omitted from the application. The budget narrative is now contained within the budget templates.

- Budget_CAP-CDBG Standard
- Budget CAP-CDBG Fee for Service

DENVER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & OPPORTUNITY
Priority Areas: Vulnerable Neighborhoods

Priority consideration will be given to projects or programs in the following neighborhoods:

✓ Globeville
✓ Elyria Swansea
✓ Northeast Parkhill
✓ East Colfax
✓ Montbello
✓ Sun Valley
✓ Valverde
✓ Villa Park
✓ West Colfax
✓ Westwood

Additional neighborhoods may be updated as data suggest changing needs.
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Its primary objective is the development of viable urban communities.

- Viable communities are achieved by providing the following, principally for persons of low and moderate income: decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities.

- Provides communities with resources to address a wide range of public service activities.
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Funded activities for public service must meet at least one of the national objectives:

- Benefit to low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons;
  
  Low Mod Limited Clientele (LMC)
  
  Low Mod Area Benefit (LMA)

- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or

- Meet a need having a particular urgency (urgent need)
## 2022 CDBG Funding Priorities

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NEST Strategic Focus

- Partner with city and community stakeholders to implement culturally-responsive programs that narrow the social and economic equity gaps in prioritized neighborhoods.
- Support individuals and community organizations to make community-driven change within prioritized neighborhoods.
- Bridge the economic equity gap by investing in culturally responsive direct services within prioritized neighborhoods.
- Anti-displacement strategies

Mayoral Priorities

- Responding to COVID-19
- Strengthening Social Services
- A Healthy & Active Community
- Keeping Residents & Neighborhoods Safe
- Rebuilding the Local Economy
- Delivering and Equitable and Inclusive City & Ensuring Financial Stability

HUD Requirements

- Benefit Low/moderate income residents
- Meet National Objectives
- Fund Eligible Activities
2022 NOFA Funding Categories

• In 2022, we are only offering a NOFA for Neighborhood Public Services.

• Separate inquiries are available for various types of financial support are accepted year-round on a rolling basis.

Visit DEDO’s website to review other application information: https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Economic-Development-Opportunity/Funding-Opportunities
2022 NOFA Application Budget Changes

Personnel & Non-Personnel

**BUDGET CAP - CDBG Standard**

Fee for Service

**Budget CAP-CDBG Fee for Service**

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How your proposal will be considered

Proposed activities (program or project support) will be reviewed individually:

- **Matches to stated priorities:** Please review stated priorities in the NOFA Guidelines.

- **Demonstrates commitment to and ability to meet stated program outcomes:** Evaluators will evaluate the ability of the organization to achieve their proposed outcomes (including review of previous contracted work and/or similar work undertaken locally or in a similar setting), organization capacity, and fiscal sustainability (including other funding sources).
How your proposal will be considered

- The reviews will be conducted by NEST personnel, other city staff, and community partners who possess knowledge and experience in various community program areas.
- Reviews will be conducted on the submitted proposals only.
- Decisions are anticipated in late 2021 to allow for early 2022 contracting.
- All awards and funding commitments are made contingent on HUD funding awards to Denver.
Additional proposal considerations

- Past performance (if applicable)
- Ability to leverage DEDO dollars with outside money
- Projects need to be ready to begin and get off the ground
- Clearly identified and quantifiable outcomes
- Organizational capacity (accounting, reporting and compliance)
Potential ineligibility during procurement process

• Any organization that has a defaulted loan with DEDO

• Any organization that has unpaid audit fees or performance audit penalties/fees

• Any organization delinquent in taxes (sales or property)
Federal Requirements

Compliance and Performance

- **Environmental**: (24 CFR 58.22) This regulation strictly forbids the commitment or expenditure of funds (Federal or Non-Federal) until an environmental clearance has been completed.

- **Relocation**: (49 CFR 24) Proposals that entail home rehabilitation or down-payment assistance must summarize their written policy and procedures for the following:
  
  ° Tenant-occupied homes are not eligible for down-payment assistance
  
  ° Provisions for occupants should they be temporarily displaced for their residence for longer than one day
Federal Requirements

Compliance and Performance

• Davis Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA): (29 CFR Parts 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7) - Proposals requesting funds for demolition, rehabilitation, or new construction may be required to pay prevailing wages and comply with other requirements.

• Section 3: (24 CFR 135) - Proposals requesting funding in excess of $100,000 that entail demolition, rehabilitation or new construction must submit a draft Section 3 Utilization plan describing how low-moderate income subcontractors will be used in the project.

• Performance: (2 CFR 200) - The new Uniform Grant Guidance provides for rescission of the award for noncompliance or nonperformance. A risk assessment will be conducted prior to award.
Contract Requirements

• Required provisions and documentation.

• DUNS Number & SAM Registration: All contractors receiving Federal funds must be registered in the System for Award Management Database (www.sam.gov). This requires a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.
  • Or Step 2 apply online: https://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html

• Secretary of State: All contractors must be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State and have an active Certificate of Good Standing prior to submitting an application.

• Drug Free Workplace, Anti-Lobbying, Debarment attestation

• Insurance: Certificates of Insurance are required of all City Contractors evidencing the following policies:
  • Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability
    • Waivers for Sole Proprietors
  • Commercial General Liability including Cybersecurity
    • Sexual Abuse and Molestation Exclusion (SAME) language: Any contractor working with youth and/or a vulnerable population will require SAME coverage as a part of the contractor’s commercial general liability coverage.
  • Business Automobile Liability
    • Exception for Sole Proprietors
NOFA Schedule of Events

- Applications Available: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4 p.m.
- 2022 General Information Meeting: Monday, September 27, 2021 2 - 4 p.m.
- 2022 NOFA Technical/Q&A Session #1: Friday, October 8, 2021 1 - 2 p.m.
- 2022 NOFA Technical/Q&A Session #2: Monday, October 25, 2021 11 a.m. – Noon
- Completed Proposal Submission Deadline: Monday, November 8, 2021 4 p.m.

Please submit all questions on the NOFA Guidelines to DEDO_Neighborhoods.Proposals@denvergov.org

Q&A Addenda to the NOFA will be posted on the Funding Opportunities page within three days following each pre-bid meeting.
QUESTIONS?

Please know that we cannot provide guidance on your proposal development. We can only provide support for technical assistance.

All questions regarding the 2022 NOFA must be submitted in writing to DEDO_Neighborhoods.Proposals@denvergov.org
THANK YOU!

Neighborhood Equity & Stabilization (NEST) Division
https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Economic-Development-Opportunity/Neighborhood-Equity

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