



Updated: November 19, 2015

To: Holders of Specifications Relating to: Release Date: October 1, 2015
RFA: 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

SUBJECT: Additional Information/Clarifications to Specifications

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. Have the low-mod census maps been updated? Are they the same as last year?	Census maps are only updated every five years or when exception criteria changes. The maps are the same as last year.
2. Are there typically questions of the applicant following the submission of the pre-application?	The pre-application is primarily to determine whether eligibility criteria and a National Objective are met. Any questions will be asked of the applicant quickly.
3. Services are not eligible for CDBG Social Service funding?	See the UCPB Guidelines Category Matrix starting on page 4 for Social Service eligible projects.
4. For infrastructure projects, are ADA accessible improvements allowed outside a low-mod income area?	Please contact staff to discuss specific sites and conditions, but, generally, yes they are.
5. For property acquisition, do we have to identify the location of the land to apply, or can we identify them as being outside the City of Vancouver?	Indicate the general location of the property. If it is inside the City of Vancouver, the City must also provide funding to the project. The application also requires a budget submission identifying total cost and rehab costs.
6. Do both the project and the clients have to be outside the City of Vancouver?	If an applicant is only requesting funds from the County, both have to be outside the City of Vancouver for funding. If the applicant is requesting funds from both the County and the City, and the property is inside the City limits, some of the tenants must be from the County.
7. Do Davis Bacon wage rates apply to housing projects?	Davis Bacon does not apply to projects of eight housing units or fewer; however the applicant must determine whether State prevailing wage applies.
8. Who should sign the Anti-Lobbying Certification?	For local government, the city manager or mayor should sign the document. The executive director or chair of the board of directors should sign for a non-profit organization.

9. We are applying for a project that will serve clients throughout Clark County. What should be uploaded to meet the Location and Service Area Map required documentation? Any map that shows you will be serving clients in Clark County outside the City of Vancouver will suffice for documentation.
10. Is there a template for the E-Verify MOU? No, there is no template. Agencies should be able to obtain a copy of their MOU through the E-Verify website if needed. More information regarding E-Verify is included within the Requirements section of the RFA.
11. Match points are only awarded if the funds are committed. We hope to receive a commitment sometime between December 1st and 15th. Would those funds be considered committed if the award came in shortly after the application deadline? The scoring and final selections occur in March. If your award is confirmed before scoring, your application score would reflect that. It is the agency's responsibility to inform the County that funding has been committed.
12. Is question 8, Area Benefit, in the ZoomGrants application, asking for Census Tract and Block Group information or the population served? Applicants should provide both the Census Tract/Block Group information and the population served. There are two rows for CT/BG information for projects that cross boundary lines. The Total Population Served is the total population of the CT/BG(s) in which the project falls. The Low/Mod Income Served should be the number of low/mod persons within project area's CT/BG.
- For example, if your project area is in Census Tract 414, Block Group 1, the response would look like:
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| 414.1 | Census Tract/Block Group |
| 0 | Census Tract/Block Group |
| 925 | Total Population Served |
| 500 | Low/Mod Income Served |