



City of St. Louis

### **FAQs #3 – 2015 CDBG Request For Proposals**

*Questions & Answers Received as of July 31, 2014*

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#### **General Questions**

**1. Will the slides from the July 25 public hearing be available online?**

Yes, the presentation is posted on the CDA website under “2015 CDBG Funding Cycle”:  
[www.stlouis-mo.gov/cda](http://www.stlouis-mo.gov/cda).

**2. Are you looking for organizations with capacity? Are you looking for organizations that can leverage the CDBG funds?**

Yes, we are looking to fund organizations with sufficient capacity that can leverage the CDBG funds. This includes having adequate staff and financial resources. Please refer to the rating sheet located on the CDA website.

**3. Can you please provide examples of grants that have been funded in the past?**

The City is required to submit an Annual Action Plan (AAP) to HUD that details organizations to be funded. The 2014 AAP can be found on the CDA website under “Community Development Administration Documents”. Also, accomplishments for previously funded projects can be found in our Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER), which can also be found on the CDA website.

#### **Budget / Funding**

**4. My organization receives more than 10 grants. Should we only list 10 grants or add a page for the rest of the grants?**

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We will allow organizations to add additional grant pages if they receive more than 10 grants. Please see the attached form that will be allowed. Please add as many pages as needed.

## **Eligibility**

### **5. Would street signage/neighborhood markers to help create neighborhood identity be eligible for funding?**

The inherent problem with applying for marketing programs is in assuring that the activity will meet a national objective. Funding of these activities is not generally encouraged except in very limited circumstances where program design can be adequately structured to ensure that a national objective can be met.

### **6. Can you please clarify the health facilities activity? Could the rehab of a general-purpose senior citizens center qualify under this activity or one of the public service activities?**

The health facilities activity listed under public facilities and improvements includes only activities that assist in the development or rehabilitation of physical or mental health facilities. Examples of such facilities include neighborhood clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, and convalescent homes. The rehab of a general-purpose senior citizens center will not qualify under this activity.

### **7. Can you please help us determine for which eligible activity our program is best suited?**

Unfortunately, we cannot help with this determination. However, we have provided valuable resources to assist with this determination. Please visit the CDA website.

### **8. In past years, my organization had the ability to hire one or two people to help keep our neighborhoods clean. Would we be able to propose that kind of program in this cycle?**

As long as it fits within one of the eligible activities, you can propose it.

## **Home Repair**

### **9. We are applying for the Home Repair Construction Management activity. In our proposal, should we include our organization's administrative costs and contractor costs associated with the repairs?**

Yes. Please include proposed administrative and contractor related costs. However, CDA reserves the right to pay an organization's administrative costs and pay contractor costs directly.

**III. ORGANIZATION NARRATIVES (cont.)**

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