

RFP #208 Question and Answer Log

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1/29/2018	Sarah Rende	General Assembly	Are the TechSF Apprenticeship Programs (CC, DD, EE, and FF) separate from the work we are already doing with TechSF?	Area FF - Occupational Skills Training - is the same as what was procured under RFP 120; the other three sections are all new and unique.	TechSF areas CC-FF	2/7/2018
1/30/2018	Gerald Turner	Heal Collective	What are the submission requirements for Program Area Z along with any requirement submittals and/or documentation.	Appendix C: Application - Request for Proposals 208 includes a series of questions and a complete checklist of required appendices and materials. While this specific program area does not require letters of support, work samples or similar documentation, applicants are welcome to submit such documentation if they choose to do so. Please refer to the RFP and Application for specific submission requirements.	Z - Economic Development Consulting - Modular Housing Production Feasibility	2/7/2018
1/31/2018	David Levine	Upwardly Global	Upwardly Global is a current grantee via the TechSF program. A new RFP was just released - can we pursue a renewal instead of an entire new application?	Your current award is eligible for renewal, but we would encourage you to review RFP 208 to determine if you are interested in providing services under other modules. Area FF - Occupational Skills Training - is the same as what was procured under RFP 120; the other three sections are all new and unique.	TechSF areas CC-FF	2/7/2018
1/31/2018	Lesley Leonhardt	Union Street Association	The Union Street Association has received two years (2016/17) of grant funding for our Easter Parade and Spring Celebration amounting to \$15,000 each year. This grant has enabled us to present the event, which is free to the public, and we would like to do so again in 2018. I see by reading the overview that we may not qualify since we were funded for two years already. Could you please let me know whether I should re apply for another two year round of funding or are we now disqualified?	Your agency was awarded a grant two years ago, and under those terms it allowed for a one time renewal. That renewal was for last year. If you are interested in pursuing funding for this project again, you are encouraged to review and respond to the current RFP.	B: Neighborhood Economic Development and Improvement Projects, IIN Commercial Districts	2/7/2018
1/31/2018	Rose Mallamo	Swords to Plowshares	We have a current 17-18 contract for WIOA. Last year we submitted our proposal on January 19th, we are not sure if the new RFP was released or do we apply for RFP #208?	Your current award is eligible for renewal, but we would encourage you to review RFP 208 to determine if you are interested in providing services under another program area.	None specified	2/7/2018
2/1/2018	Jackie Hasa	Unknown	Can OEWD clarify which blocks are considered "Little Saigon"?	Larkin Street between Eddy Street and O'Farrell Street.	S: Tenderloin Neighborhood Events	2/7/2018
2/1/2018	Jackie Hasa	Unknown	Would events that have multiple sites throughout the neighborhood be eligible for funding? (For example, a walking tour that started outside the Little Saigon area, but made multiple stops within it.)	No.	S: Tenderloin Neighborhood Events	2/7/2018
2/1/2018	Jackie Hasa	Unknown	Would events that highlight / market Little Saigon, but are sited adjacent to or just outside the neighborhood, eligible for funding?	No.	S: Tenderloin Neighborhood Events	2/7/2018
2/2/2018	Caroline Kangas	826 Valencia Street	We currently host a regularly changing, eye-catching, imaginative displays in our nonprofit & storefront window that promote our business (proceeds of which fund our free student programming), activates our storefront, and contributes to the vibrancy of the Valencia Street commercial corridors. I would love to expand this program to our new center in the Tenderloin and this funding opportunity would make it possible! My question is, that while my proposal would be for our Tenderloin site, I'd like to pay the same artist to work in both the window in the Tenderloin as well as the Valencia Street location. Would this be possible?	While applicants are encouraged to include more than one storefront in their proposal, all storefronts must fall within the boundaries of an established Invest In Neighborhoods corridor. Valencia Street is not part of any of the Invest In Neighborhoods corridors. Corridors eligible under this program area include Bayview, Central Market/Tenderloin, Chinatown, Excelsior, Lower Fillmore, and Mission. Reference the Neighborhood Commercial Districts links at http://investsf.org/ to see the boundaries for each of the eligible neighborhoods.	G: SF Shines - Window Display	2/7/2018
2/2/2018	John M.	Unknown	Is there a deadline for deliverable of the plan or an anticipated timeline for the project (for example, a six month process ending by December 31, 2018)??	Following the applicant's selection, applicant and City stakeholders will work together to establish a mutually agreed-upon timeline with deadlines for each deliverable. While the timeline is negotiable, we would anticipate that this project will be completed by December 31, 2018.	Y: Music Industry Study	2/7/2018
2/2/2018	Shain Shapiro	Sound Diplomacy	We're an internationally registered company (in the UK). We have all the insurances required, but does not having a US LLC prohibit us from applying?	As long as your entity can meet all of the eligibility requirements to perform services for the City and County of San Francisco, you can apply. Eligible applicant types begin on page 54 of the RFP. We encourage entities to begin the process to becoming a City Supplier by the time of application, as the Department will not be able to initiate grant negotiations until this process is complete. More information on becoming a City vendor (Supplier) can be found at: https://sfcitypartner.sfgov.org/Vendor/Login	Y: Music Industry Study	2/7/2018
2/2/2018	Dennis Budd	GAST Architects	Can this grant process fund a previously approved parklet project that has not begun construction due to lack of funding?	Yes - as long as the applicant meets all other eligibility criteria, the funding can support one or more of the activities as outlined in the RFP, which includes constructing the parklet.	F: Neighborhood Parklet Opportunity Grant	2/7/2018
2/2/2018	Dennis Budd	GAST Architects	Can this grant program fund a project that is NOT in one of the listed neighborhoods? This project is in the Cole Valley / Inner Sunset neighborhood.	No, only projects in the neighborhoods specified in RFP 208, Program Area F qualify for potential funding. Qualified neighborhoods outlined in the RFP are Bayview, Broad and Randolph, Chinatown, Excelsior, Lower Fillmore, Ocean Avenue, Outer Sunset, Richmond.	F: Neighborhood Parklet Opportunity Grant	2/7/2018
2/3/2018	Michelle Cusano	Richmond District Neighborhood Center	For the District 1 Event: can the event actually be scheduled for after July 2018, perhaps even in August or September 2018? Sometimes these grants are beholden to the current fiscal year (July 2017-June 2018) and that's not enough time for us to plan an event of this size. It seems like there's flexibility from the description at the beginning of the RFP but I just want to check for the D1 Event one specifically.	Yes, the project can begin later than July 2018. The proposal should articulate the proposed project timeline and final dates/deadlines will be determined through the grant negotiation process.	C: District 1 Neighborhood Events	2/7/2018

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2/5/2018	Sharon Tanenbaum	Capital Campaign Counsel	Can funding from any of the program areas be used for capital improvements of an abandoned building in the Mission district that will become a new collaborative facility owned by three distinct nonprofit organizations that will provide neighborhood-based services, including: a) low and moderate-income housing, b) childcare and youth development services, c) education programs for youth and adults, and d) arts and entertainment?	No, this RFP does not include funds for capital improvement projects of that type.	None specified	2/7/2018
2/5/2018	Don Pitts	Sound Music Cities, LLC	Is the project budget inclusive of travel expenses?	Applicants should propose a budget that captures all reasonable and necessary costs to implement the project. Travel expenses may be negotiated if necessary to perform the proposed scope of work.	Y: Music Industry Study	2/7/2018
2/5/2018	Don Pitts	Sound Music Cities, LLC	What non-monetary local resources are being provided to support the scope of work? (specifically Task 2)	Non-monetary local resources connected to Task 2 could include: - City staff initiation of and participation in convenings with music industry stakeholder groups, potentially to be hosted at City Hall - Publicly available open data sets and economic impact assessments developed by City staff - Potential partnerships with local nightlife and entertainment industry groups to assist in the scoping and implementation of any survey tool or focus group effort	Y: Music Industry Study	2/7/2018
2/5/2018	Stephanie Wong	Unknown	The application template did not seem to have a requirement for design drawings. But I may have misread the information. Are design drawings required for Parklet Grant? If so, what drawings are required (ie site plan, floor plan of parklet, sections, or elevations)?	Design drawings may be submitted post-award. Please review the pre-approval and post-award criteria articulated in the RFP and contact the Planning Department for more information.	F: Neighborhood Parklet Opportunity Grant	2/7/2018
2/5/2018	Cheryl Reiss	The Civic Edge	For neighborhood specific tasks, are you planning to work directly with neighborhood nonprofits?	Some program areas are restricted to nonprofit applicants, while others are open to other applicant types. Please review the eligibility criteria in the applicable program area(s) for more information on whether your entity meets the criteria.	None specified	2/7/2018
2/5/2018	Amy Lange	Borderline	We would like to continue the work we started through the SF Shines Holiday Storefront Display Project in the Excelsior and bring it to the Mission, which is closer to our home studio. We loved working with the business owners in Excelsior. At the same time, our space is located in the Mission, and we would like to expand our impact in our own neighborhood. Do you have a preference for which we apply? Is there one that has more need or expects fewer applications?	While we cannot advise applicants on which area would be most appropriately suited to their specific skills and experience, we encourage applicants to determine whether the proposed project meets the requirements and objectives of the program area and whether the organization believes the proposed project can, at a minimum, meet the outcomes expected for that program area. Applicants are encouraged to refer to the minimum qualifications within the program area and review the Neighborhood Commercial Districts links at http://investsf.org/ to see the boundaries for each of the eligible neighborhoods.	G: SF Shines - Window Display	2/7/2018
2/5/2018	Amy Lange	Borderline	Should/can our proposal incorporate an ongoing calendar of projects throughout the year?	An ongoing calendar of projects is ok, but any entities selected will still be expected to plan at least one event to showcase the projects.	G: SF Shines - Window Display	2/7/2018
2/5/2018	Amy Lange	Borderline	We are not a non-profit or LLC; may we partner with an existing non-profit organization for this project? Does your office have any recommendations for ideal non-profits to work with?	Yes, applicants are allowed to partner with existing organizations -- either to secure fiscal sponsorship or to present collaborative proposals. A few of the current SF Shines participating partners are listed at the following website: http://oewd.org/sf-shines	G: SF Shines - Window Display	2/7/2018