

ONE CHATTANOOGA RELIEF AND RECOVERY NOFO

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Introduction

This document contains questions of interest to applicants, generally, that have been submitted. We will make every effort to update this document within 2 business days of receipt of a question that pertains to the general applicant pool.

All questions submitted using the form available at

<https://www.fedgrantassist.com/chattanooga>

by May 20, 2022 will have answers posted on in a revised version of this document no later than May 27, 2022. Substantially similar questions will be combined to reduce redundancy.

If you have a particular question about your application that is unique to your project please email it to chattanooga@fedgrantassist.com.

Questions and Responses

No.	Topic	Question	Answer
1.	Background	Since there have been 240 applications submitted, why are other (new) applications being accepted?	240 applications were submitted, and after removing duplicate applications the total was 226. Various factors influenced this decision on the part of the administration including the initial application's compliance with federal requirements, the level of detail in applications, and the alignment of applications with a cohesive vision for generational change in Chattanooga. New applications are being accepted so as to maximize the potential of the additional guidance provided by the CERC Framework Report to spark transformative initiatives.
2.	Budget	Are Staffing budgets allowed as a part of the programs?	Yes.

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3.	Deadlines	The date of May 27th for questions responses with a grant deadline of June 3 is challenging Is there anyway to answer questions earlier?	We will make every effort to update this document within 2 business days of receipt of a question that pertains to the general applicant pool.
4.	Eligibility	Does broadband infrastructure improvements include radio stations?	Not necessarily, but it may. This depends on the intended outcome of the use of the funds. Please note in the NOFO that Chattanooga has not chosen to emphasize broadband expansion. Please refer to the list on page 31 of the NOFO for a list of the federal categories that Chattanooga is seeking applications for.
5.	Eligibility	How many chances are there to apply?	There is not a set limit on the number applications that an organization is allowed to submit. It is not anticipated that another round of applications will be accepted after June 3, 2022.
6.	Eligibility	I have told been it will take 4-6 weeks to obtain the SAM registration – will this make me ineligible to apply?	No. You will be eligible to apply. However, it is important that you apply now for your SAM ID as it must be in place in order for the City to enter into a grant agreement.

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7.	Eligibility	<p>Our organization is a public, not-for profit, state-controlled institute of higher education. We have more than 500 employees. Based on the eligibility information listed on page 7 of the NOFO, it appears that we would be eligible based on the first bullet, but because we have more than 500 employees, it appears we may NOT be eligible based on the second bullet. Can you please clarify if we are eligible?</p> <p>Will any proposals from be excluded since the organization has > 500 employees?</p>	<p>No. This is an error in the NOFO. The 500 employee limit was intended to apply to private for-profit business applicants.</p>
8.	Framework	<p>Can you speak to how you see K-12 teaching and learning as a fit for the spokes on the framework?</p>	<p>K-12 is intended to be included in the “spoke” Build a Universal Path to Early Learning and Provide High Quality Childcare. “Too often, gains made in early learning are lost due to the absence of engaging post curricular care for older students. Therefore, we must also provide safe, healthy, and engaging pre- and post-school spaces for children throughout their educational journey.” P12 of CERC Framework Report.</p>

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9.	Framework	What about one project that spans two spokes?	This is welcomed and ideal. You should find the boxes for the “spokes” in the framework allow each box to be checked.
10.	Governmental Applicants	Our organization is not a 501(C) 3. We do have a SAM registration, but we aren't non-profit and we are an agency of state government. Are we eligible to apply for a workforce development project?	Yes. Please refer to p.8 of the NOFO for additional eligibility information.
11.	Grant Terms	On page 21 of the NOFO, item E.2.6.b states that “subrecipients shall hold harmless and indemnify the City of Chattanooga...” As an instrumentality of the state, our organization is unable to agree to this term. At the proposal stage, may we seek exception from the hold harmless language?	Yes, this may be negotiated with the City if the grant is awarded to your organization.
12.	Grant Type	Is this a reimbursement grant, or will all funding awarded to an organization be available up front?	Answer pending response from administration.

No.	Topic	Question	Answer
13.	Selection	Do you have any estimates on the number of applications you expect to fund?	This will depend on the size and quality of requests. There is not a set number.
14.	Submission	Where do I find a link to submit my application on the portal?	<p>There is not an upload link. Each Organization seeking consideration for relief funds related to this NOFO must submit a response. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically to:</p> <p>chattanooga@fedgrantassist.com</p> <p>Fax or hard copy applications will not be accepted. Completed applications must be submitted in their entirety by 5:00 PM on June 3, 2022.</p>