

## NEP Round 6 Questions and Answers as of 10/15/2020

Q1: I need assistance on how or where you would like us to determine the other Eligibility criteria:

Page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point: Area boundaries are primarily residential and are at least 50% low/moderate income areas.

Where do I find this data? It says to use the Eligibility Guide via the website, but I am not finding any directions on how to obtain this information so I can show eligibility.

A1: Do you have local data regarding the zoning of the area? Is the area primarily residential? That is something hopefully you have at the local level.

As for the low/mod percentage if you do not currently have local data, you can use the census.gov data and if you take 34,439 (Median Household Income from census.gov)/59,550(120% limit from chart) you will get 57.8%.

Q2: In reference to the eligibility cutoff for communities with grants over \$350,000 for CDBG, does that take into account just the annual entitlement grant, or does it also need to include the supplemental CDBG-COVID funding received this year?

Our most recent annual grant was \$325,459. We don't receive any HOME funds. We've received about \$390 in supplemental funding this year.

A2: We will not be counting Covid allocations.

Q3: Our organization is currently working with \$15,000 of NEP Round 5 funding. Per the Round 5 timeline, we will submit all FSRs by December 15 and complete the final report by January 15.

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Does this mean that we would not be able to request more than \$15,000 from Round 6, even though the minimum request is \$25,000? Or will our R5 funding be considered "closed" at the time of our R6 submission on December 17?

A3: If you have completed your project prior to December 17<sup>th</sup> then you will not be considered to have an open NEP grant as it will be considered closed prior to the NEP Round 6 award.

Q4: How do I apply for this? What are the qualifications? Where do I go for this? Does this have to be paid back?

A4: If you represent a nonprofit agency (501c3) which meets the program's criteria or a local unit of government you can apply. If you are a resident in an eligible neighborhood you are encouraged to reach out to your local agencies to find out if they are currently receiving and/or applying for NEP assistance.

Q5: We'd like to resubmit our proposal for the current NEP Funding Round. We may need to update some of the grant narrative and budget, but for the most part it will remain the same (including all the letters of support, etc). Is there a way that you can open up the grant that we submitted so that we can make small updates/changes and resubmit?

A5: Unfortunately, we do not have that technological capability. You will need to resubmit for Round 6. Please note that public amenities are restricted to 50% of the request for Round 6.

Q6: If we have an open NEP grant with a balance of \$17,000 on December 17<sup>th</sup>, will we be eligible to apply?

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