



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**FY 2015 Request for Qualifications
Frequently Asked Questions #1
For the October 28, 2013-November 1, 2013 Period**

1. **Question:** I'm looking at the RFQ that just came out, and on the first page at the top there is a section for Project Category. The instructions say to check only one box. Based on comments at recent CPAB meetings and also procedures in past years, we were under the impression that it was possible to apply under two separate categories, such as one public services project and one capital improvement project. Is that no longer allowed?

Answer: *Yes, it is possible to apply under two separate categories. Please disregard the "select one" and select as many as apply to your RFQ. We will delete that language in the next version of the application.*

2. **Q:** Has the City identified priorities through the Con Plan? If not finalized for this year, is there a draft of priorities through the Con Plan committee? Do you think the funding priorities will be roughly the same as the current plan? We are trying to determine if we want to submit an application based on our programming as a match to funding priorities.

A: The Con Plan is currently being developed for the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. We hope to have a draft of the preliminary Consolidated Plan Goals by November 13th. The Goals are not part of the current Request for Qualification (RFQ) process and thus adherence to them will not be a consideration at this stage. We expect to have the Goals before the Request for Proposal is released in January 2014.

3. **Q:** HUD still has not released the new list of low/moderate-income census tracts. How would I know if my community will still be eligible to apply?

A: At this point, HUD has not released the 2010 census data so we anticipate using the 2000 census tracts for eligibility until the 2010 census data is released.

4. **Q:** If we are planning to propose a CIP as well as Public Services project, should we complete a separate RFQ for each one?

A: Please complete one Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for both projects. On Friday, we will be posting a revised application that will remove the “check one only” statement in the Project Category box on page one of the RFQ.

5. **Q:** In Section B, question C, there is not enough space to list all the non-City federal funds received for fiscal years 2011-2013. What should we do?

A: You may attach a list, with the same formatting, to list all the non-City federal funds from 2011-2013 as well as the Agency’s experience with CDBG funds for the same time frame.

However, you may not expand the narrative sections of the applications.

6. **Q:** Would a demolition project that will result in the removal of urban blight be an eligible project? The project is currently in a LMI census tract.

A: To evaluate if a demolition and/or clearance activity meets HUD and City standards, we would need to know more about the planned use after the demolition and/or clearance occurs. For demolition to be eligible as a standalone activity related to blight removal, there are several factors related to the determination of blight that are required before the activity can be funded.

Please note the City of San Diego currently has no HUD designated slum or blighted areas nor recognized “urgent needs.”

7. **Q:** My Agency was unable to meet the submittal deadlines for FY14; Are we still able to submit an application?

A: You can apply, however it will be noted, if the Agency is deemed qualified and makes it to the FY15 RFP, that the agency didn’t comply with the FY14 application process requirements.