Public Facilities Application Basics

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Public Facilities Projects

Meet the needs of low and moderate income people in the community, using bricks & mortar, concrete & paving and piping and plumbing.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Water & Sewer
- Street & Drainage
- Boys & Girls Club
- Senior Centers
- Health Care Facilities
- Battered Women's Shelters

- Mental/Physical Health Department
- Head Start Program Facility
- Acquisition for Public Facilities

PROHIBITED!!

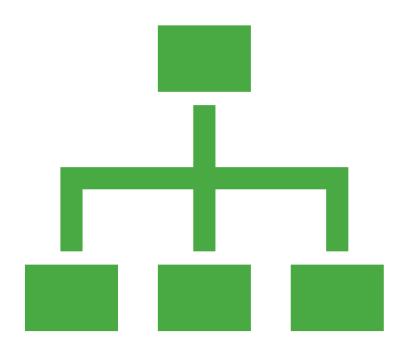
"...the renovation or construction of new space where the primary purpose is the provision of general purpose local government"



Key Players

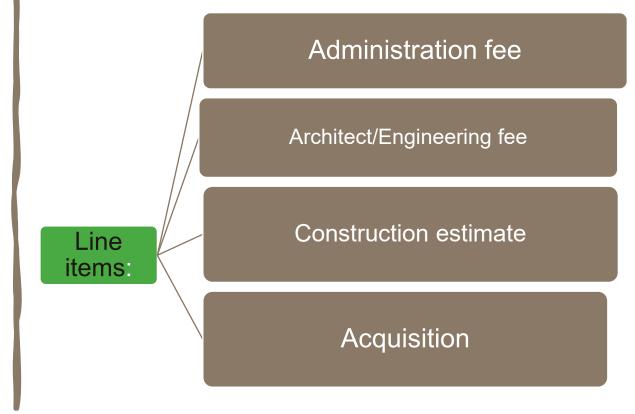
- Grant writer
- Administrator (may also be your Grant Writer)
- Architect / Engineer

Decide if local funds or CDBG funds will be used to pay these fees.



Determine
The
Budget
and the
Source of
Funds

Figure out how much the project is going to cost.



Budget - Revenue

Sources of income:

- CDBG Grant Up to \$1,000,000
- Matching funds
- Local Leverage funds
- Other Funding Agencies (USDA, etc...)

Cash Match

- Must be Cash!
- Not required for grant amounts up to \$300,000
- 5% of Grant amount \$301,000 to \$500,000
- 10% of Grant amount \$501,000 to \$1,000,00
- Range from \$25,000 \$75,000



Leverage = Bonus Points!

- Additional funds, land and NEW materials above the required Cash Match are counted.
- Operating budgets & salaries, already owned furnishings & equipment DO NOT count.
- Leverage will be monitored must be realistic and achievable, or penalties may apply.

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Match & Leverage

Document your sources for cash match and leverage with signed, original commitment letters.



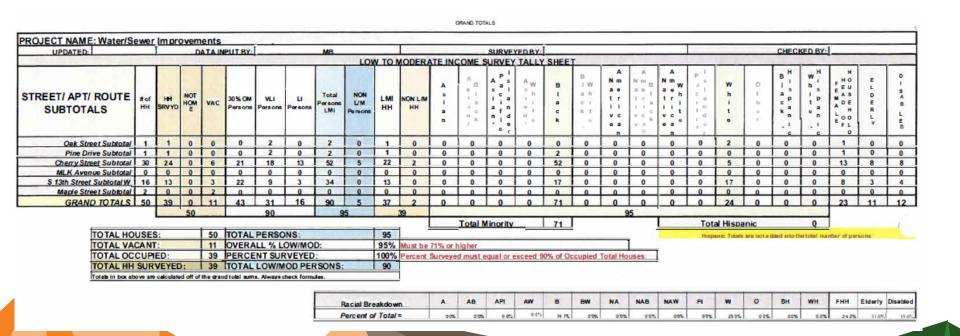
For a new program, document sources of operational funding (staff salaries, equipment, etc.) LIKE A BUSINESS PLAN

Determine the Beneficiaries

- Infrastructure projects survey as Area Benefit.
- Conduct door-to-door survey to count the number of people benefiting, and their low-mod status.
- 90% or more of households must be surveyed or conduct a statistically valid random sample.
- Vacant units are not households, cannot be surveyed.

DCA-6 Survey Table

- Infrastructure projects
- Include a Survey Summary (by street) Table



Determine the Beneficiaries

- For a Building survey the user group using Limited Clientele benefit.
- Seniors at a Senior Center are categorically low-mod.
- Nursing home residents are NOT categorically low-mod
- Low-mod percentage can not be less than 70%

Description of Needs to be Addressed DCA-4

- Describe the problem and how it affects the PEOPLE.
- Keep the focus on the needs of the residents.
- State how the identified need impacts LMI persons
- Problems created by developers will not be viewed as a high severity of need.

DCA-5

- Detailed description of each activity to address the needs identified in DCA-4
- Project Overview
- The impact the project will have on the problem.
- Most importantly, the impact the project will have on the residents.

DCA-5 - Be sure to cover:

- Need for household plumbing
- Abandonment of well and/or septic tanks
- Design configuration must make sense
- Drainage projects downstream discharge area has sufficient capacity
- Acquisition
- Permits
- # of Tap-ons and Tap on fees

- Utility relocation
- Maintenance or operation
- Capacity
- Site
- Implementation schedule
- Identify design standards and justify their usage. 25 Years is THE NORM

MAPS

- Scale, north arrow, legend
- All street names correct and legible
- Proposed and existing activity location
- Identify all houses in project area all applications, not just Housing Applications
- Show and identify vacant housing units
- Show and identify commercial buildings/churches
- Include a street address in the target area that can be located on a GPS.

CONCENTRATION MAPS

- Use DCA Mapping Source, Map Atlas
 - http://georgiadca.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html (DCA Main page, Resources, Maps)
- For help, contact Lisa Westin
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CONCENTRATIONS MAPS

- Print three separate concentration maps (see below). Must be DCA maps.
- Maps of entire local government, not just the target area
- Identify Target Area on the maps.
- Three different maps for concentrations:
 - Concentrations of minorities
 - Concentrations of substandard housing
 - Concentrations of low-mod persons

CONCENTRATION MAPS

If there aren't any concentrations for one or more of the three criteria, print the map and add the text "there are no concentrations, the minorities (or low-mod persons or substandard housing) are scattered."

Maps – Photo Location

- Location of photos
- Numbered
- Arrows showing direction
- Cover all areas



PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL REPORT

- Engineer/Architect signature & stamp required
- Include professional cost estimate
- Unusual site conditions / higher costs

- Preliminary
 Hydrologic/Hydraulic
 Calculations
 - Scores will be reduced if calculations not provided.
- Existing and Proposed Conditions maps
- Viable alternatives with general cost estimates