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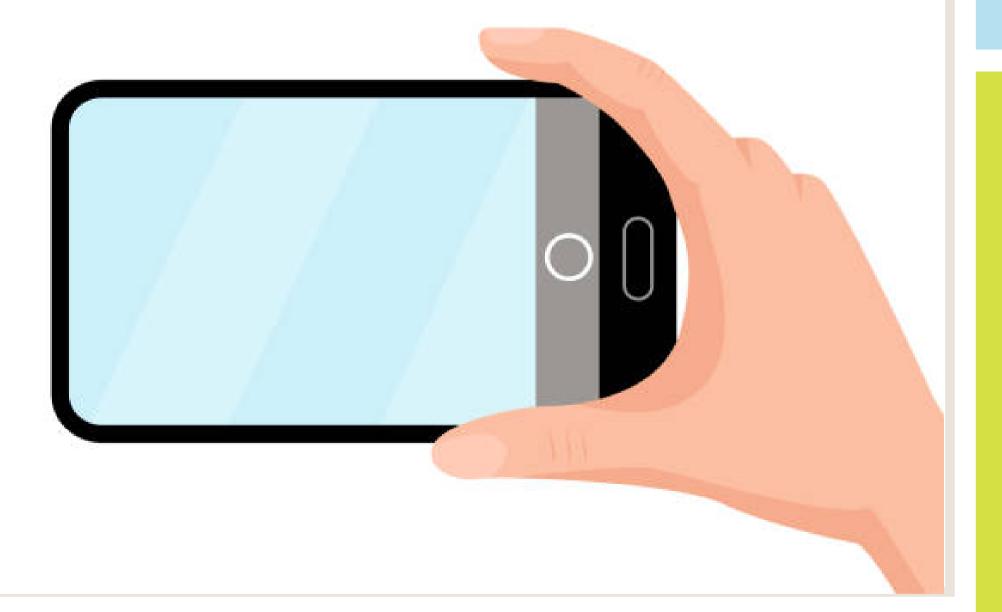


Brittney Hickom, Compliance Officer 2024 CDBG Annual Competition



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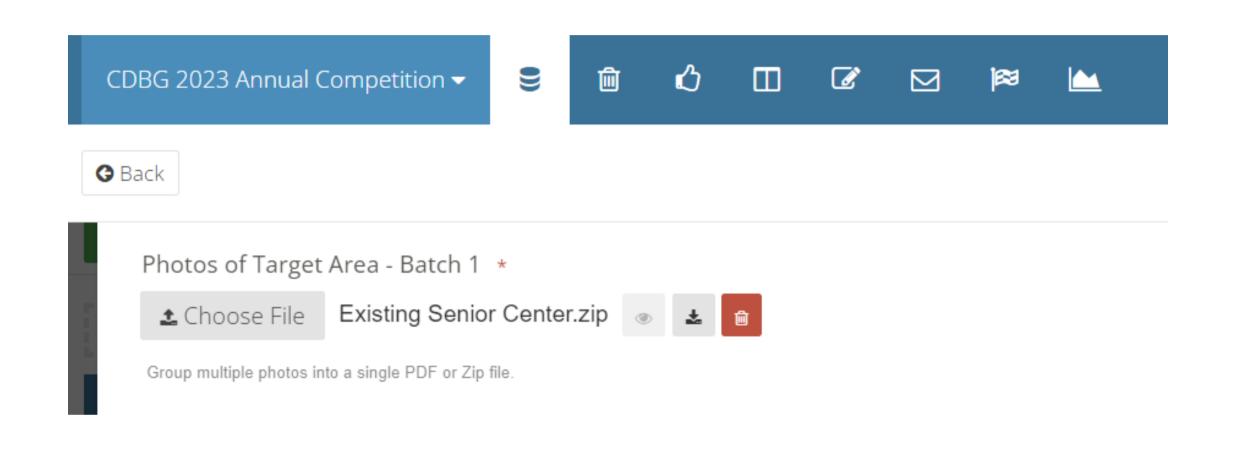
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# Documenting Compliance

- Documentation Submittal
- Completeness of Documentation
- ✓ Common Mistakes
- ✓ Examples

## **Documentation Submittal**





# Completeness Check Items

- ✓ Resolution to Submit
- ✓ Civil Rights Compliance Certification
- Evidence of Compliance with System for Award Management (SAM/Unique Entity Identifier)
- ✓ Acknowledgment of Subrecipient Language Access Plan (LAP)
- ✓ Language Access Plan (LAP) Threshold Certification
- ✓ Public Hearing Advertisement (Citizen Participation)
- ✓ When to Consult Tribes (DCA-9B)
- Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) & Local Comprehensive Plan
- ✓ Procurement Documentation & Contracts
- ✓ Conflict of Interest

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### Resolution to Submit

Resolution No. 2023-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, the City of Georgia voted to submit a 2023 application for funding from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for an amount up to \$1,000,000.00 for housing improvements and clearance of vacant dilapidated structures or

WHEREAS, the proposed CDBG activities will benefit 100% low to moderate income persons and these activities will take place with a target area that exceeds 70% low to moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the is committed to providing Code Enforcement activities within the target area as needed and will provide a minimum of \$67,500 cash match for the clearance of vacant dilapidated structures in the target area; and

WHEREAS, the will commit to waive permit fees for the units slated for housing improvements; and

WHEREAS, the performed the procurement process to hire an administrator for this project, and after evaluating proposals, the city has selected Grant Specialists of Georgia, Inc. to provide grant writing and administration services should the program be funded; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertinent to the CDBG application; and

whereas, the commits to affirmatively furthering fair housing and certifies that it will analyze impediments to fair housing choices in the City of and take steps to overcome any identified impediments in efforts to promote fair housing for residents; and

WHEREAS, the will ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by CDBG funds shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with Federal, State and local laws and regulations, be directed toward low and very low- income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government funding for housing and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low and very low income persons in coordination with the Section 3 provisions of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968-24CFR Part 135; and

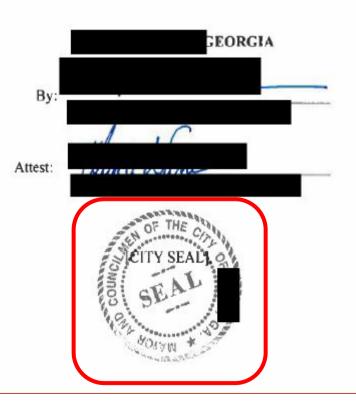
WHEREAS, the affirms that no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability be excluded from the participation in or be denied the benefits of services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination of any such entity as prescribed by law in the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,29 U.S.C. 794, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the further agrees that in the event the application is recommended for funding by the Department of Community Affairs, the City of Perry certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to undertake this venture; and

WHEREAS, the also certifies that this proposed 2023 CDBG project is in conformance with the locally adopted Comprehensive Plan as approved by DCA and is not inconsistent with the locally adopted Service Delivery Strategy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Georgia proceed with due diligence to prepare, or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal CDBG application to be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs by the June 2, 2023 deadline.

So RESOLVED this 2nd day of May, 2023.



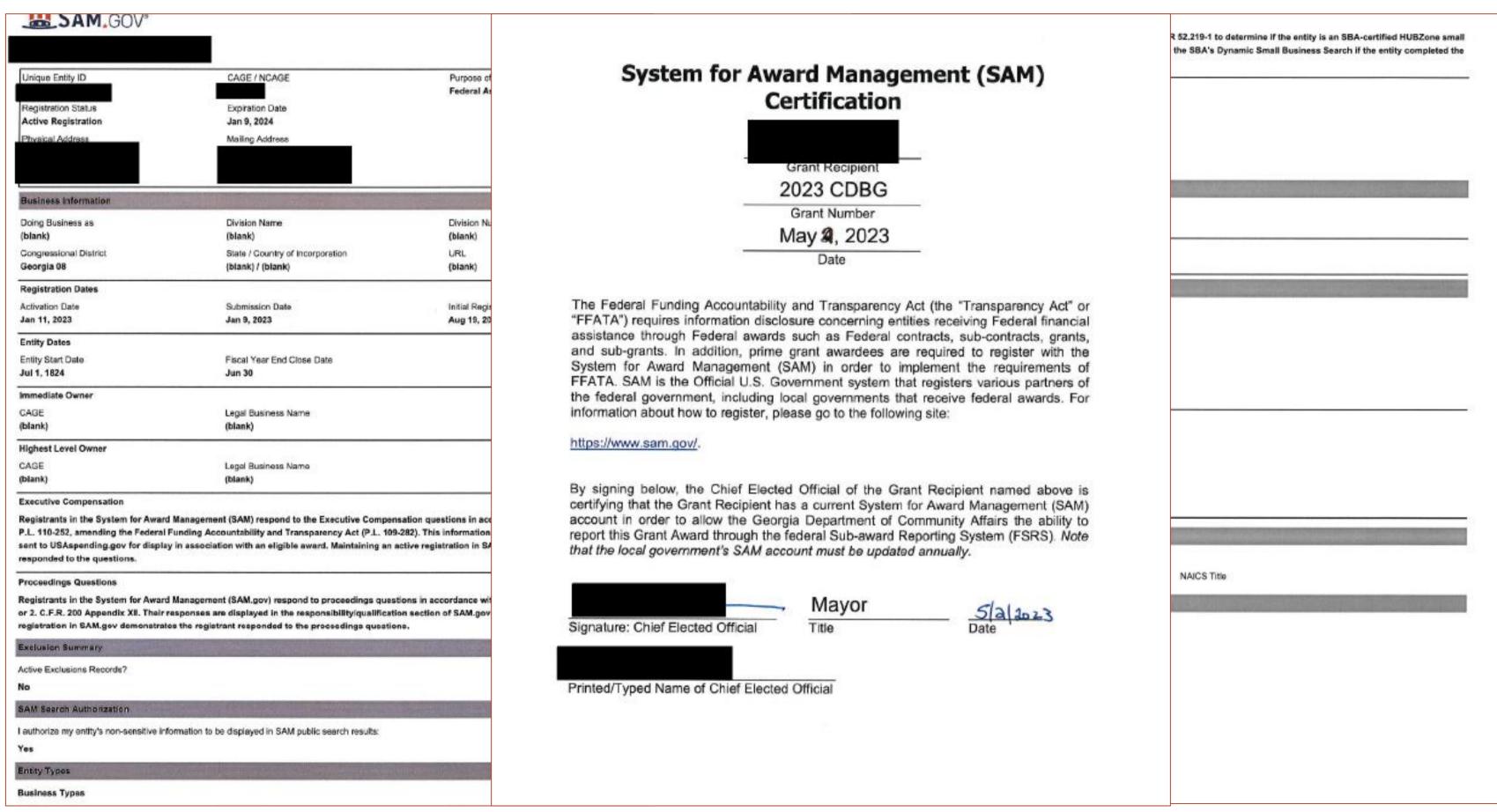
# Civil Rights Certification Form

### **Common Mistakes**

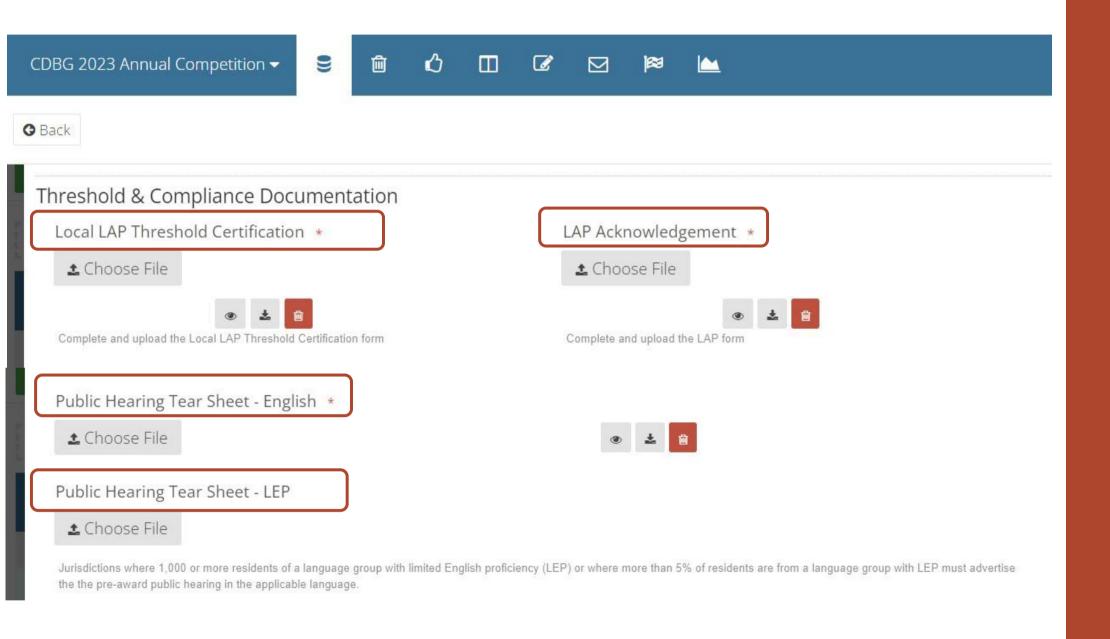
- City/County name
- Pending 2024
- Date
- All boxes must be completed (8a)

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	pending	5/4/23		
		Yes	No	N/A
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	detailed enough to assess hiring, training,			
promotion, and compensation practice	s?	x		
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### Evidence of Compliance with System for Award Management (SAM)



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### Language Access Plan (LAP)

**Threshold Certification** 

Acknowledgement of LAP Requirement

Public Hearing (English/Spanish)

### **LAP Threshold Certification**

The Applicant determined the LEP threshold WAS NOT met. Check here:



5 to 17 years old

Checking this box above means that the applicant has determined that the LEP threshold was not met and that a pre-award public hearing notice was required in English only.

The applicant made this determination after review of American Community Survey Table S1601, and this table indicates that the applicant's jurisdiction contains fewer LEP persons than the following standard: a population of more than 5% LEP persons in a single language or 1,000 or more LEP persons in a single language.

Please include a copy of the following in order to verify this determination:

- 1. American Community Survey Table S1601 used to make the determination that the LEP threshold WAS NOT met.
- 2. The Applicant must include the tear sheet for the Public Hearing notification in

If the application jurisdiction did not meet the LEP threshold as noted above. Skip to Section 2. If the LEP threshold was met, please continue bek

The Applicant determined the LEP threshold WAS met. Check here:

Checking this box above means that the applicant has determined that the LEP threshold was met or exceeded and that a pre-award public hearing notice was required in English and Spanish.

The applicant made this determination after review of American Community Survey Table S1601, and this table indicates that the applicant's jurisdiction contains equal to or more than the number of LEP persons indicated by the following standard: a population of more than 5% LEP persons in a single language or 1,000 or more LEP persons in a single

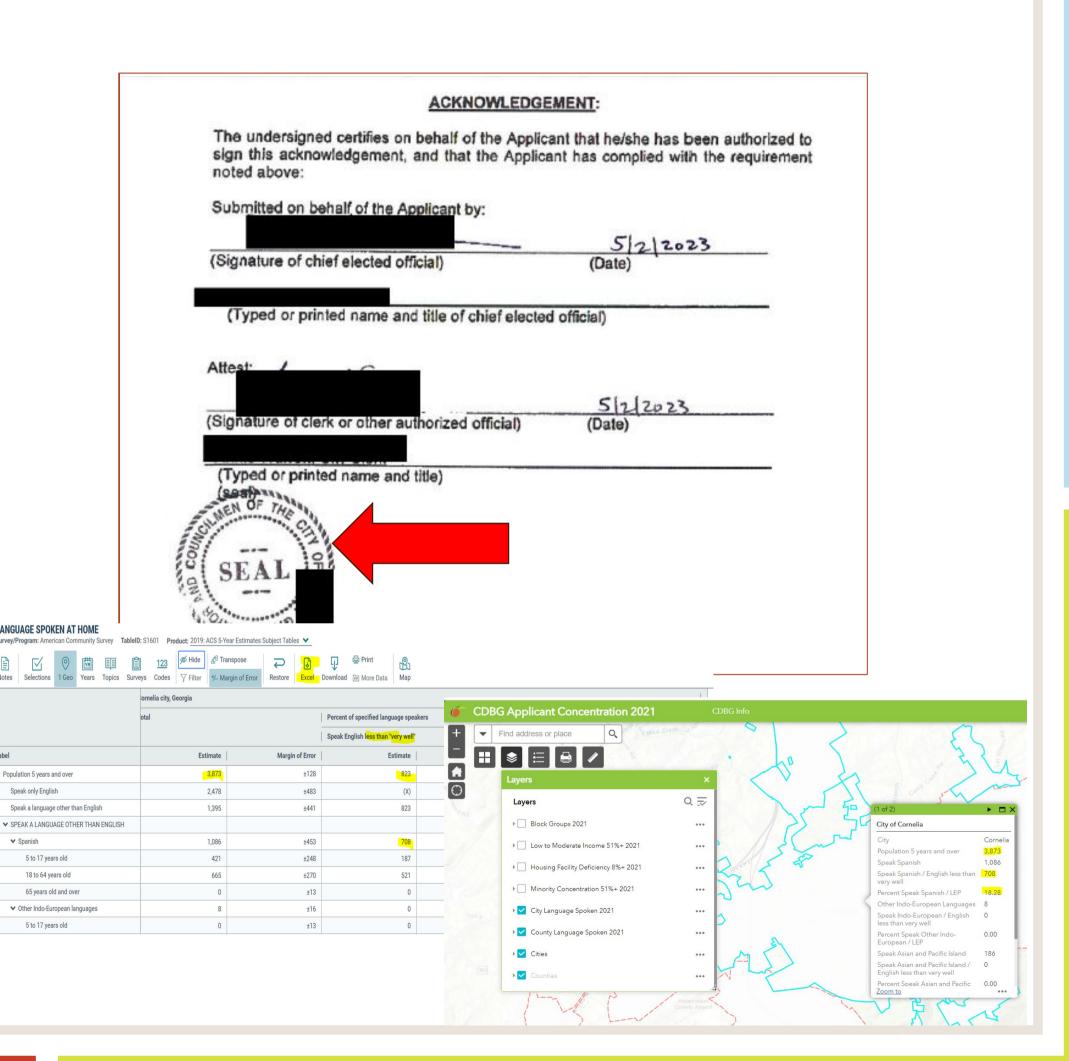
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- 2. The Applicant must include the tear sheets for the Public Hearing notifications in English and Spanish.

Complete Section 2 and the Acknowledgement.

### **SECTION 2**

oplicant City or County Government) hereby acknowledges and attests that a public hearing was held on March 24, 2023 (Date) to encourage public participation in the planning implementation and assessment of their proposed CDRG



Georgia Department of Community Affairs

# Acknowledgment of LAP Requirement

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUBRECIPIENT LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN REQUIREMENT

The \_\_\_\_\_\_hereby acknowledges and assures that:

(Applicant City or County Government)

- Pursuant to the requirements of Title VI, it will take timely and reasonable steps to provide Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons with Meaningful Access to programs and activities funded by the federal government and awarded by DCA. Access to these programs and services will not be impeded as a result of an individual's inability to speak, read, write or understand English.
- 2) It will conduct an assessment to determine the need for language assistance within its service area. This will be accomplished by conducting a Four-Factor Analysis, which is described in a template provided by DCA and in the Federal Register / Vol. 72, No. 13 / Monday, January 22, 2007 / Notices. After completion of the Four-Factor Analysis, the Applicant will understand the languages spoken by LEP persons in its service area, and can determine how to provide needed language assistance.
- 3) It will prepare a Language Access Plan (LAP) that will include:
  - a. The name of the individual responsible for coordination of LEP compliance;
  - A training plan on LEP requirements for all staff involved in programs and activities funded by the federal government and awarded by DCA;
  - c. The languages identified from the Four-Factor Analysis;
  - d. A schedule for translating and disseminating vital documents; and
  - e. A policy for updating the Four-Factor Analysis and the LAP.
- 4) It will maintain records regarding its efforts to comply with Title VI LEP obligations.
- 5) It will resolve any findings related to its LEP obligations by taking corrective action and understands that repeated violations may require other appropriate enforcement mechanisms up to and including referral to HUD or repayment of awarded funds.
- 6) It must prepare and provide to DCA within sixty (60) days of notification of award an LAP meeting the requirements of this LAP Acknowledgement.
- 7) It will provide evidence of compliance as required by DCA with its locally adopted LAP.
- 8) It will review and update its LEP Four-Factor Analysis at least every five years.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The undersigned certifies on behalf of the Applicant that he/she has been authorized to sign this acknowledgement, and that the Applicant will comply with the acknowledgement listed above:

### Public Hearing Evidence



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Georgia Department of Community Affairs

# When to Consult with Tribes – DCA9B



### Tribal Directory Assessment Information



	Tribal N	lame			County	Name		
-	Alabam	a Qua arte	Tribal Town		Butt			
onta	ct Name	Title	Mailing Address	Work Phone	Fax Number	Cell Phone	Email Address	URL
Ben	Yahola	THPO	PO Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	(405)-452- 3881	(405) 452- 3889	(918)-913- 1702	Ben.Yahola@ alabama- qua arte org	http://www.ala bama- qua arte org /
lels	on Harjo	Chief	PO Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	(405)-452- 3987	(405) 452- 3968		nharjo@alaba ma quassarte.org	http://www.ala bama quassarte.org /
-	Cousha	tta Tribe of Lo	ouisiana		Butts			
onta	ct Name	Title	Mailing Address	Work Phone	Fax Number	Cell Phone	Email Address	URL
inda	a Langley	THPO	PO Box 10 Elton, LA 70532	(337) 584- 1560	(337) 584- 1616		llangley@mcn eese.edu	http://koasatih eritage.org/
)avi	d Sickey	Chairman	PO Box 818 Elton, LA 70532	(337) 584- 1401	(337) 584- 1507		dsickey@cou shatta.org	http://koasatih eritage.org/
-	Mu cog	ee (Creek) N	ation		Butt			
onta	ct Name	Title	Mailing Address	Work Phone	Fax Number	Cell Phone	Email Address	URL
ora lepe	ain Lowe- eda	THPO	PO Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447	(918) 732- 7835	(918) 758- 0649		section106@ mcn-nsn.gov	http://www.mo n-nsn.gov
)avi	d Hill	Principal Chief	PO Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447	(800) 482- 1979	(918) 756- 2911		dhill@mcn- nsn.gov	http://www.mo n-nsn.gov

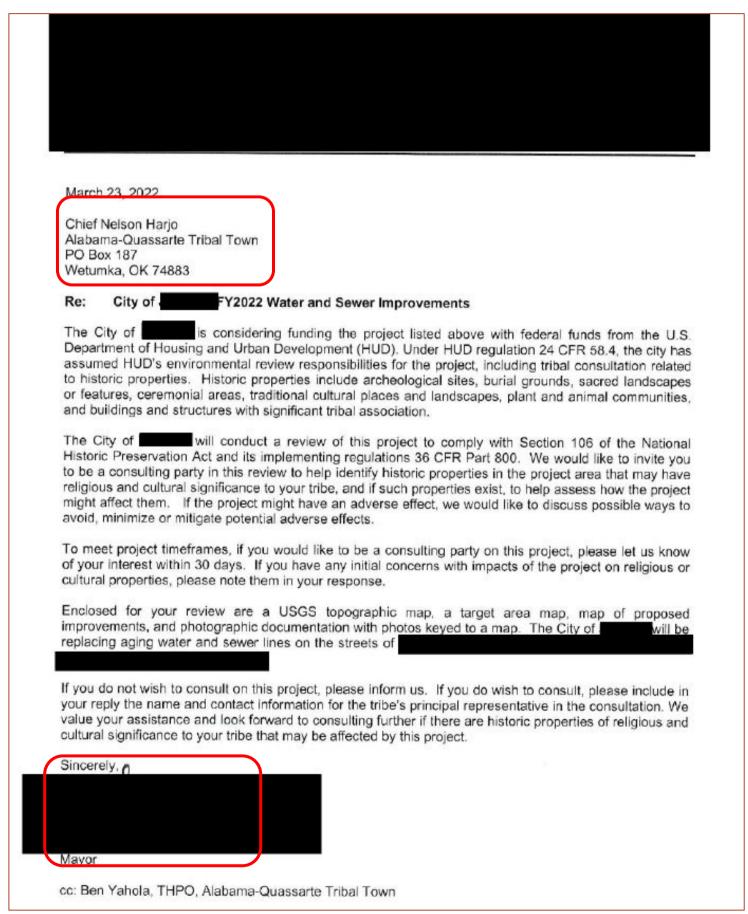
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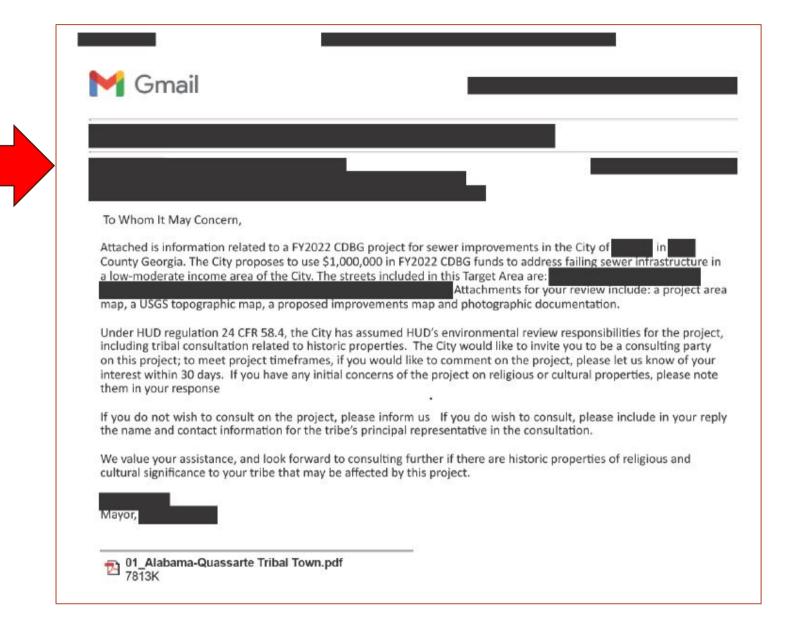
### When To Consult With Tribes Under Section 106

Section 106 requires consultation with federally-recognized Indian tribes when a project may affect a historic property of religious and cultural significance to the tribe. Historic properties of religious and cultural significance include: archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places, traditional cultural landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association. The types of activities that may affect historic properties of religious and cultural significance include: ground disturbance (digging), new construction in undeveloped natural areas, introduction of incongruent visual, audible, or atmospheric changes, work on a building with significant tribal association, and transfer, lease or sale of properties of the types listed above.

If a project includes any of the types of	activities below, invite tribes to consult:	
significant ground disturbance ( Examples: new sewer lines, utility roads	(digging) y lines (above and below ground), foundations	s, footings, grading, access
	y facilities, transmission lines, pipelines, or nev ountaintops, canyons, islands, forests, native gr	
	point that is out of character with the surround bservation point in the natural landscape, or in	
incongruent audible changes Examples: increase in noise levels experience	s above an acceptable standard in areas known	for their quiet, contemplative
incongruent atmospheric change Examples: introduction of lights the	es hat create skyglow in an area with a dark night	t s <b>k</b> y
	on or removal of a surviving ancient tribal strubelieve was the location of a significant tribal	
Example: transfer, lease or sale of	ic property of religious and cultural signific properties that contain archeological sites, but I areas, plant and animal communities, or build	irial grounds, sacred
None of the above apply		
Project	Reviewed By	Date

### When to Consult with Tribes – DCA9B continued

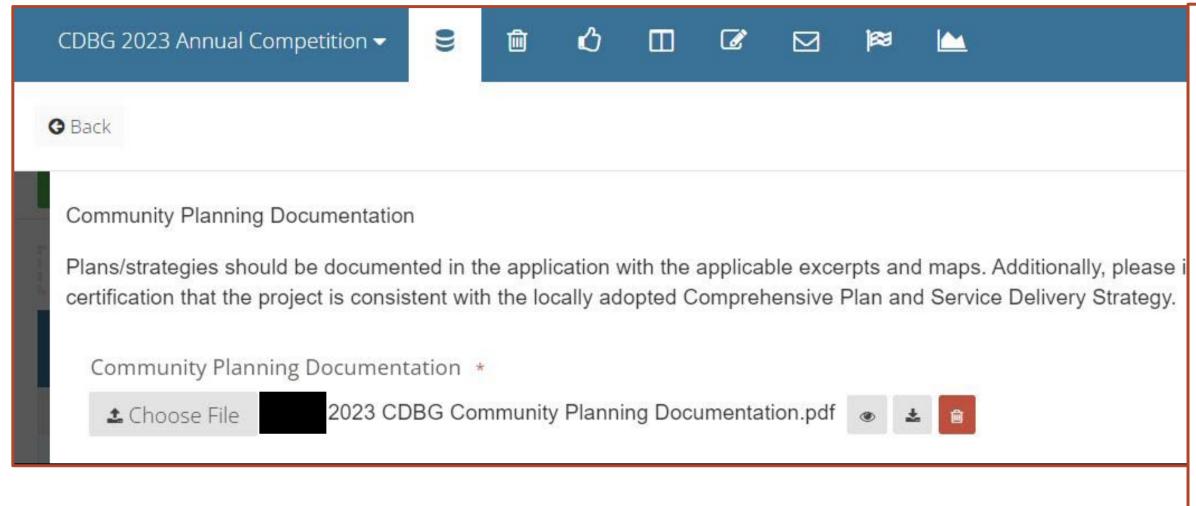




### Additional Evidence Required:

- Project Location Map
- Target Area Map
- Proposed Improvements Map
- Accompanying Photographs

### Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) & Local Comprehensive Plan



where AS, the also certifies that this proposed in conformance with the locally adopted Comprehensive Plan as appropriate inconsistent with the locally adopted Service Delivery Strategy.



### Service Delivery Strategy







### SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

### FORM 2: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements

Instructions

Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on FORM 1, Section III. Use exactly the same service names listed on FORM 1.

Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

# 1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrange Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and a this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing

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Other (If this box is checked, <u>attach a legible map delineating to</u> identify the government, authority, or other organization that will prove

# Please include the service area map!

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List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g.,
enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact
fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

Local Government or Authority

General Fund, Grants, SPLOST

General Fund, Grants, SPLOST

General Fund, Grants, SPLOST

activies focused on elimination of blight, new affordable housing

for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

elopers, and individuals through programs such as Community ment Program, Georgia Inlative for Community Housing and sing authorities

rnmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for

acting Parties Effective and Ending Dates

nt the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local and when will they take effect?

2.	In developing this strategy,	were overlapping serv	ice areas, u	innecessary	competition	and/or	duplication	of thi	s service
	identified?						•		

Yes (if "Yes," you must attach additional documentation as described, below)

No

service.):

If these conditions will continue under this strategy, <u>attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement</u> (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, <u>attach an implementation schedule</u> listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

Page 1 of 2

The Service Delivery Strategy resolution adopted by each local government will formally initiate any changes to this Service Delivery Strategy, and any associated intergovernmental agreements listed in this document will remain in effect, unless otherwise stated.

Person completing form Phone number:

Date completed: February 5, 2019

 Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? ☐Yes ☒No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

### Local Comprehensive Plan

"One of the review factors considered as a project strategy question is the conformance of the proposal with the locally adopted Comprehensive Plan, as approved by DCA. In order to demonstrate conformance, applicants should discuss on Form DCA-5 how the proposal conforms to the Plan, including citations or quotes from pertinent pages of the Plan."

	Community	WORKTR	ogram - City of		N and the construction of
#	ACTIVITY	CWP YEAR	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	ESTIMATED COST	POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES
90	Economic Development				
1	Recruit more commercial and retail businesses to keep pace with the residential growth, especially in the software and technology industry.	2022-2025		Staff Time	General Fund
2	Dedicate and implement alternative revenue funding sources to pay for economic development projects.	2022-2026		Staff Time	General Fund
3	Implement the recommendations from the Downtown Master Plan.	2022-2026		Varies	Varies
4	Implement gateway improvements along major corridors.	2022-2026		Varies	General Fund, SPLOS
5	Implement the City of Perry's Branding and Marketing Plan.	2022-2026		Varies	Varies
6	Implement guidelines for use of public resources to encourage private investment within designated areas.	2022-2026		Staff Time	General Fund
7	Support growth and expansion of Perry-Houston County Airport.	2017-2021		Varies	Varies
8	Establish a new technology park in the City of Perry as pert of the Innovation Comidor.	2022-2026		Varies	Varies
ñ	Housing		THE PARTY OF THE P		THE PROPERTY OF
1	Advertise home ownership assistance programs, such as Georgia Dream Home Ownership Program, to low-to- moderate income families.	2022-2026		Varies	General Fund, Grants
2	Identify and pursue funding sources for housing rehabilitation assistance to low-to-moderate income families.	2022-2026		Varies	General Fund, Grants CDBG, CHIP
	Revitalize dilapidated housing in target neighborhoods.	2022-2026		Varies	General Fund, SPLOS
	Develop guideline criteria for diversifying housing and affordability options throughout the community.	2022-2026		Staff Time	General Fund
5	Update Revitalization Area Strategy.	2022		Staff Time	General Fund
	Revise development guidelines to encourage sustainability development practices.	2022-2024		Staff Time	General Fund
	Develop character standards for new developments,	2022-2024		Staff Time	General Fund
1	Maintain certified alumni status in Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Natural and Cultural Resources	2022-2026		Staff Time	General Fund
	Obtain greenspace corridors in the City of Perry, including buffers along area streams.	2022-2026		Varies	General Fund, SPLOST Grants: LWCF, RTP
2	mplement Phase 2 improvements at Perry Events Center	2022-2026		Varies	Varies
	Plan, develop, and fund Creekwood, Pine Needle, Crossroads, and Heritage Oaks Park improvements,	2022-2026		Varies	Varies
	Update Historic Preservation Ordinance.	2022-2026		Staff Time	General Fund
	Reevaluate existing and designate new historic districts.	2022-2026		Staff Time	General Fund
	Plan and construct expansion of nature trail network, notuding Weleetka Trail Extension. Community Facilities and Services	2022-2026		Varies	General Fund, SPLOST Grants: LWCF, RTP
	Hire more public safety personnel to keep pace with the growth to ensure that Perry remains a safe community.	2022-2026		Varies	General Fund
	Correct stormwater infiltration into city sewer system.	2022-2026		Varies	Water/Sewer Fund
	dentify and replace water and sewer systems within older reighborhoods as needed.	2022-2026		Varies	Water/Sewer Fund, Gran CDBO
	ncrease water supply capabilities to serve a growing copulation by adding an additional well and storage tank.	2022		\$950,000	SPLOST, Water/Sewer Fund
1	xplore opportunities for active recreation.	2022-2024		Staff Time	General Fund
	Develop therapeutic recreational activities.  Develop and diversify new cultural programming.	2022-2024		Staff Time Varies	General Fund Varies
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	Jpgrade and improve natural gas systems in city.	2022-2026		Varies	Varies

## Professional Procurement

RFP/RFQ

Proof of Publication

Proof of Distribution

Scoring Sheets Meeting Minutes

**Executed Contracts** 

# Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Proposals (RFP)

### Common Mistakes

- Proposal due date is not a minimum of 30 days
- Funding Program and Funding Year are not listed

The second in successfully assisting local governments with the implementation of Federally Assisted Projects. Responding firms should be qualified to provide grant writing, grant administration, and related services for projects utilizing federal funds. The City plans to contract with a consulting firm for grant writing and administration services for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Responding firms should be qualified to provide the above stated services for a period of 2 to 3 years.

This 2023 procurement action may also lead to additional contracts and/or contract addendums for planning, design, administrative and other related services. All contracts are subject to Federal and State contract provisions prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

### INTERESTED QUALIFIED FIRMS MAY SUBMIT QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES.

Criteria for evaluation includes:

- 1) History of firm and resources
- Federal Funds Grant Writing & Administration Experience, including CDBG Housing and Public Facilities project experience along with references for current and completed projects.
- Key personnel/qualifications
- 4) Current workload
- 5) Scope and level of service proposed
- 6) Experience with similar projects and list of references
- 7) Fees associated with Grant Writing and Administration percentage for administration is acceptable.
- 8) Statement of Qualifications Form
- 9) Section 3 Certification Form for HUD assisted projects, if claiming Section 3 Status

The proposal process. The process is an equal opportunity employer. Further in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The programs. This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968.

The City also abides by the following laws as they pertain to HUD Assisted Projects: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 109 of the HCD Act of 1974, Title I; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act); Section 104(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.

For consideration, interested parties should request copies of the Statement of Qualifications Form and Section 3 Certification Form prior to preparing and submitting their proposal. Proposals should be received no later than 4:00 PM on January 10, 2023. Proposals received after the above date and time may not be considered. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities in the proposal process. Questions and proposal packages should be submitted to the name and address listed below:



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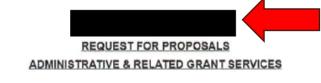
- Newspaper with adequate circulation or local government website.
- Georgia Procurement Registry (if contract is \$100,000 or more)

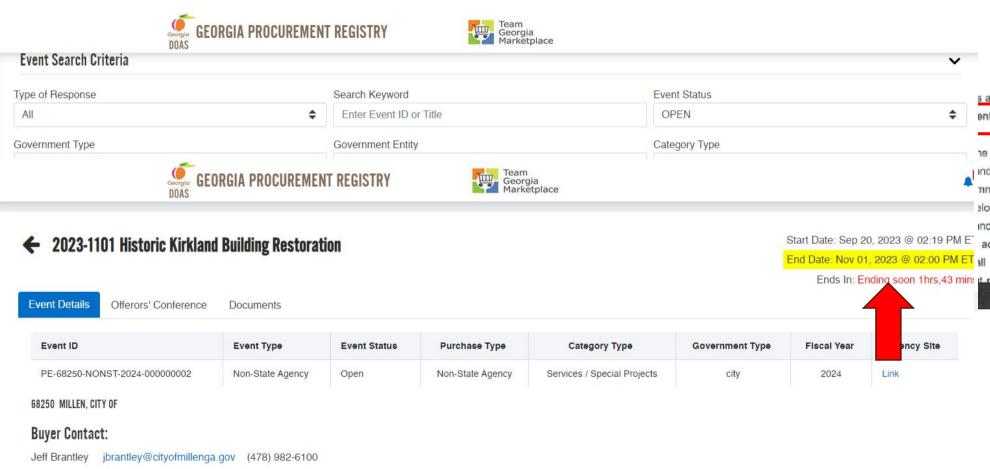
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Community Affairs and shall abide by all Federal Requirements set forth for the project.



### **Requests for Proposals**





The City of Millen received a Stabilization grant to stabilize a Historic Building located at 455 Cotton Avenue, Millen, Ga. 30442. Documents are available for purchase through the Office of the Architect. Bidding documents may be obtained at the Office of the Architect: Studio 3 Design Group, P.C. attn: Rachel Stahler establer@s3dg.com or 706-667-9784. Applications for hard copy bid documents, together with refundable deposit of \$150.00 per set, should be filed promptly with the Architect. Bidding material will be forwarded (shipping charges collect) as soon as possible. Bid documents are available at no cost, digitally. The full amount of deposit for one set will be refunded to each prime contractor who submits a bona fide bid upon return of such set in good condition within 10 days after date of opening bids. Documents will also be posted in the Millen City Hall for review. Any questions regarding the bid documents should be emailed to dbeaird@s3dg.com. Addendum may be issued during the bidding period. Bidders should be aware that this project is funded, in part, by a Community Development Block Grant. All contractors shall be in good standing with the Department of

s are being requested from consultants with a strong record in successfully assisting local governments with the ent Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Responding firms should be qualified to provide grant administration and

ne date of this notice, with a reputable consulting firm for grant writing and administration services for Federally und economic development. This procurement could include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), mmunity Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Employment elopment Administrations (EDA) Projects, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Projects, and any ince with 2 CFR 200 for Procurement. This procurement action may also lead to additional project contracts administrative and other related services for State and Federally funded projects. This is not a request for a End Date: Nov 01, 2023 @ 02:00 PM ET all for services to assist with the preparation and administration of a 2023 CDBG Project related to public

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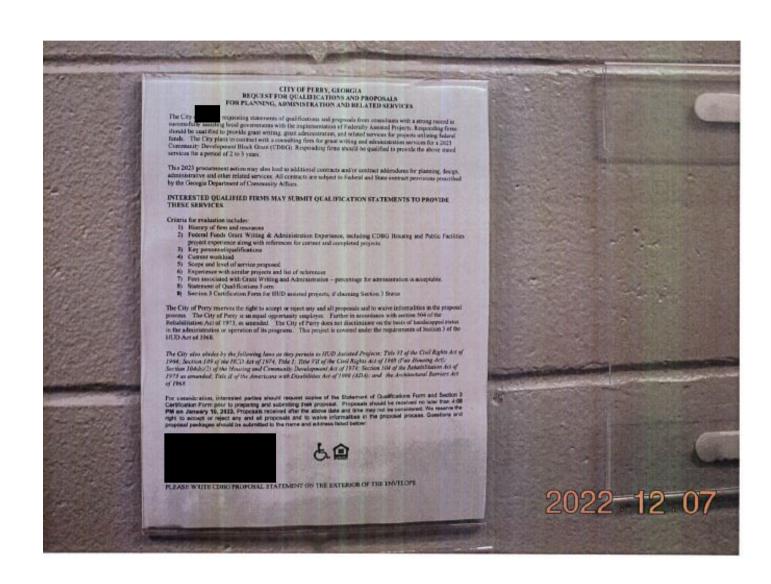
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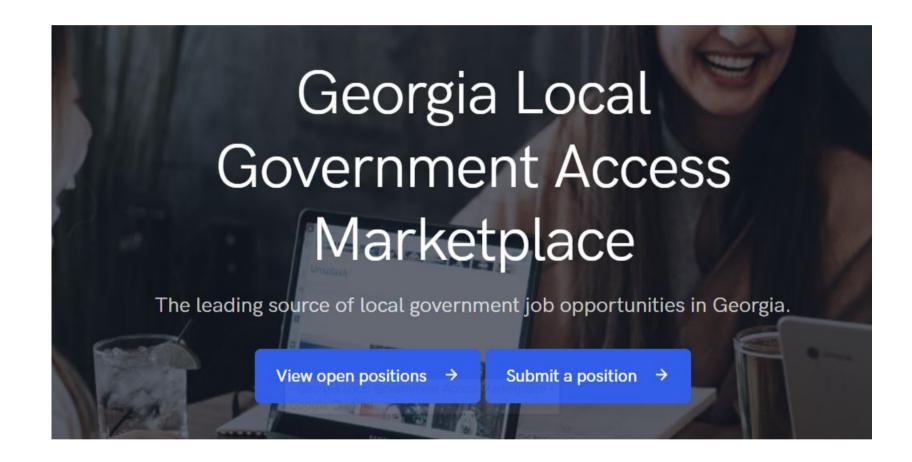
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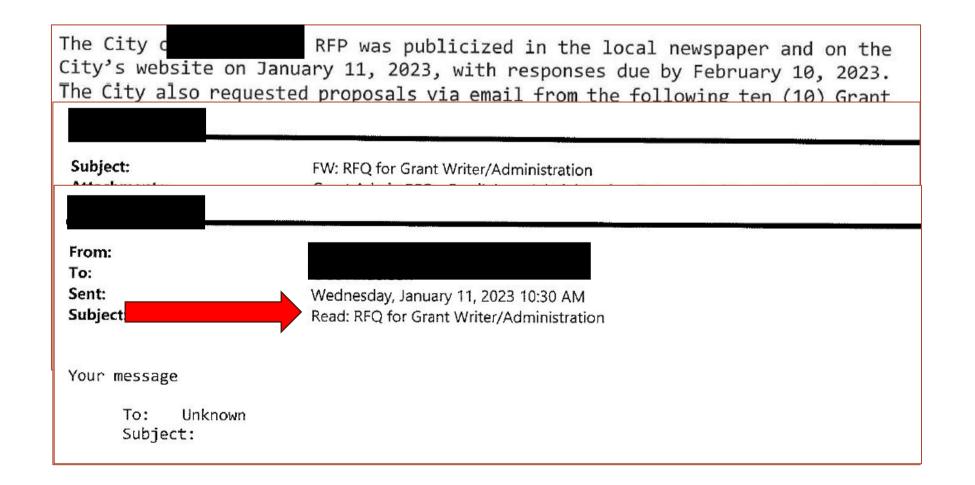




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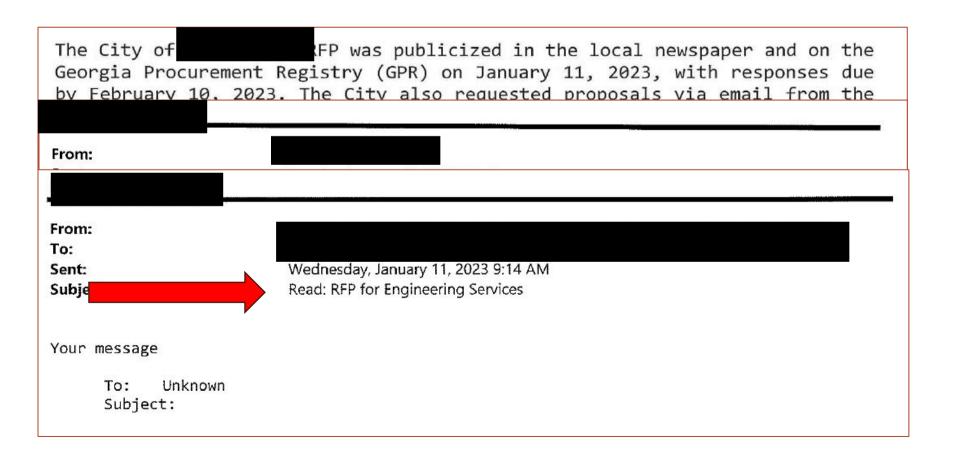
### Administration/Grant Writing:

- Send an email or letter with a copy of the RFP, Statement of Qualifications to a minimum of **7 "known providers"**.
- If sending letters by mail, DCA requires that letters be sent certified return receipt to provide the required documentation.
- Emails must be sent with a Request Delivery Receipt and Request Read Receipt to provide equivalent documentation when using this method.



### **Engineer/Architect:**

- Send an email or letter with a copy of the RFP, a Statement of Qualifications, to a minimum of **10 "known providers"**.
- If sending letters by mail, DCA requires that letters be sent certified return receipt to provide the required documentation.
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# Scoring Sheets & Meeting Minutes



### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM:

DATE:

January 11, 2023

RE:

CDBG and CHIP Grant Writing and Administration

The plans to apply for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Home Investment Program grant (CHIP). In order to do so, the ssued a Request for Qualifications and Proposals for a grant writing and administration firm. In accordance with the requirements set forth by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, this request for qualifications and proposals was posted for at least 30 days.

There was only one qualified response for the request for CHIP grant writing and administration. The received an approval by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to select Grant Specialists of Georgia via sole source procurement. This approval is attached.

The eceived three complete and qualifying proposals by the posted deadline for CDBG writing and administration. Proposals were received by

The proposals were objectively reviewed and scored by Community Development Staff. The table below demonstrates the average scores for each firm in each scoring category (scores could be assigned from 1-5, ranging from poor to excellent).

EVALUATION FACTOR			
CDBG Grant Experience	2	4.5	2
Key Personnel Qualifications	3	4.5	2.5
Capacity of Proposer	4	4	3.5
Current Workload	4.5	4.5	3.5
Level of Service Proposed	3.5	4.5	2.5
Proximity to Project	3	4	3
Overall Experience	2.5	4.5	3
Cost	2.5	4	2
Past Experience w/ Proposer	1	4.5	1
TOTALS	26/45	39 / 45	23 / 45

Based on the quality of the proposals received and the evaluation results, Community Development Staff recommends selecting for 2023 CDBG and CHIP grant writing and administration.

The proposal evaluation score sheets and sole source procurement approval are included within this memo.



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers

January 11, 2023 8:30 a.m.

City Manager made the recommendation of Administrator. Councilwoman made a motion to approve the City Manager's recommendation. This motion was seconded by Councilman and carried unanimously.
City Manager and a commendation of as CDBG Engineer. Councilwoman made a motion to approve the City Manager's recommendation. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempand carried unanimously.



## **Executed Contracts**



### **Common Mistakes**

- 1. NO SIGNATURE
- 2. Applicant did not provide both professional services executed contracts
- Services or Scope described in the Engineer/Architect Contract do not mirror the project scope of services
- 4. No Contract provided from the Regional Commission

# Common Mistakes (recap)



- ➤ Did not allow at least 30 days for responses
- ➤ Did not retain proof of solicitation delivery (read receipts) or a memorandum of the process
- ➤ Meeting minutes indicated the highest scored respondent was not selected without explanation
- ➤ Sole Source approval was not obtained prior to application submission

# Conflict of Interest (COI)

### Common Mistakes

- No attorney letter
- No description of the public disclosure
- No map included indicating the location of the COI in the target area

<u>Exceptions</u>: Upon written request, **DCA may grant an exception** to the provisions of paragraph A above, on a case-by-case basis, **before federal funds are expended**. **Exceptions can only be granted when DCA determines that the exception will serve to further the purposes of the CDBG Program** and the effective and efficient administration of the CDBG program or project. To seek an exception, **a written request for an exception must be submitted** by the Recipient to DCA which:

- Fully discloses the conflict or potential conflict of interest, prior to the unit of government undertaking any action which results or may result in a conflict of interest, real or apparent;
- Describes how the conflict of interest was publicly disclosed;
- Includes a map showing the location of any target area property indicated in the potential conflict of interest, if applicable;
- Includes a written opinion of the local government's attorney that the conflict of interest for which the exception is sought would not violate state or local law; and,
- Includes a written statement signed by the Chief Elected Official, Authorized Representative, city or county attorney, or by the official designated by the governing body to sign such statement addressing the factors DCA must consider when allowing a prohibited conflict of interest. See item G below for more information on the factors DCA must take into account.

# Thanks

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