



Frequently Asked Questions for the Vendor Pool

What is the purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ)?

The purpose of this RFQ is to establish a vendor pool of qualified service providers who can offer their expertise and services to business district organizations who will be awarded grants through this federally funded program.

What is the Vendor Pool for this grant?

The vendor pool for the Business District Capacity Grant will be a pre-qualified list of vendors who have been vetted and approved to provide services to business district organizations. These vendors will be selected based on qualifications, experience, and pricing.

Who can participate in this RFQ?

Any vendor or service provider who meets the specified qualifications in the RFQ outline is eligible to participate.

What are the selection criteria?

Vendors will be included in the pre-qualified pool based on their service offerings, track record of past work, professional references, business statement, and ties to communities in the Corridors of Opportunity geography.

Does selection in the pool guarantee an award?

No, inclusion in the pool does not entitle the selected vendor to any work or payment from the Grantees or the City. The program will, however, use this pre-screened pool to make recommendations to the nonprofit organizations that are selected for this grant opportunity.

What are the advantages of being selected in the Vendor pool?

Inclusion in the pool increases your visibility and chances of securing work during the term of this grant (December 2024-December 2026). It may also lead to future business opportunities after the grant ends.

Can I submit qualifications for multiple service categories?

Yes, vendors can submit qualifications for multiple service categories based on their expertise and track record.

How long will vendors remain in the vendor pool?

Vendors will remain in the pool for the duration of the grant from December 2024- December 2026. If the City decides to renew this pre-qualified list after the grant term, vendors may be asked to reapply for qualification at a future date.