

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS IS FRIDAY JULY 31ST AT 5PM

The following is a compilation of frequently asked questions received and answered that pertain to the CARES Act Funding RFP posted at <https://my.spokanecity.org/covid19/cares-act-funding/>. The City of Spokane is committed to a fair and equitable process, which includes access to the information provided in response to partner questions.

Questions have been edited for clarity. Last updated 7/30/20

Added July 30th

Q: When is the exact deadline to submit applications?

A: Midnight on Sunday, August 2nd to CARESProposals@SpokaneCity.org.

Added July 29th

Clarification: This RFP is intended for organizations and agencies that will apply and then administer the proposed program.

Q: For eligible expenses incurred under an awarded grant, what is the turn around for the City to reimburse?

A: The City has compiled a special team to process payments related to contracts awarded under this RFP. Invoices received with all proper backup and documentation will be processed within one week.

Q: Will that award be on a cost-reimbursement basis or will the award be disbursed in another way?

A: The City wants to work with our partners in order to make programs successful. Please outline all needs you may have for a successful program so we may assess and consider solutions

Q: Are there limits on the amounts of funding an organization can request?

A: The total funding is limited, but there are no fixed amounts per funding category or limits per organization.

Q: Could rent assistance funding be used to pay for security deposits or first months rent?

A: Potentially. Funds awarded via this RFP must be used in response to COVID related impacts in the community.

Added July 28th

Q: If the funds are not spent by the date outlined in the RFP, can the deadline be extended?

A: No. Due to State and Federal rules, extensions are not possible.

Q: Can 501c3's apply for the "small, locally-owned, neighborhood business" and how would they meet the 51% local ownership requirement?

A: Yes. A non-profit entity could meet the ownership requirement by self certifying that more than half of the Directors of the non-profit live in Spokane.

Q: Some secondary parameters of the RFP may be difficult to meet in the short timeframe. Does that disqualify a potential proposal?

A: No, it does not disqualify you and none of the program elements under each category are mandatory. Per the RFP, the most competitive applications will address the stated provisions, although different methods and areas of focus will also receive consideration. We seek proposals that get as close to implementing these program elements as is possible within industry practices and regulatory policy.

Q: Does "Certification that the business has not received any COVID-19-related grant or loan from or guaranteed by a federal or state government agency" include PPP and EIDL?

A: Yes.

Q: What happens to any money not spent by the deadline?

A: Per State and Federal guidelines, money not spent by the published deadlines are forfeit and returned to the State and Federal governments.

Q: If I have questions regarding this grant, who would I speak with?

A: In order to maintain a fair and equitable process, all questions must be sent via email to CARESProposals@SpokaneCity.org so they can be answered and shared on our website for all potential proposers to see.