

Provider Facilities Fund RFI Q/A

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Date	Question	Answer
8/8/18	Can you explain a prevailing wage affidavit?	Should you be awarded, at the beginning of your project, the contractor is required to file affidavits with L&I saying they intend to pay prevailing wages. This is filed by the contractor.
8/8/18	For service commitments, what does “unless otherwise mutually agreed to by both parties” (pg 11-12 of the RFI)	This phrase means that DEEL reserves the right to negotiate service commitments that differ from those specified in the RFI.
8/8/18	Can an organization submit more than 1 request?	Yes.
8/8/18	In terms of August 31 <sup>st</sup> deadline, do the hard copies need to be in hand by that day or postmarked by that day?	In hand, delivered by August 31 <sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm.
8/8/18	Can an organization submit more than 1 request for the same location (different projects)?	If you have 2 projects in the same site that are happening at the same time, we encourage submitting only 1 proposal.
8/8/18	Is a combined proposal detrimental as opposed to separating the proposals (the better one wins out?)	This depends on the content of the proposal. Refer to the scoring table on page 9 of the RFI to understand how your proposal will be scored by the RFI review committee.
8/8/18	Can you further explain the city interest in the project? It’s not clear what that means.	For awards larger than \$250,000, the City requires a certain property interest (i.e. Deed of Trust, Covenant with years to be determined). This will be negotiated in the award contract.
8/8/18	Do you know how many agencies will receive awards?	No. The approximate total funding amount is 800,000 and the number of funding projects will depend on the number of proposals and their funding requests.
8/8/18	What is the average size of projects?	We’ve had projects funded up to \$500,000 and projects as low as \$30,000.
8/8/18	When is the next cycle of funds coming up?	We anticipate having facility funds in 2019.
8/8/18	Can we use these funds to purchase a new facility?	No, acquisition is eligible use of the funding.
8/8/18	Can the supported/match funding come from any other agency?	Yes, any other funding source is appropriate, even an internal funding source.
8/8/18	Does SPP have anything to help with the project management or architectural feedback?	Yes. We have a <a href="#">pre-development program</a> where we have contracted with several different architects that we can refer providers to. They can help provide feedback or reports on feasibility. The link to the program is <a href="#">here</a> .
8/8/18	How long does the Pre-Development Program take? If I reach out tomorrow, is turn-around time enough to get info from them in time for proposal submission date?	It would be challenging to do this, as it does take a few weeks back and forth to set up a site visit.

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8/8/18	Do you have architects who have more knowledge of early childhood programs?	We have several architects under contract with us that have early childhood experience through our Pre-Development Services Program.
8/8/18	Is there a timeline for project completion?	Once the award contract has been executed, it is 12 months from the date of contract execution. It can be 18 months for projects that are larger than \$250,000.
8/8/18	We receive funds when we receive milestone markers – do we receive money after (backpay instead of paid up front)?	We will usually work with our City experts and you to figure out cash flow timeline, but your project will receive funds according to project milestones.
8/9/18	Can we use the equity in the property as match for this application? What is required to document that, if so? Can we use other these other fund sources as part of our match requirements?  WA State Department of Commerce City of Seattle OPCD (EDI) Satterberg Family Foundation	A funding match has to be funds that will be on hand to contribute to the construction costs. Equity in the property will not count towards a funding match, however state, city, philanthropic, as well as cash on hand reserved for the project are eligible sources to use towards your funding match.
8/13/18	For outdoor preschool, by way of facilities, there's not a lot of permanent structures. However, there is need in terms of implementing the licensing program- would those requirements fit within the scope of RFI? In other words, would this licensing be eligible for this funding?	Funds cannot be exclusively used for planning or design. However, soft costs are eligible as part of the project. See the eligible and ineligible activities on page 6-7 of the RFI.
8/13/18	How many proposals are expected?	There has been strong interest this round, but the total number is not known. Typically, we get 3-5 proposals per round.
8/13/18	Would funds be granted after October? What is the timeline?	Review period is through September. After we make funding decision we will have a contract negotiation period. Typically, contracts begin at the end of the year or beginning of the following year.
8/13/18	Another potential funding four our project is for nap space, does that meet RFI guidelines?	It could meet guidelines if it meets eligible activities on page 6-7 of the RFI.
8/21/18	The application asks for a Licensing Inspection Report related to ADA compliance. The latest inspection report I have doesn't include any comments or corrections on	The licensing report is sufficient to submit related to ADA compliance.

	<p>ADA issues. Is there something else I should provide or do you still want that report? The narrative speaks to what we will be doing to make the new space accessible, and I think the existing space is in compliance since there are no inspection findings.</p>	
8/21/18	<p>Could you clarify whether our location fits the following grant criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Project is in a geographic location where currently there are fewer than 3 classrooms within the SPS middle school attendance zone.</li><li>- Location of the project is in a geographic location deemed to be a high priority for the Seattle Preschool Program for serving low-income students {see page 25 of the SPP program plan at: <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/OFE/AboutTheLevy/EarlyLearning/SPP_ProgramPlan2015-16_Final.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/OFE/AboutTheLevy/EarlyLearning/SPP_ProgramPlan2015-16_Final.pdf</a></li></ul>	<p>We will determine whether priority points are awarded during the review process. We will do that by reviewing the middle school attendance zone and seeing if there are less than 3 current SPP classrooms in the zone. Secondly, we will look at the school segmentation levels of the elementary school in the projects attendance boundary.</p>