

## **Federal Funds Regional Competitive Project Application Process**

### **Q & A's – Updated 3/8/2013 3:00 pm**

- 1) Does MAG have Level of Service (LOS) information?
  - a. MAG has not conducted a Level of Service study in recent years. Please use local agency data.
  
- 2) Where can I find zero driver's license/non-driver information?
  - a. That information is not available at the local level. Please use census 2010 zero vehicle household data. The two evaluation criteria will be combined into one.
  
- 3) Is Right-of-way (ROW) eligible under this program?
  - a. Federal ROW is a lengthy process and would generally not be consistent with the goals and timelines of this schedule. An exception may be made if the project can demonstrate extraordinary circumstances.
  
- 4) How is the population demographic for senior citizens defined?
  - a. Population that is over 65 as defined by Census 2010. Please see attached dataset under resources.
  
- 5) How is the population demographic for minority defined?
  - a. Population that is any race or ethnicity except "Non-Hispanic White" as defined by Census 2010. Please see attached dataset under resources.
  
- 6) How is the population demographic for is low-income defined?
  - a. Population under-poverty as defined by Census 2010. Please see attached dataset under resources.
  
- 7) Is persons with disability information available for Census 2010?
  - a. No it is not at the geographic level. Please use Census 2000. Please see attached dataset under resources.

- 8) For the City Manager Letter of Commitment to Fund Project, does MAG have a template for this letter that I can use?
  - a. Yes, please see Project Commitment Letter template under resources.
  
- 9) Where I can obtain employment information at the geographic level?
  - a. Please refer to dataset under resources.
  
- 10) What is the population analysis conducted by the MAG Human Services Division and how can we obtain supporting information?
  - a. Please check back soon for further information.
  
- 11) Is Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF) an eligible federal match?
  - a. Yes it is with a minimum local requirement of 12.5%.

An example would look like this:

Percent	Amount	Percent
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	100%	\$ 100.00
Federal Transit	80%	\$ 80.00
Local Match	20%	\$ 20.00
Total Local Costs	100% of the 20%	\$ 20.00
LTAF II	87.50%	\$ 17.50
Local funds/GF	12.50%	\$ 2.50

- 12) Is construction management an eligible project?
  - a. Yes, however, funding/project award would be at the discretion of the evaluation committee.
  
- 13) How do you map projects that are regional/county/citywide and not site-level?
  - a. Provide regional/city/county-wide data as available. If possible, use buffers at the bus stops affected. Final recommendation for funding would be at the discretion of the evaluation committee.
  
- 14) Why is MAG requesting GIS shape files of the projects?
  - a. A map of funded projects will be provided to MAG committees during the approval process.

- 15) Is design an eligible expense under this program?
- a. Yes, however, funding/project award would be at the discretion of the evaluation committee.
- 16) I am not clear if our small UZA 5307 funds are in the process. The last I heard the Small UZA cities were working on their plans.
- a. This is only Phoenix/Mesa UZA funds. The small UZA's will have a separate process. MAG will begin coordination with the small agencies on a separate process in late March/early April 2013.
- 17) How much funding is available for under this grant process?
- a. That amount is yet unknown. MAG is awaiting final Federal apportionment and final TLCP funding requirements. Based on an October 2012 analysis, between \$2-4 million was available.
- 18) On Page 19 Section D2 – It asks about transit crime concerns. We have none since this bike/ped project is addressing traffic safety (which is covered in the previous question). I don't want to leave this question blank.
- a. This was a concern the group wanted addressed specifically. Leave it blank if it is not relevant.
- 19) On the Cost Sheet, it is very difficult to break apart Capital and Non-Capital costs. I will try my best, and attach our detailed cost sheet in the Appendix.
- a. For design/construction projects that are not necessarily capital, use those categories.
- 20) On Page 13 Section 3, Question 6 - the text box says 750 character limit, but it will only allow me to type in one line of text.
- a. I'm not sure why Acrobat was doing this but a new one will be posted.
- 21) Page 18 shouldn't these numbers be for everything within 3 miles since it's a bike project? It only says within ½ mile.
- a. Yes, please use 3 miles for a bicycle project.
- 22) Level of service is no longer utilized as a metric in our City. How should I answer this question?
- a. Please be prepared to address this issue during the Q&A and/or presentation.