

Great Streets Neighborhood Business District Program

**Façade Improvement Program Administration Request for Proposals  
Questions and Answers  
October 16, 2009**

The program documents require two bids when the total project cost is over \$1,000. Could the cutoff for requiring two bids be \$5,000 instead?

Taking into consideration the challenges in gathering two *exact* bids for work, the City is willing to allow each organization, at the time of contracting with the City, to choose to have the cutoff for requiring only one bid be \$1,000 **or** \$2,500.

If a property address received a \$5,000 (or \$7,500) maximum grant under an earlier Great Streets Façade Improvement contract, is it eligible to apply for another maximum grant if an organization has a new Great Streets Façade Improvement contract in 2010?

Yes, but the address would not be eligible to receive a third grant until five years after the first grant was disbursed. In other words, in a five-year period a property address could receive \$10,000 in façade grant dollars. If an individual organization would like to impose a more restrictive threshold than \$10,000 every five years, ideas can be discussed at the time of contracting with the City.

The current Business Application / Participation Agreement requires the notarized signature of the property owner if the applicant is not the property owner. Would it be possible to require the signature of a Notary Republic **or** simply a second witness?

Yes, we have decided that if the administering organization knows that the property owner is fully aware of the application for his/her property, that a second witness will be sufficient for the Business Application / Participation Agreement. We will change the document to reflect this.

If an organization applies for four commercial nodes that are monitor, which receives 0 points under the Evaluation Criteria, and one commercial node classified as support, which receives 15 points, how many points will the application receive?

In this example, the application would receive 15 points for the support node.

Applications applying for **one or more** intervene areas will receive 30 points, **one or more** support areas will receive 15 points, and **one or more** monitor areas will receive 0 points. All applications will receive one of three numbers: 30, 15, or 0. For applications with multiple areas, the higher point designation will apply.

If the proposal contents are public information, does that mean that for organizations with current contracts attaching copies of executed Matching Grant Agreements that said agreements will be public information as well?

Yes. If your organization would like to submit the copies of executed Matching Grant Agreements under a separate cover that is fine, but either way they are part of the public record.