

South Dallas Fair Park Opportunity Fund (SDFPOF)

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

7.31.2020

1. How many awards will be granted under this NOFA?

There is not a set number of awards that will be awarded; instead, there is a maximum amount of funding of \$100,000 that will be awarded.

2. Can start-ups apply for the funding?

Start-ups are not precluded from applying for the funding, but all organizations must have the financial capacity to be reimbursed for expenses, and the reimbursement may be one to two months after the expenses were incurred. Additionally, "Organizational Information and History" is one of the scoring criteria, so start-ups would need to be able to address those items in their application.

3. Can schools apply for the funding?

Yes, schools may apply if they have matching funds that come from a source outside of the school's budget.

4. Who will score the applications?

Applications will be scored by a review committee of City staff, who will score the applications consistent with the criteria listed on page 6 in the NOFA. All projects that score greater than 80 points will be presented with their scores to the SDFPOF Advisory Board for funding recommendations.

5. Are there electronic versions of the budget form and cover page available?

Yes, these documents will be posted to the [website](#) under the "Related Documents" section.

6. When will final determination on who receives a grant be made?

The City intends to present recommendations to the SDFPOF board in September, for council consideration in October.

7. When will funds be available? When can programs start?

Successful grantees may start incurring costs to their grants after final city approvals have been obtained and the grant contract has been executed. The City intends to have contracts executed by October of 2020, so that work on programs can begin.

8. How often can reimbursement requests be submitted?

That is up to the grantee, but the requests shouldn't be submitted more often than monthly.

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9. How do we document a partnership agreement?

A signed letter on the partner's letterhead, or a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) can be submitted to document a partnership agreement.

10. How do we document that the matching funds are being expended?

On the draw requests, grantees can either demonstrate that matching funds have previously been expended for the program or that the funds were expended concurrently with the City request for funds.

11. What constitutes a third-party match? Can a separate legal entity in my organization be the funder?

Yes, if there is a foundation or different legal entity related to the same parent, that would be considered a third-party match.

12. If an organization is self-sustaining and a for-profit entity, do we need to find a third-party source for our match, or can we utilize our in-house resources as a match?

The match needs to come from a third-party source, so in-house resources are not eligible to be used as a source of matching funds.