

South Dallas Fair Park Opportunity Fund (SDFPOF)

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Frequently Asked Questions

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 \$200,000 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 in the Bonfire Procurement Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Advertisement, <https://dallascityhall.bonfirehub.com/login>.

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

The Small Business Center intends to present recommendations to the SDFPOF board no later than 90 days from the Closing Date of the NOFA.

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 contract can take up to 90 days to be executed.

8. How often can reimbursement requests be submitted?

Reimbursement requests are required to be submitted every 30 days.

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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.