

City of Chelsea
IFB 2016-95
CDBG Public Social Services

Notice to all prospective bidders

Questions/Answers released Thursday, December 17, 2015

- 1. Would the expansion of an existing program be an appropriate use of funds under CDBG for the purposes of this RFP? The type of work in question is, programming for very high-risk young mothers living in the city of Chelsea (the program is not currently supported by CDBG Funding).**

Answer:

In general, an expansion of an existing public social services program that does not currently receive CDBG but that is funded from other federal and state monies and will use the CDBG funds to increase the numbers of beneficiaries (consisting of low- and moderate-income Chelsea residents) would be eligible. The program cannot have also received CDBG funds or locally raised funds or state funds that pass through the City within 12 months of the date of the City's application to the state.

More specific details and information would be necessary in the application about the program itself and the clientele served to document that the proposed activity is compliant with the Massachusetts CDBG regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as applicable, and is also consistent with the City' Community Development Strategy (CDS).

A public social services program which is designed to increase economic opportunities for Chelsea residents through job training and education would be consistent with the City's CDS.

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The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals as determined to be in the best interest of the City and to waive minor informalities.