These instructions are being provided to assist in the submission of proposals in response to the City of Charlottesville’s Request for Proposals (RFP) for federal funds involving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

**General Information**

The City of Charlottesville is guided by a strategic plan that provides the blueprint that is followed to be one community filled with opportunity and to provide services and facilities that promote an excellent quality of life for everyone in our community. Additionally the City is guided by the Comprehensive Plan which was adopted by the City Council on August 19, 2013 and the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is designed to help the City assess the affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

All three plans provide the foundation for the priorities and objectives that are included in the Consolidated Plan that will guide funding and progress for the period Program Year (PY) 2018 through PY 2022 for the CDBG and HOME programs. To view these plans in detail, go on the City’s website and they can be located at:

**Strategic Plan**

**Comprehensive Plan**

**CDBG & HOME Consolidated Plan**
http://www.charlottesville.org/hudplans

Proposals will only be accepted from:

- Private or public non-profit agency, authority, or organizations
- Housing development organizations (CBDO’s)
- Private for-profit organizations undertaking specific economic development activities
- Governmental agencies

The FY 2020-FY 2021 CDBG and HOME program priorities that will help guide funding decisions are as follows:
o Affordable Housing (including but not limited to low income housing redevelopment, priority for households at 0-50% of the area median income)
o Support for the Homeless and those at risk of Homelessness
o Workforce Development (including but not limited to efforts to bolster Section 3 training opportunities and partnerships with the City’s GO programs, support for programs that aid in self-sufficiency, including but not limited to quality childcare)
o Microenterprise Assistance
o Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

**Funding**
Funds will be provided on a cost reimbursement basis. No “up front” or advance uses or expenses will be eligible for funding and it is highly unlikely that funds will cover 100% of any project or program. All applications for funding must be able to demonstrate that the program/project will be conducted meets federal income requirements that benefit low to moderate income individuals. Additionally, applications must clearly demonstrate project/program readiness or that the project or program that the funding is being requested for will be ready to begin construction or operate and begin providing services immediately after July 1, 2020.

Please note that should your organization be approved for funding, federal reporting requirements are very rigid, time sensitive, and can be staff intensive; however, are a non-negotiable contract stipulation.

**Mandatory Technical Assistance Session**
The City will require all applicants to schedule and attend a 30-minute mandatory technical assistance session with the Grants Coordinator. The meeting must be held between October 25, 2019 and November 29, 2019 and prior to proposal submission. To schedule a technical assistance session or for questions concerning the RFP, contact Erin Atak, Grants Coordinator at atake@charlottesville.org, or (434) 970-3093.

**Environmental Review**
An environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it meets federal, state, and local environmental standards. The environmental review process is required for all HUD-assisted projects to ensure that the proposed project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users. Not every project is subject to a full environmental review (i.e., every project's environmental impact must be examined, but the extent of this examination varies), but every project must be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other related Federal and state environmental laws.

No funds may be committed to a proposed project prior to release of funds authorization from HUD. If the proposed project involves ground disturbance, demolition, construction, site improvements, or acquisition of property on which such activities will take place you may not take any action except for option agreements, until the environmental review compliance is achieved.

**Insurance Requirements**
Please note, all awardees of funding must have certificates or policies of worker’s compensation, public liability, automobile liability (including non-ownership and hired vehicles) and property damage insurance
satisfactory to the City at the start of the project term. Each certificate or policy shall carry the provision that the insurance shall not be canceled or reduced without the prior notice to the City and **THE CITY SHALL BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED BY ENDORSEMENT UNDER SUCH INSURANCE CONTRACT.** The minimum Limits of Liability Coverage shall be as follows:

1. Comprehensive General liability, including Premises and Operations, Elevator Liability; Provider’s Protective Liability, Products Liability including completed Operations Coverage; and Contractual Liability for the contract: Limits $1,000,000/$2,000,000
2. Comprehensive Automobile Liability, including all owned Automobiles; Non-Owned Automobiles; Hired Car Coverage: Limits $500,000/$1,000,000 (per occurrence/annual aggregate)
3. Workers Compensation, including Employer’s Liability: Limits Statutory Employer’s Liability $100,000.

**Income Guidelines**

All projects must meet an income standard in one of the following ways:

**Low/moderate Income Area** – Only to be used for Economic Development projects where the business serves a qualified area.

**Low/moderate Income Household/Clientele** – The participants in the project are from low-mod income levels (see table below for current figures – effective 6/28/2019) or a special needs populations. This information must be verified. Special Needs Populations (aka Limited Clientele) include Elderly/Frail Elderly, Illiterate Adults, Migrant Workers, Persons with AIDS, Severely Handicapped/Disabled, Homeless Persons, or Abused/battered Spouses and/or Children. The current income guidelines are as follows:

**Charlottesville Median Family Income: $89,400**

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The beneficiaries of grant-funded activities **must reside in the City of Charlottesville.** Applicants are strongly encouraged to serve and recruit beneficiaries residing in the Priority Neighborhood (Ridge Street neighborhood).
If the grant is not the only source of funding, then the percentage of participants that are Charlottesville residents must be **equal to or greater than** the percentage of CDBG funds in the program.

**Submissions**

The deadline for submission is **4:00pm, Thursday, December 3, 2019.** Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding. Online submission is required.

Applicants are required to submit the following documents as part of proposal submission by the 4:00pm, Thursday, December 3, 2019 deadline:

- Fact Sheet or brochure listing all services provided by the applicant
- Current financial statement, including annual budget and operating expenses
- Evidence of 501(c)3 status
- One copy of most recent Form 990 from non-profit organizations
- List of board members and staff names and positions

Applicants may mail, hand deliver, fax, or email documents to:

Erin Atak, Grants Coordinator  
Grants Coordinator  
Neighborhood Development Services  
City of Charlottesville  
P. O. Box 911  
610 East Market Street  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
Fax: (434) 970-3359  
atake@charlottesville.org

Requested documents will not be accepted after the deadline. Failure to submit the documents on time will result in an incomplete application.