

## Third Places Fund Grant Workshop

### Q&A

#	Question	Answer(s)	Additional Replies:
1	Can a third place be a school?	Like a K-12 School.	If it is an active school, generally no. If it is a building that used to be a school, then yes.
2	Is a small town in the suburbs considered a "rural community?"	Projects must be located in communities with populations under 50,000 according to the 2010 census. For example, Des Moines is in a large metropolitan area, but has a population of less than 50,000, so a project there would qualify as rural per definition.	
3	Can you be eligible if your restoration projects aims to make it a community 3rd place?	Yes, absolutely!	
4	Can the \$25k be financed?	Most likely. We can look into how this would work but we don't have a firm answer today.	
5	Can teh match be from another grant?	The match can be from another grant as long as the other grant is not Federally funded.	So if it's not a historical park yet but it does have a historical tree on the property can this still be eligible
6	Are there a limited number of grants available for this program?	There is no cap on the number of grants awarded. We set a maximum of \$75k per grant request in an effort to "spread the wealth" but still allow for viable project proposals. For example, we could end up with a minimum of 8 or 9 projects, but might also end up with 10 or more if there are many project requests less than \$75k that get selected for funding.	Adding to Nick's answer, there is a cap on total funding available for this grant program, which is \$730,000.
7	Great. Thank you. Next question: is there a minimum square footage for the "gathering area?" Historic buildings don't have large rooms.	No, there is no minimum square footage. Historic buildings come in all shapes and sizes!	
8	OK. We're still in the running.		
9	This might be coming in the presentation, but I'm wondering how non-property owners can get involved with this program?	Tenants of leased spaces are eligible to apply, as long as they have owner consent and the owner also consents and understands the terms of the short term easement that would be placed on the property before the conclusion of the project.	
#	Can value of in kind work be applied to the match requirements?	Yes. There are some limits and requirements for estimating the value of the work, but in kind match is eligible.	
#	Whew. Thank you.	You're most certainly welcome.	

#	Can you apply for different grants for the same building, i.e. one for electrical, one for roof, one for HVAC, etc.? Not much can be done for a building of our size for \$100,000 if these are all done as one project.	I would recommend submitting one application for a prioritized portion of your overall scope of work. We understand the grant funds will not be able to meet all capital needs. We are also anticipating competitive applications so we may not be able to award more than one grant per property.	
#	We have a big project, about a \$1,000,000 historic restoration. Should we ask for this grant money to fund one component (i.e. structural support/flooring) or would it work to just say that it's going into the bigger pot. We have a detailed scope of work with lots of components...	We should understand what will be funded with the Federal money when the grant applications are reviewed to best understand how that work fits into your narrative. However, once under contract, it may be possible to amend your contract if there are some slight changes to the scope of work.	
#	In the case of a roof or siding repair or climate change mitigation, how can that support diversity and inclusion? Or how can these improvements otherwise improve our ability to be a 3rd place other than just by ensuring our building can continue to exist?	I would suggest you demonstrate the need of the project to ensuring the preservation of the building and then explain the ongoing ways the building acts as a third place that supports diversity and inclusion.	
#	Is it a conflict of interest for a board member of our non-profit is also a historic preservation contractor who is well suited to do the work needed on our building?	You definitely have to proceed with caution about this. The board member should not be involved in the grant management or voting on proceeding with the application.	
#	If the building improvements we are hoping to achieve with the Third Places Grant are a part of a much bigger climate change mitigation and long term preservation plan, should we include the bigger picture in our application?	Yes, absolutely.	
#	If you get your 3 estimates, should you select an average for your budget amount?	live answered	
#	If you have a National Register building on your property, but the building you are improving is not, would the project be eligible?	live answered	
#	Is the Professional Acquisition (property appraisal) only for a newly purchased building or for all buildings	live answered	
#	I think that you are considering Parks, is that correct?	live answered	
#	Also is the Easement released upon completion of projects agreed upon	live answered	

#	Additionally, there are historic pieces in our Park that are in disrepair. We will contact Michael Houser to ask for our Park to be added. It is presently being considered for local Historic placement in our town.	live answered	
#	if bids less than 25K then reduced competition (ie no RFP) needed?	live answered	
#	In a multi phase project, will the grant review committee consider funding one phase and not another (ie, yes to the roof repair, no to the concert band stand )	live answered	
#	so is that like a lien against your building Nick	live answered	
#	Can this grant apply to site master planning for a museum site that is a possible candidate for National Register?	live answered	
#	It's been difficult to obtain 3 bids in our area. Is that mandatory over 25,000?	live answered	
#	is interest on a loan an authorized expence?	live answered	Look at Page 11 in the Appendix. There's a section that lays out specifics for using financing cost as an allowable cost.
#	What is the grant deadline? Sorry if you said that I missed it...	June 1, 2021 by 11:59pm	
#	Thank you! This was very informative.	You're welcome! Thanks for your interest!	
#	Will the Q & A be included in the e-,ail presentation?	live answered	
#	Nick will you please repeat the Easement question of "will it be similar to a lien" I'm not sure I unerstood	Give me a call at (360) 628-2170.	