



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION # 34301-17620
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENTS FUNDING
OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: October 12, 2020

RFA # 34301-17620 AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFA Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFA dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT	TIME (Central Time)	DATE (all dates are state business days)
1. RFA Issued		Confirmed
2. Letter of Intent Teleconference	9:00 a.m.	Confirmed
3. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	Confirmed
4. State Responses to written "Questions and Comments"		October 12, 2020
5. Letter of Intent Deadline	2:00 p.m.	October 29, 2020
6. State issues Invitations to Apply		December 2, 2020
7. Application Teleconference	9:00 a.m.	December 4, 2020
8. Written "Questions and Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	December 11, 2020
9. State Response to Written "Questions and Comments"		December 18, 2020
10. Deadline for Applications	2:00 p.m.	January 29, 2021
11. Evaluation Notice Released		March 5, 2021
12. Effective Start Date of Contract		July 1, 2021

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFA.

Any restatement of RFA text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFA document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1 I.A.2. – Who are examples of community supports? Would it be members of the County Health Council? Would it be individual citizens that live in the community where the project will be built and/or accessible?	In order to promote equity, the individuals who live in the community that will be served by the project should be your priority. Your project should not only reflect their needs but ensure that they back the project, want it, support it, and find it relevant. We want you to demonstrate that the project is something that community members want to meet their needs instead of what an

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	outside individual or organization decided was best for them. Past town halls and surveys of the community members are examples of sources of community input. County Health Councils are also a good resource to provide information on community needs. Elected officials can also provide valuable input on what community members have expressed interest in. If you are selected to apply, you will be asked to provide a letter of support from the local government to show they endorse the project.
2 I.A.2. - If the applicant owns the property that will be used for the project is a community engagement plan still required?	Yes. These projects are for the public, and you should be able to demonstrate that the community with the need has an interest in and desire for the project.
3 I.A.2. – Phase B - RFA indicates maximum amount is \$15,000 and Letter of Intent data entry form indicates \$10,000 is maximum. Is maximum \$15,000 or \$10,000?	The maximum for the project itself is \$10,000. You can opt to apply for up to an additional \$5,000 for evaluation purposes, bringing the total of your project to \$15,000.
4 I.C.3. - If the infrastructure is on private property, would it be acceptable for the infrastructure project to be open to the public by appointment only? Or open to the public during certain days and times?	That private property must be for public use. If it is closed at any time, then it is closed to everybody. These funds are intended to provide services that are free and for the public.
5 I.C.3. - Can an infrastructure project that promotes physical activity and mental health well-being be mobile (i.e. low element adventures, challenge course, etc.) to allow project to serve more than one county/community?	Yes. However, the project requires you to identify a health need and a target population. You would still need to define your target population.
6 We recently received grant funds for the construction of two ballfields and restroom facility. Items had to be taken out due to project costing more than what was bid and now these items are needed before the fields can be used safely. Can we apply for the items needed to complete the fields?	Yes. However, you must ensure that these funds are not supplanting or replacing funding you already have for any portion of the project.
7 Can the local housing authority apply for funds to add outdoor recreational components to a public housing project?	Yes.
8 Phase C - We would like to apply for the \$5,000 Evaluation, as well, but this is not included. Will the Evaluation be included with the formal Application, provided we receive the Invitation to Apply?	Yes. It will be included with the formal application.
9 Would a playground require an Engineer's stamp?	Playgrounds and playground safety surfacing must be constructed to the requirements of any local, city, or county ordinance and must meet CPSC, ASTM and ADA requirements. Playground structures/features must be acquired through a manufacturer that is a current member of IPEMA. Playgrounds must be installed by manufacture's sub-contractor or must have oversight provided by

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	a currently Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI), certification of individual providing oversight must be provided to PARTAS Consultant with draft sub-contract for review and acceptance. ADA and surface attenuation test results must be provided for playground safety surfacing to verify compliance. Head Injury Criteria (HIC) and G-max testing must be performed by a third party company on the safety surfacing at completion of installation with grantee PARTAS consultant present and results provided to RES to verify safety surfacing meets current standards for impact and G-max. Playground safety surfacing should be referenced as "loose fill" or "unitary" and must meet grant requirements. If selected for funding, project playground must meet the intent of the grant for number and type of components as well as carrying capacity.
10 Is a Playground Surface Impact Test required using Triax 2010 equipment?	Playgrounds should be constructed to the requirements of any local, city, or county ordinance and must meet CPSC, ASTM and ADA requirements. Head Injury Criteria (HIC) and G-max testing must be performed by a third party company on the safety surfacing at completion of installation with grantee PARTAS consultant present and results provided to RES to verify safety surfacing meets current standards for impact and G-max. Playground safety surfacing should be referenced as "loose fill" or "unitary" and must meet grant requirements. If selected for funding, project playground must meet the intent of the grant for number and type of components as well as carrying capacity.
11 If the two above are required, can it be part of the Evaluation budget?	No. These are inspections, not evaluations. The purpose of the evaluation is to see if your project has the desired community impact.
12 Can a design diagram of our new park be included with the letter since it is being developed by phases and it would clarify our request in the LOI?	The LOI does not allow for any attachments like these. However, you can reference that you already have a design and describe it.
13 Is exhibit 1 a suggested set of questions you want included in the letter or an actual part that goes with the LOI?	Exhibit 1 will be required if you are invited to apply. It is an example of an evaluation plan, although you can create your own.
14 We are a recreation authority and would like to know if we are considered "publicly accessible" under the RFA due to the fact that permits are required at our park under a fee schedule. We previously participated in a non-competitive with a local county government.	You are welcome to apply. However, projects must be publicly available and free of charge.
15 Was the Letter of Intent Teleconference recorded?	Yes. You can access it at the following link: https://tngov.webex.com/recording/service/sites/tngov/recording/playback/449f1705c5b1453eab01a07dde45bf2f/yback/449f1705c5b1453eab01a07dde45bf2f
16 Our project is to repurpose an existing, under-used outdoor basketball court into a multi-use court that have 5 on 5 soccer as well as basketball and 4-	This could be an eligible project. We would need to ensure that our funds are not supplanting other funding.

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square. Would this be considered an existing or ongoing program?	
17 Can these funds be used for demolition of an existing structure so that the community an opportunity to apply for other grants to build a recreation facility?	Some of the funds can be used for demolition if the grant application also includes funds for construction of new infrastructure. However, we would not provide funding solely for demolition.
18 Is this grant open to school property?	Yes. The school must be public, and they will be asked to provide a joint use agreement that shows that the project can be used by the public when school is not in session.
19 Will the grant pay for grant administration expenses? Is this a payable line item for this grant?	Yes to both. However, the grant funding cannot be used to provide the salary of a staff person who is already paid to manage grant programs.
20 We are looking at doing several projects. We would like to do a master parks and recreation plan and a bike share program. Would it be better to write one application for both projects or two separate applications?	If two applications are submitted, they will be evaluated against each other. Keep in mind that if one application is submitted, the committee can provide a partial award if not all parts of the project are approved or if there is not enough funding for the entire project.
21 If approved, when is approval provided and funds be available?	We will notify applicants of award status on March 5, 2021. All projects will start July 1, 2021, at which time reimbursements will be available.
22 We would like to apply for a recreational needs assessment and a parks recreation master plan. Can we do an application for a bouldering/climbing wall construction project? We could not clearly see from the RFA if our proposal needed to focus on a specific cohesive project or if it could include multiple projects that may not be connected.	You can apply for multiple projects. You must demonstrate that there is a community need and interest in all of them.

3. **RFA Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFA not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.