

2012/14 CalGRIP RFP

Most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. **Are cities with 2010 or 2011 grants eligible to apply?** Yes. However, please read #3 below.
2. **May a city school district apply for the grant?** No, only cities can apply. However, school districts may play an important role as a partner agency.
3. **Can cities use these funds to augment or enhance our existing CalGRIP grant?** Yes, but these funds cannot supplant existing city funds or existing CalGRIP funds. If an existing CalGRIP grantee applies for these funds we recommend your proposal include a side-by-side comparison of how existing CalGRIP grants funds (including match) are being used as compared to how the proposed grant funds (including match) will be used.
4. **Can a special district or Joint Powers Authority of a city/county apply and/or be the fiscal agent?** No. Only cities can apply pursuant to the 2012 Budget Act (AB 1464; Chapter 21, Statutes of 2012).
5. **If three cities partnered to apply for these funds is the maximum still set at \$500,000?** Yes. Each applicant city can only apply for up to \$500,000.
6. **Do the department heads for the Sheriff's Department, Police Department, etc. have to commit to participate on the coordinating and advisory council?** The goal is to get input from these respective disciplines. A designated representative from these agencies will suffice in meeting this requirement.
7. **Why do projects have to match the award, and what does "dollar for dollar" match mean?** The dollar-for-dollar match is required per the budget act legislation. Match can be either cash or in-kind services, or a combination of the two. A cash match is defined as any resource for which the applicant incurs an expense, including salaries and operating expenses. An in-kind match is defined as any resource which is contributed to the project without an expense to the applicant.

8. **Do we have a better chance to receive funding if we ask for less than the \$500,000 maximum?** We are encouraging applicants to only request the amount of funds needed to support their proposal and not base the request on the maximum available. Ultimately all proposals will be scored based upon the responses to the evaluation factors listed on page 9 of the RFP.

9. **Can a school district be the implementing agency if the bulk of the programmatic piece is through the schools?** No. The applicant itself must be the city. The city is required to designate a city agency to manage the fiscal and administrative aspects of the grant. This would not preclude a school district or other outside organization from servicing as an integral partner, or even from managing the bulk of the programmatic piece, but ultimately it is the city that is responsible for the project.

10. **Can you tell me what supplanting means?** Supplanting means to deliberately reduce the amount of federal, state, or local funds currently being appropriated to an existing program or activity, because a BSCC grant has been awarded for the same purposes. When a grantee replaces funds in this manner, it reduces the total amount that would have been available for the stated grant purpose, and the substitution results in supplanting.

11. **Who is eligible to apply for CalGRIP funding?** Only California cities are eligible to apply for funding under the CalGRIP Program. An applicant city must submit the proposal, and designate a city agency to administer the grant and coordinate all agencies and community-based organizations participating in the project. The city may designate a county agency to administer the grant under contract with the city (e.g., a county Sheriff's Department serving as a city Police Department under contract with the city).