

FAQ #1 – Questions asked in Pre-Application Training on 9/9/2024

Q. Will this presentation (or a summary of the information on the slides) be made available?

A. Yes, the slides are available on [Affordable Housing Developer Resources | City of Bend \(bendoregon.gov\)](https://www.bendoregon.gov/AffordableHousing/DevelopersResources).

Q. What does “capacity requirement” mean on [slide 27 of the presentation]?

A. Regarding Slide 27, Program Management Accounting Records, capacity requirement means an organization has the capacity to do the work proposed in the application. This includes the staffing capacity to carry out the work, the financial capacity to fund the work, and the administrative capacity to implement and maintain the applicable program requirements.

Q. To use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds toward home repair for Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) persons, is the City able to perform a blanket Environmental Review, or is it needed for each site?

A. Single-Family owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects may indicate a Tiered Environmental Review. Tiering may be appropriate when the Responsible Entity is evaluating a collection of projects that would fund the same or very similar activities repeatedly within a defined local geographic area and timeframe (e.g., rehabilitating many single-family homes within a city neighborhood over the course of 1 to 5 years) but where the specific sites and activities are not yet known. However, there are many situations in which environmental reviews should not be tiered. Tiering should not be used unless all tiered activities are sufficiently alike to make a tiered review meaningful and effective. Tiering is also not appropriate for projects where specific locations have been identified, and for which the development of site-specific reviews is feasible.

Q. Can Commercial and Industrial Construction Tax (CICT) funds be used for homebuyer assistance (DPA)?

A. CICT funds can be used for DPA, but the homebuyer must earn less than 30% Area Median Income (AMI) and meet all City of Bend Homebuyer Assistance Policy requirements. These policies are linked in the Submission Tab of the Homebuyer Assistance application in Neighborly.

Q. Do CICT funds follow the same policy/parameters as CDBG?

A. CICT funds follow the City of Bend Policies listed the Affordable Housing Development, Homebuyer Assistance, or Public Services Applications in Neighborly. CICT funds must be used only to benefit persons earning 30% AMI or less.

Q. [Do CICT funds follow CDBG’s] Conflict of Interest policy?

A. Conflict of Interest in relation to CDBG is explained in [Title 24 CFR 570.611](#). Currently, this does not apply to CICT.

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Q. It looks like the QR code is not working.

A. Visit [Affordable Housing Developer Resources | City of Bend \(bendoregon.gov\)](https://www.bendoregon.gov/affordable-housing-developer-resources) in the Request for Proposals (RFP) section for all links.

Q. Can multiple entities/orgs apply with one application?

A. If multiple entities/orgs are collaborating on a project, they may apply with one application.