

QCT Recovery Grant Program – Lincoln & Greater Nebraska Q&A

Q: What should I do if the scope of my project changes between submission of my Letter of Intent and submission of my application?

Minor changes in your project between the Letter of Intent and application, such as an adjustment to the amount of grant funds requested, do not require any action from the applicant.

Applicants with major changes to the scope of the project, such as a change in the project type from one eligible category to another, should contact the Department of Economic Development (DED) Program Manager.

Q: My QCT Infrastructure Project involves sewer lines and will require a road to be replaced. Is this allowed?

See Program Manual, Section 3.3.1 on Ineligible Funding: “A project that predominantly involves street construction or repair to benefit vehicular traffic would be ineligible.”

Q: Is cash match required?

No, cash match is not required. While there is no formal match requirement, preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a cash match.

Q: What counts as cash match?

If your organization is awarded, the Department of Economic Development may request verification that the cash match is secured without condition. Such verification may include a Memorandum of Understanding or a letter of support without conditions, a bank statement verifying that the funds are on hand, etc. In addition, correspondence from another funder stating that it will provide a cash match to the project would also be sufficient so long as there is no condition on the receipt of the funds.

Q: If my organization is awarded QCT Recovery Grant funds, what happens if the grant funds are not spent by the performance period end date?

Funds that have not spent down the end of the performance period will be forfeited. Applicants are strongly encouraged to document their ability to fully utilize their grant request within the performance period. Projects that do not fulfill the terms of the award agreement within the performance period may be subject to recapture of funds by the Department. The Department may terminate the contract of a project that is not performing.

Q: Is compliance with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) required?

Projects that impact properties within SHPO’s jurisdiction should follow all relevant SHPO requirements.

Q: Why are QCTs in Omaha not eligible areas for these grant programs?

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81- 12,241(3)(b)-(c) directs DED to provide grants, not to exceed \$10,000,000, to public and private entities within QCTs in Lincoln and an additional \$10,000,000 to public and private entities within QCTs outside of Lincoln and Omaha.

[Q: Do cities need to submit a Nebraska Secretary of State account number?](#)

If your organization does not have a Nebraska Secretary of State (SOS) account number because it is a public entity, you may enter “N/A” in the SOS Account Number field within the application.

[Q: How much grant funding may Applicants request?](#)

The range of funding is \$0 - \$10,000,000.00. There is no predetermined amount set-aside for any funding category. All applications within the City of Lincoln will be competitively evaluated, and all applications outside of Lincoln and Omaha will be competitively evaluated.

[Q: How do budget categories work?](#)

The budget categories in AmpliFund are general suggestions for organizing your grant budget. It is up to you to create specific budget line items under the suggested budget categories; alternatively, you can create line items under your own created budget categories (see “Create New Category” at the bottom of the list). Whether a particular line item is eligible will depend on the guidance we have provided in the program manual as well as Treasury guidance.

[Q: Does my organization need to be physically located in the QCT?](#)

Eligibility requirements vary based on the funding category. See section 3.3 of the Program Manual. The key is that the **intervention** needs to take place within a QCT and benefit individuals and/or small businesses located in QCTs. There are different criteria for fulfilling the QCT requirement based on funding category.

[Q: What are the procurement requirements for this grant program?](#)

See the Program Manual, Section 7.7 for detailed information on procurement requirements.

[Q: What types of orgs can apply?](#)

Any private or public entity is an eligible Subrecipient for these programs. Also, the federal government also states that tribal governments are eligible Subrecipients of funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

[Q: Will the application deadline be extended for Greater Nebraska?](#)

No, the application will be due on February 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CT. The application due date has not and will not change.

[Q: Does the grants administrator need to be CDBG Certified?](#)

No, grants administrators for the QCT Recovery Grant Program do not need to be CDBG Certified Administrators.