

Vibrant Spaces Question and Answers

- **Question:** According to the application it says the deadline is January 31 for submission. I would like clarification please.
- **Answer:** Applications from BIDs or other outside entities are due to the City of Milwaukee by December 19, 2022. The City then needs to choose a project and submit it to WEDC by January 31, 2023.
- **Question:** Regarding the name of the applicant. The [Name of Project] is owned by [Name of Entity #1] (a for profit) so that the development is taxable for property tax purposes and so that eventually a pass through of tax benefits (e.g. Historic Tax Credits, and possibly, New Market Tax Credits) can occur. One of the members of the [Entity #1] and eventually the planned long term owner of the property (after tax credit holding periods expire) is [Entity #2]. [Entity #2] is a 501 C3 non profit corporation. We would like [Entity #2] to be the recipient of grants for structuring purposes. To explain a little further, after receiving grants [Entity #2] typically loans the grant funds to [Entity #1] to fund development work such as the work that the Vibrant Spaces Grant will fund. Eventually, after tax benefit holding periods expire [Entity #2] will forgive such loans in exchange for complete ownership of [Entity #1], and in that way, ownership and control of [Name of Project] will be preserved for the community while the property will continue to be taxed. So the question is as follows: Is it OK that [Entity #2] be the applicant (with the "Trade Name" being [D/B/A]) given its current role as non-profit affiliate and member of [Entity #1]?
- **Answer:** This arrangement is acceptable. It would need to be documented in a development agreement if such an arrangement is used.
- **Question:** Can I apply for both the Vibrant Spaces Grant and upcoming Community Development Investments (CDI) Grants?
- **Answer:** Yes, the City will accept applications for both grants. However, it is unlikely that the City will award a CDI Grant to a project that also received a Vibrant Spaces Grant
- **Question:** What is the funding timeline for the Vibrant Spaces Grant?
- **Answer:** We expect that a development agreement will be signed with the selected grantee within about 3-4 months after an applicant is selected by the City of Milwaukee. No funds will be made available until the development agreement is signed.
- **Question:** When will CDI Grant applications come available?
- **Answer:** While we cannot say with certainty, the City expects CDI Grant applications to be made available by the first week in January.