**2023 LCDA Development Application Questions**

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**Project Description**

Describe the proposed development project. *You will be asked about past or future phases in the next section. Do not describe past or future project phases here*. (*2,000 characters*)

Were there previous phases to this project (that occurred before the three-year grant period)?

If yes: Describe how the previous phase(s) contributed to the current phase. (*2,000 characters*)

Will there be a separate future phase to the project (that will occur after the three-year grant period)?

If yes: Describe the future phase(s), their outcomes, and how the outcomes are different from the current phase. (*2,000 characters*)

**Project Outcomes: Housing**

**Housing Detail**

Are you preserving and/or rehabbing existing affordable housing?

If yes: Describe the risk of these units no longer being affordable. Consider

* New market rate developments and/or rising rents in the project area
* Signs of cultural displacement
* Recent displacement of residents near the project

(*4,000 characters*)

Describe the extent of the rehab or remodeling needed on the existing building. (*2,000 characters*)

**Housing Outcomes**

Describe how the project will create or preserve affordable housing. (*2,000 characters*)

Describe how this project is helping to meet the city's affordable housing goal. *The affordable housing need number is in the interactive online data tool*. (*2,000 characters*)

Describe how the project provides housing for people who face barriers accessing safe, affordable housing. (*4,000 characters*)

Describe how the project best meets the needs of future residents. Consider

* project design
* programming for residents
* project location

(*4,000 characters*)

Explain how you will keep affordable units affordable for a minimum of 15 years. (*2,000 characters*)

Describe how the project helps to further equitable outcomes and reduce disparities in housing access? *Refer to the evaluation explanations and data profile as you answer this question*. (*4,000 characters*)

**Project Outcomes: Economic Opportunity**

**Economic Opportunity Details**

If you are preserving jobs, what is the risk of those jobs going away without this project? (*4,000 characters*)

**Economic Opportunity Outcomes**

Describe how the project is going to support economic opportunities for residents in the project area or living/working in the future development. Including but not limited to

* Jobs or job training created through the project
* How the business model supports wealth building
* The long-term goal of the project

*Do not describe housing outcomes in this section.* (*4,000 characters*)

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Describe how the project will create or preserve jobs and/or training opportunities in

* environmental sustainability, technology, healthcare
* industrial fields local
* job growth priorities

(*4,000 characters*)

Describe how the project helps to further equitable outcomes and reduce disparities in economic opportunity. *Refer to the evaluation explanations and data profile as you answer this question*. (*4,000 characters*)

**Project Outcomes: Compact, Connected Development**

**Development Outcomes**

Describe how the project will increase density or activity at the site. (*2,000 characters*)

Describe how the project will add retail, commercial space, or housing types in the area to help meet the needs of existing and/or future residents. (*2,000 characters*)

Describe how the project makes it easier for people to walk, bike, or roll to and from the site and/or if the project will connect to existing trail networks. (*4,000 characters*)

Describe how the project helps to further equitable outcomes in access to services and amenities. *Refer to the evaluation explanations and data profile as you answer this question*. (*4,000 characters*)

**Project Outcomes: Environment and Livability**

**Environment and Livability Details**

Are there local environmental requirements that apply to the project site?

If Yes: Briefly describe all applicable requirements. (*2,000 characters*)

Is the project following green design guidelines and/or meeting a green building standard?

If Yes: Describe the green building standards including whether any certification will be pursued. (*1,000 characters*)

Is the project creating open space?

If Yes: Briefly describe any open space the project is adding. (*1,000 characters*)

Briefly list the nearest local or regional parks and/or trails and distance from the project. (*1,000 characters*)

**Environment and Livability Outcomes**

Describe how the project will make it easier to get to local and regional parks and trails. *Think about the physical design of the site and/or partnerships for park programming*. (*4,000 characters*)

Describe how the project will minimize greenhouse gas emissions. (*4,000 characters*)

Describe how the project is conserving natural resources. Consider

* sustainable site design
* reuse of an existing building or building materials

(*4,000 characters*)

Describe how the project will minimize negative environmental impacts on people who will live and/or work at and around the site. (*4,000 characters*)

Describe how the project will further equity outcomes in access to greenspace and/or address environmental sustainability in places where residents have been most impacted by environmental harms. *Explain the environmental harms and/or barriers to accessing greenspace present in the project area.* (*4,000 characters*)

**Project Process**

**Community Need**

What specific, identified need does this project address? Who benefits and how from the project? *Explain how the need was determined and who benefits now and in the future*. (*4,000 characters*)

What steps is the City taking to address local inequities? Consider the intended impacts of

* relevant local policies
* efforts to implement more equitable development practices

(*4,000 characters*)

**Community Engagement**

Describe the community engagement process to date. Include

* dates of events
* organizations involved
* techniques used to include community in the process
* how the process is tailored to the community the project is intending to serve

Explain how the engagement has informed the project. *Use the project data profile tool or other relevant sources to discuss how engagement reflects the community the project is intending to serve.* (*4,000 characters*)

How is the community engagement tailored to the project’s need and context? Including but not limited to

* The scope of the project
* Existing relationship between the team and the project area
* Who has been historically excluded from decision making in the project area

(*4,000 characters*)

**Project Team**

Describe the project team. List

* Who is on the project team
* The roles each team member will play

(*4,000 characters*)

Is there a defined team workplan and process for working together? If yes, please describe it. (*2,000 characters*)

Describe how the city (or other government partner) is financially contributing to the project. If the city is unable to contribute financially, explain why. (*2,000 characters*)

Explain how the team was designed to best consider the priorities of those most impacted by the project and least represented in public process. (*4,000 characters*)

**Equity Approach**

Describe how your project is intentionally addressing equitable outcomes. *If it is not, enter N/A*. (*4,000 characters*)