



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (“RFP”) FOR MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT FUND (MIF) SERVICES

Answers to Submitted Questions

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Clarifications in response to the RFP issued on 8/28/25:

1. The RFP states that “the MIF is funded by EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, established by the Inflation Reduction Act.” We would appreciate clarification on whether the recent U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit will impact the RFP timeline or the MIF more broadly. (Sec. III., MIF Background & Key Terms)
 - a. **Answer:** As of the date of issuance of these responses, ICLEI USA and the Coalition for Green Capital (CGC) have stated that the recent ruling by a three-judge panel in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit does not impact the MIF program and that CGC is evaluating its legal options following the decision. As noted in the RFP, “the selection of contractor(s) in response to this RFP, including any payments, is contingent upon the continued availability of funds that have been appropriated, designated, encumbered, or otherwise made available to the Green Bank for payments under the MIF program.”
2. The RFP states Phase I will “develop a [public private partnership plan] PPP Plan for Stamford that uses a ‘whole community approach’, with particular emphasis on Stamford’s environmental justice communities.” Acknowledging Executive Order 14151, we seek confirmation that proposals that emphasize environmental justice and equity, in alignment with the RFP’s objectives, will not be disadvantaged during the bidding selection process, nor will awarded contractors be fiscally impacted should federal funding priorities change. (Sec. IV., Scope of Services)
 - a. **Answer:** This is correct; proposals emphasizing environmental justice and equity align with the goals of the MIF and will not be disadvantaged during the bidding selection process.
3. Could the Green Bank confirm that their expectation is for the selected Contractor(s) to support the Green Bank and City of Stamford in facilitating stakeholder meetings and developing material materials, but that these materials will not be Contractor-branded, Contractor will not speak at public events on

behalf of the Green Bank and City of Stamford, and will not act as management? (Section IV., Scope of Services, Tasks #4-5).

- a. **Answer:** Yes, the Green Bank and Stamford seek planning support for stakeholder engagement activities as well as documenting stakeholder engagement activities to incorporate into the PPP Plan (e.g., tracking attendance, providing summaries, etc.). However, Stamford officials and/or Green Bank staff will facilitate and manage any stakeholder meetings. Materials developed by selected Contractor(s) to engage stakeholders in the development of a PPP plan will not be Contractor-branded, but will be presented as the City of Stamford seeking feedback, etc.
4. Are Appendices (e.g., containing the completed Campaign Contribution Certification form, resumes for team members) allowed to be included at the end of the proposal? If so, does this Appendix content count towards the 20-page limit? (Section V., Requirements, 4. Proposal Format)
 - a. **Answer:** Materials submitted in Appendices do not count toward the 20-page application limit.
5. The instructions on the Consulting Agreement Representation form note to “submit completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.” Could the Green Bank confirm whether Contractors should submit this form as part of their proposal response, or if this form should only be submitted upon selection/award? (Exhibit C – Consulting Agreement Representation)
 - a. **Answer:** Contract execution will occur only after a bid has been selected. Accordingly, RFP respondents are not required to complete or submit the Consulting Agreement Representation form as part of their proposal materials. The form will be required at the time of contract execution by the selected Contractor.