APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY BENEFITS
371 – 401 D STREET DEVELOPMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are City-affiliated non-profits eligible to apply for funding?

   At this time, City-affiliated non-profits are not eligible to apply for the 371-401 D Street Community Benefit money. However, please note that this application is a pilot program and this eligibility may change for future applications. Please check back on the BRA's website for future funding opportunities.

2. Is there a time frame in which I need to spend the funds? For example, can I apply for funds and stretch them over a two-year budget period?

   The time period for spending funds is not restricted. However, please note the funds are meant to mitigate the effects of the development, which is already underway, so the faster an organization can get services to the neighborhood/residents, the better.

3. If I apply for funds now and am still in the process of spending them when more funds become available, will this affect my ability to apply for future funds?

   While this does not prohibit an organization from applying, the BRA is dedicated to spreading Community Benefit money across a variety of organizations. Past awarded funds to an organization will be taken into account when evaluating an application.

4. Where can I obtain a Certificate of Good Standing?

   The Certificate we are looking for is issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Information about obtaining one can be found at http://corp.sec.state.ma.us/CorpWeb/Certificates/CertificateOrderForm.aspx . It is possible to have an updated certificate emailed rather than mailed, so the turnaround time can be very short.

5. Under "Agency Budget--Revenue," we are asked to provide actual revenue from 2011, 2012, and 2013. Do we need to provide 2014 as well?

   Please only provide information for the years requested.

6. Under "Agency Budget--Revenue," are we to provide revenue information for fiscal years or calendar years?

   Please provide revenue information in the format that makes most sense for your organization. For example, if your organization performs all budgetary and programmatic tasks on a fiscal year schedule that is different from the calendar year (i.e. July - June), please provide fiscal year information. Please note at the top of that page if you will be using fiscal year.