

Email received May 7, 2025 in response to Karl Huber's email to Mr. Elvis Dhima

Hi Karl

I hope all is well

Glad to hear you guys are looking into grant opportunities and such efforts are always welcomed by everyone including the BOS.

With that said, every grant is different and before we apply for a grant we seek BOS approval. At that time we go over what the town obligations and expectations will be.

Some of the questions that come up are as follows:

1. Match requirements from the town
2. Requirements and short term / long term commitments by the town related to this grants , typically there are strings attached
3. Davis Bacon wages and payroll certifications, this is a big financial to do
4. Is the grant related to evaluation, design or construction, this is very important as well

The main change that has taken since COVID /ARPA is the fact that all agencies , state and federal , require a principal assigned to the grant , point of contact from the municipality. Principals have always been staff, for the simple reason that it guarantees consistency, compliance and accountability. The principal gets appointed by the governing body, BOS. Once the BOS moves forward with the grant opportunity and appoints a grant principal , a certificate of authority (which is also signed by the TA) is produced and that's when you are ready to move forward with the grant application.

As far as what's required for a grant application , every one I have seen is different and some more complex than others, including a pre application or assessments from a third party, pre-approved by the grant agency running the grant.

The most important advice that I can provide is a simple fact that not every grant is the right grant for the Town , so a few things that we look for are as follows;

1. Is there a match requirement and how much
2. What is the probability of getting the grant , I go for 50% or above. We don't pursue grants we have no chance of getting
3. Davis bacon requirements - these kinds of grants are very intense on the financial side of things and almost always get audited, so they need to be managed better than perfect.

TA, Mr. Sorenson, has a lot of experience with grants as well and has a lot of expertise he will bring to the table, when you are ready.

I hope this is enough information for all of you to digest and maybe we can regroup later when you might have a specific grant you are looking at

Hopefully your destination has a much better weather than what we have experienced here

Take care and safe trip Karl

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