Neighborhood Initiatives Fund (NIF) Pilot Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is match required to be committed at the time of application?**
   Yes. Tier 2 grants, $20,000 - $100,000, require a committed match that must be documented with your application.

2. **Are in-kind services eligible as match?**
   No, in-kind services are not an eligible match.

3. **Is there a competitive bid requirement for NIF projects?**
   There is not a competitive bid requirement, however, prices or quotes must be obtained from an adequate number of sources. Contracts will be subject to the URA review of the consultants’ or contractors’ proposed costs.

4. **Can NIF be used as funding for a project that is already under construction?**
   No, NIF is intended for projects that would not have been able to move forward without this funding.

5. **Is _________ project eligible?**
   Potential applicants are encouraged to reach out to URA staff to discuss their applications. Please contact:

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