



Request for Proposals

Diamond District Inclusive Economic Resiliency Agenda Year 1

OVERVIEW

In partnership with Estolano Advisors, LISC San Diego co-developed the [Diamond District Inclusive Economic Resiliency Agenda \(Agenda\)](#) with Diamond District stakeholders and community members. This Agenda is a three-year strategic action plan that supports an integrated and place-based approach to ensuring economic justice and prosperity in the Diamond District. The strategies outlined in this Agenda seek to nurture the Diamond Districts existing assets, address on-going areas of need, connect Diamond District residents and small businesses to essential resources, and build the capacity of non-profit organizations and community members to determine their own destiny.

Through this Request for Proposals, LISC San Diego is seeking proposals from community-based organizations/non-profits that are interested in working in partnership with LISC San Diego and other Diamond District stakeholders to implement this Agenda.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

LISC San Diego will partner with organizations that are seeking to scale existing programs or launch new initiatives that address existing economic inequities experienced by Diamond District communities as identified in the [Agenda](#). Proposed activities should support and align with at least one Strategy and Action identified in the Agenda. Although the Agenda lists potential partners, organizations not listed are strongly encouraged to apply.

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review the [Diamond District Inclusive Economic Resiliency Agenda](#) in its entirety before submitting a proposal.
2. Identify a program and/or project that advances one or more of the strategies and actions in the Agenda and that your organization (or a collaborative of organizations) has the experience and capacity to implement. A summary of strategies is included below. A list of all strategies with their corresponding actions can be found in the Summary of Strategies in the Agenda linked above (Pages 5-7).
 - I) Accelerate Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding for Resilience
 - II) Strengthen Small Business Health and Connectivity
 - III) Connect Residents to Career Paths in Green and Other Growing Industries
 - IV) Expand Opportunities for Wealth-Building and Community Ownership
 - V) Cultivate Creative Place-Keeping and Activate Underutilized Spaces
 - VI) Build Community Capacity to Shape the District's Future



3. Prepare a 3-5 page Narrative which contains the following sections:
 - **Header:** Organization Name, Contact Person, Email, Phone, Website
 - **Strategies and Actions:** List the strategy(ies) AND action(s) your program/project will address and explain why you have selected those for this proposal. If your program/project slightly differs than the strategy/action listed in the Agenda, please explain why the deviation.
 - **Narrative/ Request:** Provide a concise description of the proposed program/project for which you are requesting funding. Include responses to the following prompts.
 1. How will your proposed program/project advance the selected strategy/action?
 2. What are activities and steps you will take to implement the strategy/ action?
Please include a proposed timeline in your response.
 3. What will program/project success look like? Please describe the outcomes, projected number, and how they will be measured.
 4. Will this funding sustain an existing program, expand an existing program, and/or launch a new program?
 5. Describe your organization's current staff capacity (including if BIPOC-led and % of BIPOC staff) and programming, specifically as it relates to the strategies/actions you have selected from the Agenda.
 6. Describe your organization's community involvement in the Diamond District.
 7. Does this program/project involve collaboration with partners? If so, who are the partners and what role will each play? Will partners be part of a joint funding proposal to LISC or independently funded?
 8. LISC San Diego has both federal and private funds to support implementation strategies. Does your organization have the capacity to receive and manage federal funds? If so, please describe previous federal funding received and when.
 9. Do you have other sources of funding for this initiative? List secured and prospective funders/ financing, including amounts and any restrictions.
 10. How much funding are you requesting from LISC? Please describe the budget narrative. Grant sizes will up to \$45k (private) or \$60k (government).
 - **Budget:** Please include a separate budget using the template provided. The budget does not count toward the page limit. Please include details about proposed budget line items in the description column and list other funding sources in the leveraged funds column.



SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals are due by 5pm on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Year 1 Grant Period is November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025. Email your Narrative as a Word Document and the Budget in Excel to sandiego@lisc.org. Please ensure that the email subject and documents are titled as follows: "Organization Name- DDIERA – 2024".

MORE INFORMATION

LISC San Diego will be hosting an informational webinar on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 2:00 pm to review the planning process, strategies/actions identified, and this funding opportunity. For a link to the webinar or for more information, please contact LISC San Diego via email at sandiego@lisc.org or call 619-541-8016.

NEXT STEPS

Organizations selected for funding will be asked to submit a CDC Intake Form before awards are finalized. Grantees may request a meeting with LISC to fill out the CDC Intake Form to reduce back & forth through email.

For grantees opting into government funding, LISC will also request a CDC Checklist form, an additional Outcomes form, templates for both will be provided. Government-funded grantees will be required to participate in a monitoring visit before grant period ends.