

NYS Department of State

Division of Local Government Services

Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant

Request for Applications RFA# DOS01-CREGP-2014 & CREG-2014

Questions & Answers

The responses to questions included herein are the official responses by the State to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into RFA# DOS01-CREGP-2014 & CREG-2014 issued on August 9, 2013. In the event of any conflict between the RFA and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

Q1. Is privatizing a municipal animal shelter an eligible project?

A1. Privatizing a Municipal Animal Shelter would not be eligible for the Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant. It is not a municipal consolidation as defined Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law. This project may be eligible for funding under the Local Government Efficiency RFA, to be announced through the Consolidated Funding Application in 2015.

Q2. Would advertising costs be an eligible expense?

A2. Advertising would be an eligible expense if it is necessary for the project.

Q3. Would privatizing a municipal animal shelter be eligible for the Citizens Empowerment Tax Credit (CETC)?

A3. Privatizing a municipal animal shelter is not eligible for the Citizens Empowerment Tax Credit (CETC).

Q4. Are there additional qualifications for the CETC, beyond qualifying for the grant?

A4. There is no application for the CETC, it is available to eligible communities without a grant application. This project may be eligible for funding under the Local Government Efficiency RFA, to be announced through the Consolidated Funding Application in 2015.

Q5. Non-profit organizations may not be eligible as an MWBE. How would this be handled in the Utilization Plan?

A5. Final determination of MWBE compliance would be done if an award is granted and the State enters into a contract with the municipality.