

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Perception Programs, Inc. requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals for professional and technical services required to prepare a 2023 Small Cities Community Development Program Application and provide administrative and technical support to implement activities including program income during the contract period, if approved. This RFP also includes selection for other Federal/State funding programs such as STEAP, Section 108, USDA, etc.... that may be used to meet local community development and housing needs.

The selected firm will be responsible for all phases of general program administration and compliance, under the Town's direct supervision for approved projects, excluding funds disbursement, which will include such specific project administrative activities as Section 3, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Davis-Bacon compliance, housing rehabilitation design and delivery if required, etc.

All Application development and submission and Citizen Participation activities necessary for the specific project submission must be included in the proposal.

Selection will be based on amount of Small Cities projects completed, experience of staff assigned, cost, and any other factors deemed of benefit to the community.

Specific architectural and engineering services required for project activities are not being requested as part of this proposal.

Two copies of the proposal must be submitted to Erin Joudrey via email at erin.joudrey@perceptionprograms.org (preferred) or at 842 Main St., Willimantic, CT, CT no later than 4:00 p on July 28, 2023. Proposals must include the following information:

- a. proposed scope of work and project approach.
- b. detailed information of the firm's background and experience in Federal/State funding, specific Small Cities CDBG Program experience is required.
- c. key staff assigned with resumes.
- d. proposed fee approach including a list of per diem rates by job category.
- e. each proposer must provide certification of insurance in the types and amounts specified by DECD Bulletin #94-003 within ten days of selection by the Town.

Additional information is available by contacting Erin Joudrey, Senior Director of Grants and Marketing at erin.joudrey@percpetionprograms.org or via phone at (860) 460-0499 between the hours of 8a-4p Monday through Friday.

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