

## **F. Ethics Ordinance**

Applicants shall comply with all applicable governmental and City rules and regulations including the City's Ethics Code, which may be requested by calling the Office of the City Clerk at 813-274-8396. Moreover, each applicant responding to this Request for Proposal acknowledges and understands that the City's Charter and Ethics Code prohibit any City employee from receiving any substantial benefit or profit out of any contract or obligation entered into with the City, or from having any direct or indirect financial interest in effecting any such contract obligation. The applicant shall ensure that no City employee receives any such benefit or interest as a result of the award of this Request for Proposal.

# **IV. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

## **A. National Objectives**

In order to be eligible for assistance, activities must meet one of the following three national objectives:

1. to primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons
2. to aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blighted areas
3. to meet urgent community needs (usually the result of a natural disaster)

More detailed information on Eligible Activities and National Objectives can be found in the *Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities* handbook. This document can be found on the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development web site at the following address: <http://www.oup.org/about/cdbgpguide.html>.

## **B. Eligible Activities for New Applicants**

Public Services must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service to low and moderate-income persons, CDBG is subject to 15% grant cap for public service expenditures.

## **C. Ineligible Activities**

- Funds spent on buildings for the general conduct of government, except for the removal of architectural barriers.
- General government expenses.
- Political activities.
- Purchase of equipment is generally ineligible.
- Furnishings and personal property are generally ineligible.
- Impact fees associated with construction activities.
- Maintenance and operating expenses without providing a service is ineligible.

## **D. Federal Requirements**

Selected agencies must comply with the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Regulations, Section 24 CFR 570.