

**Questions and Answers  
for  
RFA EPA-R3-CBP-21-01**

***Citizens Advisory Committee, Local Government Advisory Committee, and Local Leadership Workgroup  
Support***

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Q: If we go over the \$775,000 annual cap in years three through six, but are under the cap overall on average over the life of the grant, is that permissible, or do we need to stay under that cap?

A: With respect to the annual funding cap, if the organization does not require the maximum amount of funding in Years 1-3, then it should not be requested in the application. On the other hand, recipient organization does have the life of the grant to expend all funds though it is anticipated that an annual increment will pretty much be spent on an annual basis.

Q: Do we need to list the match/cost share by category? Do we do that on the RFA 424A?

A: There are two activities under this RFA. Interested parties must submit TWO applications, so there would be two SF-424A in any event. Each activity must have a separate budget showing both recipient and federal contributions to that budget. Therefore, all four columns of Section B of the SF-424A would be populated.

Q: Does EPA have guidance on volunteer rates for professional volunteers - such as the members of both the local government and citizens advisory committees?

A: Recipient must assign a fair and reasonable market rate to volunteer hours. For instance, unskilled labor planting trees might be worth \$10-\$15/hour but not \$75/hour. For guidance, see the regulations: 2 CFR 200.459 and 2 CFR 1500.10 and Consultant Cap T&C.

Q: Can I submit the applications through grants.gov as the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) even if I'm not the project manager on the grant?

A: Yes, absolutely.