

Guidelines for Kuehn Planning Grants

(Rounds 1-3)

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible Organizations

Kuehn Planning Grants are available to community development corporations and other non-profit corporations incorporated under Chapter 180 of Massachusetts General Laws, limited equity cooperatives organized under or subject to Chapter 157B of MGL, and public agencies. There will be a limit of one grant per organization per twelve month period.

Eligible Projects

Eligible organizations may request assistance for costs associated with affordable housing or economic development projects that primarily benefit low and moderate income families and individuals. There will be a preference for projects undertaken by small organizations (based on staff size, operating budget, and real estate portfolio), as well as mixed use, mixed income projects incorporating historic preservation, projects serving low and moderate income artists, supportive housing for vulnerable families and individuals, and smaller projects (up to 20 housing units).

Use of Funds

Kuehn Planning Grants may be used to pay for predevelopment costs, including initial feasibility and market studies; architectural and engineering services; legal services; development consultant services; the costs of survey, environmental testing and appraisals; historical certifications and analysis to determine whether historic designation of a project or district is feasible; application fees; financing and zoning application fees; and related project expenses, including project management costs of the grantee up to a limit of \$2,000.

Geography

Kuehn Planning Grants are available state-wide.

Organizational Capacity

Organization must be in good standing with CEDAC and current on all required filings to governmental agencies.