



UDPDA Grant Writing RFQ Q&A

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Questions from the April 16, 2024, Zoom Information Session

[Zoom recording link](#) and scroll to 2:03 timecode. [PowerPoint Deck](#).

Question: Do you have an ADO or local government partner(s) in mind for the Community Change Grant?

- Answer: Yes, we have three core partners lined up: [City of Spokane Urban Forestry](#), [Spokane Conservation District](#), and the [Lands Council](#).

Question: When will you post the answers to questions?

- Answer: By April 30.

Question: Do you have demographic studies of the UD?

- Answer: [Priority Spokane](#) has done various demographic measurements that include the UD. Also, we are currently working with [Urbanova](#) on a data warehouse/business intelligence platform to reflect key indicators that include a range of measurements for the built and natural ecosystem. We can also share the following Census information:

Census Tracts (CTs) 145 and 25, which comprise ~95% of the District, are particularly disadvantaged, suffering unemployment, poverty, and households receiving assistance rates that are ~2-3X higher, and median incomes that are <50% of WA State and national averages.

Data Type ¹	South/Central Subareas	North Subarea	City of Spokane	WA State	United States
Census Tract (CT) ID	CT 145*	CT 25*	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Unemployment Rate	16.0%	12.5%	6.5%	6.0%	6.6%
Poverty Rate	42.0%	47.2%	19.4%	12.2%	14.6%
Child Poverty	42.5%	69.0%	24.1%	15.8%	20.3%
Median Income	\$22,917	\$26,250	\$44,768	\$66,174	\$57,652
% Households with FS/SNAP Benefits	55.5%	31.3%	23.0%	13.3%	12.6%
% Total households with SSI	15.3%	12.2%	6.6%	4.8%	5.4%

Bold indicates results that exceed or are less than (depending on the factor) City, WA State and national averages. N.A. = Not Applicable. SSI = Social Security Income. FS = Food Stamp. SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. *Also includes portions of Logan and East Central Neighborhoods North/East of the District.

Although startling, these statistics do not represent the full scope of distress in the District. The South Subarea, in particular, has become a refuge of last resort for a

¹ Unless noted otherwise, all data reflects 2012-2016 American Community Survey, 5-yr data (obtained from www.factfinder.census.gov).



large number of transient people, so the true number living in poverty is unknown. 11 Spokane Neighborhoods received Federally-Designated Opportunity Zone (DOZ) status in 2018 due to measures of economic distress. The entirety of the South/Central Subareas of the District are within DOZs. The District also qualifies as a small population area, representing <3% of the City's total population.

Question: You mentioned the UD has about 30% green space, can you share more?

- Answer: There are no city parks in the UD. The Centennial Trail runs through the UD and there are green spaces along the river on private property (mostly Gonzaga University, Washington State University). Mission Park is the closest park and it is outside the UD.

Question: Approximately what percentage of the UD is publicly owned? Would the lack of publicly-owned property limit developing parks?

- Answer: Not counting the Washington State University and Gonzaga University campuses, we estimate one third is publicly-owned. We are working with Mithun to develop a land acquisition strategy including focusing on grants that allow for land acquisition.

Other Questions via Email

Question: Can you remind us what information is exempt per the Public Records Act and how to identify it in our proposal if needed?

- Answer: All UDPDA records are presumed open and exemptions are narrowly construed and must be authorized by law. Common exemptions are certain information in student or employment records, attorney-client privileged information, pending investigative records in certain investigations, protected healthcare information, [financial/commercial/proprietary information](#) RCW 45.56.270 (2c), and [real estate transactions](#) RCW 42.56.260. For additional details regarding exemptions from public records requests, please see [RCW 42.56.050](#), [RCW 42.56.210](#), RCW 42.56.260, RCW 42.56.270, [RCW 42.56.230](#), and [RCW 42.56.550](#).

If you believe any information in your proposal is exempt, you MUST submit that portion(s) of your proposal as a separate part of your response and you MUST label it as “PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.” The UDPDA will neither look for nor honor any claim of “proprietary information” that is not a separate part of your response and appropriately labeled or noted *after* your proposal is submitted.

If a valid public records request is received by the UDPDA to view your proposal, you will have 10-days to ask the Court to verify that part or all of your proposal document is indeed “proprietary”. If it is, the document will



be redacted accordingly and released. If not, the UDPDA is legally required to release the document as is.

If you would like more information on public records request policy and procedures, please contact info@spokaneudistrict.org.