

1. In the event that we need to amend our proposal (example give- wrote for generators as part of the request but everything else was higher and need to cut that part out), can we move those funds to be utilized in a different area of our request, or are we still required to complete everything contained within our request? **No but you are required to ensure that your project still meets the scope of the contract. As stated in the email on 02/08/2023:** Then, as your bids come in, you can work on getting your budget modified, if need be. You may have to make decisions to reduce one category or not do something originally planned because another needed item came in with a cost higher than expected or budgeted. We will work through such. There will be a process to request budget modifications as long as one remains in the scope and within your total allowable amount or you have other funds to cover any overage. Remember that the scope is for capital expenditures to assist with public health prevention in congregate settings as necessary to address education disparities and emotional services to the youth of Oklahoma.
2. If we are using local funds for an item (paying for the contractor or purchasing generators for example) do we need to put these out for bid as well? **If an item is part of the contractual budget, the procurement process needs to follow the rules of the contract.** When mixing type of funds for a project, one should always adhere to the more stringent rules across the board.
3. Please clarify page 2, item 3c on the contract - we are not held to the Bacon-Davis act if this is our only source of funding (outside of local)? **Correct, Davis-Bacon Act Requirements (prevailing wage rates) do not apply to projects funded solely with award funds from the SLFRF program.** However, if Davis-Bacon Act requirements are not adhered to, a project employment and local impact report is required (see Page 31 of the SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance). The contract in section IV. E requires that entities follow the SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance so OJA will provide a form that each entity can capture the required information that needs to be submitted with any request for payment to an entity's contractor for ARPA reporting requirements. A copy of the version OJA received today from our grantor is attached and will be loaded to OJA's website.
4. The GC, if properly licensed and qualified as per guidelines, we don't have to get bids for them from our understanding. However, general contractors or general management contractors are not listed under professional services. Can they be added for clarification? **No, because as stated before on the correspondence from 02/09/2023, OJA stated that the number of bids for a contract manager Depends on if that management contractor/firm holds the applicable professional license for the professional services you are needing no bid is required; see revised Attachment A on page 2 and 3. If they do not hold the license then get 3 bids. Thus, general contractors in Oklahoma are not required to hold a license so not all meet the exemption licensure allowance.**
5. If a general contractor has their own crew, do they still have to go out for bids or is this just for subs? **The general contractor may have all the disciplines needed to complete the tasks. Many do not due to staffing size.** It is more of a negotiation at that point with the general contractor and its subs than it is a bidding process. We must hold the general contractor accountable to meet the requirements of your bid documents that must comply with the OJA ARPA SLFRF contract. You should have a signed agreement detailing such out with your selected general contractor.
6. If a gc has completed bidding processes in compliance with Bacon Davis on other projects, will that suffice for our project? **They should be able to utilize that same bidding**

format for this project as long as they also cover minority/women/US owned priorities as well.

7. If we are required to follow Bacon Davis and our contractor is found to be out of compliance at some point, what are the potential consequences that could be incurred upon the agency? As with any grant, if you or your subcontractor don't follow requirements, costs could be recouped if audited and found to be out of compliance with the specifications outlined for ARPA SLFRF funding.
8. Once contracts are signed and in place, what is the timeline for receiving funding? There is no specific timeline for receiving initial funding. Each award contract will vary. Requests for funds as outlined within cash management policy in Attachment B of the contractual language that went out back on 01/20/2023 requires supporting documentation to receive funding and stated one request per month with receipt by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be considered in that month's request for funding that would hopefully be paid out by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month. OJA explained in their zoom meetings that OJA also gets one monthly request for draws so will review requests as they come in and submit them all in one batch. OJA intends to utilize your budget schedules to have funds available when your requests are received; thus, it is crucial that entities stay in contact with OJA over shifts in timeline projections to avoid delays in payments. The ideal intention is that funding request will be timed so that entities are requesting payments close to the timeframe that they will issue those payments to avoid violating the requirement of subrecipients working to minimize the time between the transfer of funds and the expenditure of such funds.