

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can we access the application form?
 - a. The application is available at www.cmvny.com/mountvernonrescueplan
2. Does a nonprofit need to be incorporated in Mount Vernon, or just reside in and serve the community?
 - a. Nonprofits must have at least (1) brick and mortar physical presence and/or office in the City of Mount Vernon, and the nonprofit must serve the Mount Vernon community.
3. Why must a nonprofit be current on all financial obligations to the City of Mount Vernon and the State of New York (e.g. property taxes if applicable, utility bills, past due bills, etc.)?
 - a. The nonprofit must be current on all financial obligations to the City of Mount Vernon and the State of New York because the funding may not be used to pay taxes, fees, or other payments due to the City or State.
4. What documents demonstrate proof of tenancy in lieu of having a Certificate of Tenancy from the Buildings Department?
 - a. Nonprofits may provide a current lease, two mortgage statements, or proof of the submission of an application for Certificate of Tenancy. The Planning Department and Buildings Department will coordinate to review proof of submission received, whereas, the applicant has not yet received a Certificate of Tenancy.
5. Can grants be awarded to nonprofits with ongoing or intended programs?
 - a. Grants may be awarded to nonprofits with ongoing or intended programs as long as the nonprofit has been operational in the city for at least the last three years, and the program meets the funding purpose and primary service of the organization.
6. Who will determine the grant awardees?
 - a. There will be a review panel consisting of city staff from across city agencies that will review and score the proposals.
7. What should a budget for the project look like?
 - a. An example of a project budget may be found at: www.cmvny.com/mountvernonrescueplan
8. When does the term year start?
 - a. The term year starts on the date the contract agreement is executed.
9. Are awarded funds anticipated to be granted in advance or on a reimbursement basis?
 - a. The City will provide a partial amount of the total awarded in advance. Supporting documentation would need to be provided to the city before the city were to make remaining funds available.