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1. The structure and services of the incubator will be finalized during the business planning process. However, based on the activities of other similar organizations HSC anticipates that the incubator will provide a number of benefits to participating initiatives and nonprofits including,
 - 1) administrative support services such as fiscal sponsorship for community-based initiatives lacking 501(c)3 status or accounting services, contract management, and human resource support for incorporated nonprofits with 501(c)3 status
 - 2) basic management support services such as grant development, board development, marketing, strategic planning, entrepreneurial skills training, program development, and program monitoring and evaluation—provided in partnership with other community resources
 - 3) shared office space and technology
 - 4) intellectual and technical support necessary for collaborative leadership development and the nurturing of viable ideas to further develop the nonprofit sector and the community. This latter benefit draws on HSC’s expertise in community engagement and social change through cutting edge partnerships, collaboration, shared leadership, and joint problem solving

We’d like to know if this model can qualify for funding as “technical assistance to micro enterprises” under the Economic Development portion of the RFP.

No. As stated in Section III. Economic Development, item 5, Technical Assistance to Micro-Enterprises (page 23), *“The Technical Assistance to Micro Enterprises program provides assistance to for-profit businesses having 5 or less employees (including the owner) and who is a member of a low to moderate income household.”*

2. In regards to “Geographic Data” on page 34 where the questions are asked “Does this activity serve a NDZ?” and “Does this activity serve a Model Block?” – 1) does the “service” have to be physically provided in a NDZ and/or Model Block or simply provided to residents of an NDZ and/or Model Block?

The activity and/or service must provide a visible impact on the Model Block and/or NDZ, as explained in Chapter V. Neighborhood Development Zones and Model Blocks of the 2004-2009 City of Miami Consolidated Plan.

3. On page 35, under II. Accomplishments: what’s meant by “Eligible Activity” and “Accomplishment Type”?

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Eligible activities are those permitted under the regulation specifically those listed under 24 CFR 570.201 to 207. An accomplishment is how the eligible activity complies with a National Objective (24 CFR 570.208).

4. How is “Eligible Activity” different from the services and/or activities to be checked under D. and E. on pages 33 and 34?

Items D and E on pages 33 and 34 list specific services and/or activities that are eligible under 24 CFR 570.201-207.

5. How do the application materials need to be submitted? Do they need to be bound? Is it acceptable to submit them in binders or clipped together?

Please refer to Proposal Submission Instructions section (pages 6-8) of this RFP for details. The proposals can either be bounded or clipped together. The most important thing is that the methodology used keeps the application together at all times.