



**City of Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency  
Fiscal Year 2024 Greater Frenchtown Southside District  
Large Event Grant Program Guidelines**

**Program Description:**

The City of Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board has approved \$100,000 in funding for large, events within the Greater Frenchtown Southside District Community Redevelopment Area which take place between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.

**Application Submission Deadline:**

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted by 4:00PM on **June 30, 2023**.

**How to Apply:**

Applications must be submitted via e-mail to [CRA@talgov.com](mailto:CRA@talgov.com). Only email applications will be accepted.

**Where to Obtain an Application:**

Applications will be available on the CRA webpage at [www.talgov.com/CRA](http://www.talgov.com/CRA) by May 1, 2023.

**Who is Eligible to Receive Funding?**

Not-for-profit corporations registered with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations are eligible to receive funding. For-profit entities, governmental organizations, political organizations, religious organizations and educational institutions are not eligible for funding under the program.

**What Events are Eligible for Funding?**

1. Eligible special events and promotional activities include concerts, exhibitions, festivals, carnivals, athletic events, craft shows, competitions, parades, celebrations, markets or similar events. Events which are not eligible for funding include social parties, conferences, open houses, grand openings, ribbon cutting ceremonies or events that are not open to the public.
2. The event must promote at least one goal or objective of the CRA Greater Frenchtown Southside Community Redevelopment Plan. Priority Areas of the Plan are Economic Development, Impact on Poverty, Public Safety, Quality of Life, Public Infrastructure and Public

Trust and Organizational Effectiveness. The Plan is available at [https://www.talgov.com/uploads/public/documents/cra/gfs\\_redplan\\_2021.pdf](https://www.talgov.com/uploads/public/documents/cra/gfs_redplan_2021.pdf)

3. The event must take place within the Greater Frenchtown Southside Redevelopment District. A map of the district is available at

[https://www.talgov.com/Uploads/Public/Documents/cra/cra\\_map.pdf](https://www.talgov.com/Uploads/Public/Documents/cra/cra_map.pdf)

4. The event must take place between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.

### **What are Eligible Expenses?**

Eligible expenses include the following:

- Rentals such as equipment, tents, chairs, tables, facilities, and portalets;
- Marketing and promotion including advertising, printing of flyers and banners;
- Entertainment and performers;
- Permitting and licensing fees
- Costs of security;
- Insurance; and
- Food and drink that will be consumed at the event.

The following are not eligible expenses:

- Operating or overhead expenses of the host or applicant organization including salaries or employee compensation;
- Prize money, awards, plaques or certificates; or
- Alcoholic beverages.

### **Scoring and Evaluation:**

Grant funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. After an initial eligibility determination, a grant review committee will score and rank the applications. The scoring criteria are attached as **Attachment A**.

Funding recommendations and awards may be for less than the amount of the funds requested. Funding awards of \$25,000 or greater must be approved by the CRA Board. Awards of less than \$25,000 may be approved by the CRA Executive Director.

### **Awards:**

To receive funding, an event must be eligible for at least \$10,000 in eligible expenses under the program. The maximum award for an event which has previously received CRA funding shall be \$25,000. A first-time event may receive up to \$40,000 in funding.

### **Additional Conditions:**

To receive funding, an application must receive an average score of 50 points or greater from the scoring committee.

An event may only receive CRA funds under a single program. Events which receive funding under another CRA program including the Frenchtown or Bond Neighborhood First Plan will not be eligible for additional funds under the CRA Large Event Program in the same fiscal year.

An entity which is in default under an existing agreement, loan or obligation with the CRA or City of Tallahassee is not eligible for funding.

**Confirmation of Application Receipt:**

CRA staff will confirm receipt of an application within two business days of submission. If an applicant does not receive confirmation of a submitted application, contact the CRA via email at [CRA@talgov.com](mailto:CRA@talgov.com) or by phone at 850-891-8357.

**Notification of Awards:**

CRA staff will notify applicants of awards after the determination of funding.

**Grant Agreement:**

Additional terms and conditions of the grant will be contained in a written agreement which will be provided to applicants which are awarded funding.

**Events on City or CRA Property - Additional Requirements:**

If an applicant seeks to hold an event on City of Tallahassee or CRA property, insurance and other permitting requirements may apply. Contact CRA staff for these requirements.

**Post-Event Reporting:**

All grant recipients are required to submit a post-event report which includes itemization of expenditure of CRA funds. A report template will be provided by CRA staff. The post-event report is due to the CRA within 30 days of the event.

**Funding Disbursement:**

Grant funds will be disbursed to grant recipients after submission and CRA receipt and approval of the post-event report. Upon written request and a demonstration of need, the CRA Executive Director can release funds prior to an event (which may not exceed 50% of a grant award).

**Contact and Additional Information:**

Contact CRA staff via email at [CRA@talgov.com](mailto:CRA@talgov.com) or by phone at (850) 891-8357. Additional information is available on the CRA website at <https://www.talgov.com/cra>



**CITY OF TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
FY 2024 GFS Large EVENT GRANT SCORE SHEET**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Requested from CRA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

Question	Category	Points Possible	Points Earned
#1	Single Day or Multi-Day Event	Single Day = 0 pts. Multi-Day = 5 pts.	
#2	Is the non-profit organization physically located within the CRA GFS District? Requires a verifiable physical address, not PO Box	Yes = 10 pts. No = 0 pts.	
#3	Does the application provide a comprehensive description of the event	Maximum 5 points	
#4	Expected Attendance (post-even documentation of attendance will be required)	Less than 500      5 pt. 500-1,500        7 pts. More than 1,500   10 pts.	
#5	Goals and Objectives of the Redevelopment Plan related to event	5 points per goal, up to 15 points maximum	
#6	What percentage of the event budget is being requested from the CRA?	More than 75%      0 pts. 51%-75%            5 pts. 25%-50%            10 pts. Less than 25%      15 pts.	
#7	What percentage of the event budget is being funded by other public agencies/organizations, including but not limited to the Leon County Tourist Development Council (TDC) or the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA)?	More than 75%      0 pts. 51 to 75%            5 pts. 25% - 50%           10 pts. Less than 25%      15 pts.	
#8	Will this event attract a regional audience? Does the application contact documentation regarding how this event will attract a regional audience?	Yes = 10 pts. No = 0 pts.	
#9	Based on the information provided in the application, do you feel the applicant has the organizational structure to successfully plan, market, and produce the event? Is the budget appropriate for the event?	Maximum 10 points	
#10	Based on the plans described, does it seem the event will become self-sustaining in the future?	5 points maximum	
	<b>Total Points without Additional Points</b>	<b>100</b>	
Additional Points	Did a representative for the non-profit organization attend the non-mandatory GFS Large Even grant workshop or submittal of initial review of the PowerPoint Presentation?	Yes = 5 pts. No = 0 pts.	
Additional Points	Number of years the non-profit organization has been established as verified through non-profit status letter via the U.S. Department of Treasury (IRS) and/or a copy of your Consumer Exemption Certification from the Florida Department of Revenue and/or Articles of Incorporation from the Florida Department of State	0-3 years              0 pts. 3 years and 1 month+   5 pts.	
	<b>Total Final Points with Additional Points Included</b>	<b>110</b>	

**Tie Breaker:** Applicant's/organizations contribution as a percentage of the total event budget (the higher contribution percentage prevails) or direction by the CRA Board and/or disposition by the CRA Executive Director, as applicable.