

Community Portraits Small Grants Competition FAQs

- 1) Can you provide an example of what a question to be answered might be?

For example, an organization has one service site in Brooklyn and one in Queens serving seniors. They would like to find out what factors might be related to more seniors aging in place in the Brooklyn location as opposed to the Queens location.

- 2) What is meant by “actionable” ways to present the information? (Application asks: Do you foresee actionable ways to present your findings? Please elaborate. 150 words).

Actionable refers to any actions that can be taken to address the issue brought up in your proposal. The action itself does not have to be taken by your organization. It can be getting a piece of legislation passed at the City, State, or federal level. It can mean creating a community program, finding funding for a new initiative, etc. With the right resources brought to bear on this issue, could it be resolved?

- 3) How much of an idea of what we want to produce at the end of the project should we have?

It would be helpful to have a preliminary sense of the end product; however, we will not hold applicants to the idea if selected and would be open to discussing with the competition winners. We are interested in receiving a variety of end products from the winners of the competition.

- 4) Can the clients we serve create the product for this competition?

Yes.

- 5) Who should attend the training for winners of the competition? Can clients attend if they are the ones producing the end product?

There should be at least one director level staff from the organization attending (program director, for example). However, multiple people from the same organization can attend, including clients.

- 6) Can organization submit multiple applications? Is there a limit?

Organizations can submit up to three proposals. Each proposal should be either a different question, or set in a different community.

- 7) If we submit the same question twice for different geographical locations, would that be considered two proposals?

Yes, that would be two different proposals. However, if you can answer both questions using the same \$10,000 grant, you can submit both questions in the same proposal.

- 8) Does our proposal question need to refer to a service our organization already provides or can it be an area we might be interested in?

Your organization's proposal does not need to refer to something it already does. It can also be something your organization might be interested in. This project might serve as an opportunity for your organization to expand into a new community or new type of service. It can also be used to reinforce the work your organizations currently does now.

9) If our organization provides services to the entire City, can our proposal reflect that?

Yes.

10) Can we use multiple ways of visualizing our question? Or do we have to choose just one?

Please feel free to use any combination of different approaches. It is up to the organization and what you would like to create. For example, you can use a video, a photo, and an infographic if you would like.

11) Do all the data used for this competition have to be from Data2Go.NYC? What if our organization has its own data?

The data does not have to come solely from Data2Go.NYC. Your organization can feel free to use your own data as well.

12) Is there more information on all the judges available?

More judges will be added soon. The information on the judges can be found by clicking on their names on the competition website.

13) How frequently is the information on the site updated?

The website will be updated whenever there is new information to be added. However, there will not be very many more updates on the competition website itself.

Data2Go.NYC is updated at least once a year.

14) Can categories of information be added to Date2Go.NYC (not necessarily for this project)?

If there are categories of information you'd like to see on Data2Go.NYC, you can visit their website, contact them, and request it.

15) We've reviewed the connections on Data2Go.NYC and wondered why the indicators aren't the same in both boxes so you can compare/connect any of the indicators with one another. Is it possible to do that?

This is a feature that should be added to Data2Go.NYC very soon.

16) Do we need to use Data2Go's visualizations or can we create our own?

You do not need to use Data2Go's visualizations.

17) Can you compare one community district to another on Data2Go?

Yes, you can compare them using dashboards.

18) Can we download the data as a KML file?

No, the data are only available in Excel or CSV files.

Any other questions? Please feel free to contact us at communityportraits@humanservicescouncil.org.