

Legacy Cities Request for Proposals – Frequently Asked Questions

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Proposal Content

What is a legacy city? A legacy city is any one of the many American cities that were once drivers of industry and prosperity –but that experienced economic and population declines in the twentieth century due to a changing economy. Today, these cities are at various points on a path of revitalization by measures including stabilized or growing populations, expanding economies, neighborhood improvements, job creation, and more. Legacy cities also offer unique growth potential not only for families, businesses, and communities seeking a stable future – but also for the U.S. as a whole.

Do proposals need to focus on Rustbelt or New England cities with an industrial past? No. For example, smaller cities in other parts of the U.S. have experienced declining industries (i.e. decommissioned military bases/resource extraction facilities) where planners and policymakers face similar challenges in planning for equitable revitalization.

Can proposals focus on research and projects outside of the U.S.? Yes, we look forward to learning from other countries' experiences in scenario planning.

Proposal Logistics

Is there a maximum number of researchers for each proposal? There is no limit on the number of researchers associated with each proposal.

Can the proposal and final project be submitted in languages other than English? Project proposals and final deliverables must be submitted in English.

When is the final completion date for selected proposals? Projects must be completed within one year of selection.

Can researchers submit more than one proposal? Researchers may submit multiple project proposals.

Funding

What are the categories of expenses that award funds can cover? We are open to applicants using funds in a variety of ways that would help to complete projects. Applicants may propose using funds for researchers' time and effort, conference travel, materials or supplies, public meetings, etc. Award funds cannot be used for university overhead or indirect expenses.

Is funding distributed directly to individuals or institutions? Funding can be distributed to either individuals or their respective institutions.

What should the budget section of the proposal include? Include the total amount of funding you would like to request, and a breakdown estimate of hours, hourly rates, and any other expenses associated with the tasks outlined in the proposal.

Tax Information for non-U.S. citizens

Please note, if your proposal is selected for funding and the work will be completed in the U.S., the Lincoln Institute will require documentation of your visa information and may also require a letter of permission to enter an agreement from your visa sponsor. Awarded funds will also be subject to a tax in the amount of 30 percent of the final award.