Q: Does the board resolution need to be an original with a seal, or can a copy be submitted?

A: A hard copy of the board resolution does not need to be mailed to First 5 LA. A copy of the signed board resolution can be submitted via the online application.

Q: Is it better to name any sub-consultants in the proposal or to explain that any needed sub-consultants will be hired after selection?

A: While it is not necessary to formalize agreements with sub-consultants/sub-contractors to submit a proposal, applicants are encouraged to mention any sub-consultants/sub-contractors and their expertise that will be needed to successfully complete the community gardens project.

Q: Is the amount of the funding $1M per year, or can it be front loaded and dispersed unevenly over a 5 year period?

A: The amount of the funding does not need to be distributed evenly (i.e. one million per year). Applicants should create a budget that illustrates per year how the $5 million will be utilized over 5 years.

Q: Do community garden sites need to be identified in the proposal, or should the proposal only outline the process for how the selection of community gardens and community partners will be developed?

A: Applicants are encouraged to both describe the process for how community gardens and partners will be selected and how these potential existing community partners/gardens fit into that process.

Q: Is there a number of community gardens First 5 LA would like to see created? Or is it quality not quantity that is paramount?

A: There is no preset number of community gardens that is required to be built with the $5 million award. First 5 LA will rely on the applicant to justify how many community gardens can be built with a $5 million award.

Q: For operations and maintenance (O & M), does First 5 LA envision that community groups are put in place so that O & M is taken care of long after the grant period ends? Or should the administrator assume all O & M?

A: The contribution of additional fiscal/non-fiscal resources is a key component of the RFP to ensure sustainability of the project. It is envisioned that the community partners selected for this project will continue operations and maintenance of the community gardens created beyond First 5 LA’s 5 year investment.