FY23 University Center Program Competition

Austin Regional Office Webinar

Program and Award Period

- The University Center (UC) Program – Enables institutions of higher education to establish and operate programs focused on leveraging university assets to foster regional economic development.

- Period of Performance: Awards will be for a 5-year period of performance (only competing for Year 1)
  - SF-424, SF-424A, Budget Narrative, and Staffing Plan should be for full 5 years
- Funding: Initial funding period will be for Year 1
  - Matching funds for the project must be committed for at least Year 1

Past vs. Present Competition

AURO	2018	2023
Applications Received	26	TBD
Awards Made	10	12
Average Funding (per year)	$112,850	$130,000

Applications

- Applications Due: **July 10 at 11:59pm ET**

- Applications must be submitted through EDGE: sfgrants.eda.gov

- What is EDGE?

  Economic Development Grants Experience, EDA's new grants management system

  - One-stop stop for applications, co-applicants, EDDs and collaborators for the end-to-end harmonized grant management process
  - Provides a modernized, intuitive, and user-friendly interface for applicants

EDGE Registration

- Self-Register for an EDGE Portal Account at: https://sfgrants.eda.gov
    - Select Login
    - Select 'I Accept' to accept the System Use Agreement
    - Select 'Not a Member?' and follow the prompts
    - Review Quick Reference Guide for step-by-step instructions

- **The UEI & CAGE Code are two required fields to self-registration to EDGE**
    - If you are having trouble locating the UEI or CAGE Code, search SAM: <u>sam.gov/</u>

EDGE Submission and Resources

- We strongly encourage the Lead Applicant to invite additional members & collaborators from their organization via the "Application Team" functionality rather than self-registering without being invited

Need help or assistance?

- Visit sfgrants.eda.gov for training guides and tutorials under the Resources tab
- For EDGE Portal Account Holders, upon login to sfgrants.eda.gov, click Support
- For general questions, email granthdsupport@eda.gov
- Other questions? Contact your AURO Economic Development Representative or myself for additional information & assistance

Reminders and Tips

- Read the NOFO in its entirety. Many of your questions can be answered by thoroughly reading the document.

- The project narrative of your application is limited to 10 pages.

- The indirect costs are limited to no more than 20% of the total project costs. No exceptions.

- Notably, any program income must be added to the funds committed to the project, and all funds must be used to further eligible program activities before expiration of the five-year period of performance.

- SAM registration must be up-to-date.

- The Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) is the only person who can submit the application in EDGE.

- We recommend submitting your application a week in advance to give yourself plenty of time to address technical and other issues that may arise. Do not wait.

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Visit **www.eda.gov/funding/programs/university-centers** for more information.

There will be a live Q&A on June 27th at 12 pm CT about the application submission process in EDGE. Please visit the website for more details.

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QUESTIONS?

Feel free to ask them in the chat or please raise your hand.