

NYS SWIMS Respondent Questions- 8/12/2025 - 9/8/2025

Category	Questions from Respondents*	NYS SWIMS Team Answers
Scoring/ Review Process	Under the scoring matrix and RFA, it says a max of 10 points are available for Construction Readiness. The matrix assigns 4 points to Q#3, but it isn't possible to receive 4 points here; either SEQRA action is required, or it isn't. Instead, it appears that it is only possible to receive a maximum of 8 points. + 2 for construction starting prior to 12/31/26 (#1) + 2 for project costs incurred (#2) + 2 for either: - Project does not require SEQRA action, OR (#3) - Project does require SEQRA action and documentation is provided (#3) + 2 for either: - Project does not require permits, OR (#4) - Project does require permits and they have been secured or info has been provided (#5) The RFA says the "sufficiency of Site Control" will be factored into the scoring of these 10 points, but this isn't noted in the scoring matrix as an area where reviewers are assigning points to applications. The scoring matrix says Site Control is pass/fail: either it's sufficient to award, or it's insufficient and the Grant cannot be awarded. The RFA also suggests that number of other items will be factored into these 10 points, like possessing construction documents, zoning approvals, and executed contracts, but these are not listed in the matrix. While we plan to provide as much information as we can to strengthen our application, it doesn't seem that they're considered in the scoring. Can the scoring for Construction Readiness please be clarified? This also seems to be an issue with the scoring matrix for BRICKS.	<p>The Scoring Matrix has been updated to ensure the 4 total points are available.</p> <p>Site Control: This is a pass/ Fail requirement. If you do not provide a form of site control listed in Section 4.3 in the RFA you will not move on to Scoring. Therefore, there are no points involved in Site Control.</p> <p>Please refer to the Construction Readiness and Financial Review Sections of the scoring matrix. The zoning approval would be included in Number 4 &amp; 5 of Construction Readiness. Construction documents and contracts would be included in #1 of Financial Review Section of scoring.</p>
Application Process/ Materials	Hello! So many points are connected to the physical address of the pool. Our pool happens to be surrounded by Census Tracts that represent the true population of the City of Tonawanda - high levels of poverty - but it's central location (middle of three Census Tracts in our boundaries) has lower levels of poverty. This does not reflect the population that is actually SERVED by the pool but prevents us from achieving a competitive point level in the Need section. In the future, could we measure need based on those who use the pool?	As noted in the Worksheet instructions, the address of the project location is to be used to complete the application worksheets.
Application Process/ Materials	Is there a page limit or formatting requirements for the Narrative Description (worksheet Section 2, Question 6,) or any specific content recommended for this section?	There is no page limit or format requirement for the narrative. Please provide a detailed description of what the project would entail.
Application Process/ Materials	For project planning, is Microsoft Planning okay or must Excel be used?	There is no prescribed format under the NY SWIMS RFA.
Application Process/ Materials	It is stated on the RFA that an informational webinar will be posted by 9/3/25. I cannot locate it, has the webinar been released yet?	The Webinar was posted on 9/3 on the DASNY website. Please see link to the webinar: <a href="https://youtu.be/yiowxp7bjWs">https://youtu.be/yiowxp7bjWs</a>

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Application Process/ Materials	Is there format for the project plan preferred - Prince 2 or PMBOK?	There is no prescribed format under the NY SWIMS RFA.
Application Process/ Materials	Since the ZCTA poverty percentage is supposed to be calculated to the nearest tenth of a point to determine that score in the application, can the percentages in the Unplug and Play grants map please be displayed rounded to the nearest tenth of a point instead of the nearest whole number?	The Grants Map for NY Unplug and Play Programs has been updated to show the Percent Below Poverty Level data to the nearest tenth decimal place to align with the Percent Poverty ranges used to assign Points for Poverty Level in Box B of Worksheet 1. See: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/9tbhtn4s">https://tinyurl.com/9tbhtn4s</a>
Application Process/ Materials	Re. Section 4: What documents are expected to be completed and submitted for Section 4? If a full set of documents for the project are still in process given project schedule, how does that affect the score? Can you provide specific examples of the kinds of documents that are accepted?	Please refer to the Scoring Matrix. This outlines all documentation that is needed to have a successful application.
Application/ Process Materials	Our building's deed is hard to read as it was photocopied from microfiche. If we submit the deed with a copy of our certificate of occupancy will this be sufficient to show site control?	Municipalities can provide a Certificate of Municipal Site Control which is signed by their municipal attorney attesting to the ownership of the project location. If a nonprofit's deed is difficult to read and/or the property location is unclear, a letter from the organization's attorney indicating that the project location is indeed the property identified by the deed can be <b>included with the full deed</b> .
Eligibility	Would splash pads be eligible if located in an underserved community?	Ancillary features to a swimming facility, including splash pads, concession stands, picnic areas, and playgrounds are eligible for reimbursement, but can only account for up to 10% of the total Grant amount. Please refer to RFA Section 4.4.
Eligibility	Are we allowed to set aside hours for local camps to use the pool? Is there any restriction if the local camps (that have expressed interest) are incorporated as religious organizations?	Section 4 (Project Impact) of the application provides applicants an opportunity to describe how their project would be used in their community. Please also refer to RFA Section 6.1
Eligibility	Is replacing a liner in a community pool eligible under this grant? the total cost will be close to a million dollars	Project must be for the acquisition, demolition, design, construction, major renovation, reconstruction, improvement, modernization, <u>or rehabilitation of a swimming facility and related eligible improvements that expand swimming opportunities for New Yorkers</u> . Replacement of a liner would be considered rehabilitation of a swimming facility. Please see Section 4.2 of the RFA.
Eligibility	Can a percentage of open hours be set aside for private groups, schools, or camps in the community, while retaining a significant percentage of hours open to the public?	Section 4 (Project Impact) of the application provides applicants an opportunity to describe how their project would be used in their community. Please also refer to RFA Section 6.1
Eligibility	For the community need score of 20 points, can our application only use the zip code of the current pool's location, or can we use the zip codes of the population who will be provided services to put together a ZCTN, RIN, DAC and Distressed Communities score?	As stated in RFA Section Five, as well as in the Worksheet instructions, the address of the project location is to be used to complete the application worksheets.

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Eligibility	Is a non-profit applicant eligible if an LLC organization has its name on the deed and it is the sole owner of the LLC? Will this be understood if the LLC formation document is submitted with the deed?	The applicant must either be the owner of the project location, or they will need to have a lease with the property owner. Being the sole owner of the LLC will not be sufficient enough to pass the site control requirement. A current lease between the applicants organization and the LLC would need to be provided. See Section 4.3 Eligible Project Locations in the RFA.
Eligibility	Is the program only for swimming pools and facilities or would beaches count. We have a community with a public beach that has a bathhouse in need of improvements. Would this be an eligible project?	NY SWIMS Grants can be used to fund the design and construction or renovation of swimming pools and natural swimming areas along with other related capital expenses, including site infrastructure, public restrooms and changing rooms, land acquisition, and other capital costs necessary to effectuate the NY SWIMS initiative. Refer to Section 3 of the RFA.
Eligibility	We are considering submitting an application for a project that would demolish an existing community center that includes a 30' x 75' indoor pool and construct a completely new, larger community center building over the same footprint that also includes a larger 52' x 75' indoor pool. Can you please confirm if this would be considered a new pool (Priority 1, as it would cost more than \$6.25M) or a renovation of an existing pool (Priority 3) under the RFA?	Project costs with a total of \$6,250,001 and greater should choose Priority 1. Please see Section Three of the RFA.
Eligibility	We are considering applying for \$5M to remove an existing above ground 20' x 40' pool and constructing a new in ground 30' x 55' in ground pool to double the bathing capacity. Can you please confirm if this would be considered Priority 2 (new) or Priority 3 (renovation)? Does a new facility need to be a swimming facility in a location where one did not previously exist before?	This scenario can be considered a Priority 2 (new).
Eligibility	Are NY public institutions eligible?	This RFA is limited to municipalities and prequalified not-for-profit entities providing Swimming Facilities. Per Section 2 of the NY SWIMS RFA, the term municipality shall only mean a County, City, Town, Village or Indian Nation.
Eligibility	Are multiple submissions allowed?	Applicants may only submit ONE application for ONE Swimming Facility at ONE Project Location. If multiple Applications are received from the same Applicant, only the first Application will be reviewed and scored. Please refer to RFA Section 4.2.
Eligibility	The RFA lists 'design' among its eligible costs, but 'preliminary planning' among its ineligible costs. Would engineering work tied to project scoping, budgeting, and/or alternatives assessments be treated as design work, or preliminary planning?	Most engineering costs resulting in stamped construction documents would be considered design and an eligible cost.

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Eligibility	We are a non-sectarian community organization. We would like to apply for funding for a pool on land that we lease (99-year, long-term lease) from a religious organization. Is there any restriction on that?	Nonprofit religious institutions prequalified in SFS can apply. However, no portion of the project financed with grant proceeds shall be used for any of the following purposes: sectarian instruction or study, or as a place of devotional activities or religious worship, or as a facility used primarily in connection with any part of the program of a school or department of divinity for any religious denomination, or the training of ministers or other similar persons in the field of religion. The project or program shall be open to all individuals eligible to avail themselves of the project or program without regard to religious affiliation, ethnicity, race, or sexual preference. The grantee shall take affirmative steps to ensure that information regarding the project or program is widely disseminated to the public, which information shall include a statement that the project or program is funded in whole or in part with public funds and that the project or program shall be open to all eligible persons without regard to religion, ethnicity, race, or sexual preference. Schools are not eligible to apply.
Eligibility	Are we allowed to offer some gender-separate swimming accommodations, per interest from the local community?	Section 4 (Project Impact) of the application provides applicants an opportunity to describe how their project would be used in their community.
Eligibility	Are public school districts eligible to apply?	This RFA is limited to municipalities and prequalified not-for-profit Entities providing Swimming Facilities. Per Section 2 of the NY SWIMS RFA, the term municipality shall only mean a County, City, Town, Village or Indian Nation. Schools are not eligible to apply.
Eligibility	Are past awardees eligible to apply?	Yes, past awardees can apply for a different project than was awarded in NY SWIMS Round 1.
Eligibility	If the applicant still has an NY SWIMS grant funded project (Different Project) in progress, is the applicant eligible to apply for this round of funding?	Yes, you are still eligible to apply for Round 2 for a different project.
Eligibility	Our indoor swim facility requires the following work: replacement of a failing HVAC system, marble dusting of the entire pool, and replacement of the pool liner for the kiddie pool. Are expenditures for these items' eligible uses of funds?	Capital costs including acquisition, demolition, design, construction, major renovation, reconstruction, improvement, modernization or rehabilitation of a Swimming Facility or related eligible improvements thereto and required amenities under State Sanitary Code. Amenities include public restrooms, bathhouses, showers, shade structures, and pavilions. Please see section 4.4 of RFA.
Eligibility	The application sheet states that a score of 19 or below for Worksheet 1 (Calculating Community Need) plus Worksheet 2 (Calculating Project Planning) will not be eligible for the grant. However, at the bottom of Worksheet 1 it states if an applicant's "Community Need" score is 20 or higher, the project will be considered part of the pool of underserved communities. Do you need 20 out of 20 on Worksheet 1 to be eligible to apply or is it what was stated on application 20 or above as a combined score from Worksheet 1 and 2?	Applicants need a minimum combined score of 20 from the Community Need and Project Planning Worksheets to advance to scoring. Any application that scores at least a 20 on the Community Need Worksheet will be considered an Underserved Community.

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Eligibility	Will the pool need to be open to the public or can it charge a fee for only members?	Refer to Section 4 of the RFA which states: The most competitive Projects will achieve the State's priority to expand access to safe swimming facilities statewide, demonstrate a public purpose and offer a variety of programs that promote physical health, mental well-being, and community connections for youth and older adults, have all or most of the committed funding necessary to complete the Project secured by the application due date, and have taken significant steps towards the planning and/or design of the Project.
Eligibility	Are indoor pools allowable as well?	Yes, indoor pools are allowable.
Eligibility	Can schools or camps apply to install a pool on their grounds?	This Round of SWIMS is open to Municipalities (Town, City, Village, County, & Indian Nations) and Not for Profit Entities.
Eligibility	How do I apply through SFS to see if our NFP is eligible?	You will need to go to <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov</a> get your organization registered on SFS. Once registration is complete you can begin your Pre-Qualification Application to get Prequalified. You can find helpful links and videos on their website. If you need additional assistance, please reach out to SFS Help Desk.
Eligibility	Does the acquisition and installation of a splash pad in a park qualify as an eligible project?	Splash Pads and Playgrounds are considered ancillary projects. Project costs related to the construction or renovation of Swimming Facilities that do not expand access to Swimming Facilities and are not required by State Sanitary Code. Ancillary costs cannot make up more than 10% of the total Grant amount. Please see section 4.4 in the RFA.
Eligibility	Does it matter if it is an indoor or an outdoor swim facility?	There is no requirement under NY SWIMS that a Swimming Pool needs to be indoor or outdoor. Either are acceptable.
Eligibility	Are religious institutions disqualified from eligibility?	Nonprofit religious institutions that are prequalified in SFS can apply. However, no portion of the Project financed with grant proceeds shall be used for any of the following purposes: sectarian instruction or study, or as a place of devotional activities or religious worship, or as a facility used primarily in connection with any part of the program of a school or department of divinity for any religious denomination, or the training of ministers or other similar persons in the field of religion. The project or program shall be open to all individuals eligible to avail themselves of the project or program without regard to religious affiliation, ethnicity, race, or sexual preference. The grantee shall take affirmative steps to ensure that information regarding the project or program is widely disseminated to the public, which information shall include a statement that the project or program is funded in whole or in part with public funds and that the Project or program shall be open to all eligible persons without regard to religion, ethnicity, race, or sexual preference. Schools are not eligible to apply.
Eligibility	I logged into SFS it appears our Village is pre-qualified is there a way to verify I did the check correctly?	Only Not-for Profits are required to be Prequalified on SFS. This is not a requirement for Municipalities. See Section 4.5 Prequalification Requirement of the RFA.

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Eligibility	Our pool is located in the sub-basement of our building. Is it okay to include in our grant request funds to pay for handicapped/ADA access to our pool? For our pool, this means a two-stop elevator, a wheelchair ramp, and a single-use ADA bathroom.	Eligible Project Costs include, <u>but are not limited to</u> acquisition, demolition, design, construction, major renovation, reconstruction, improvement, modernization or rehabilitation of a Swimming Facility or related eligible improvements thereto and required amenities under State Sanitary Code. Amenities include public restrooms, bathhouses, showers, shade structures, and pavilions. See Section 4.4 Eligible Uses of Funds in the RFA. Elevators, ramps and ADA compliant features are eligible capital costs, but would need to be included as part of an overall construction or renovation project at the swimming facility.
Eligibility	Is a religious nonprofit allowed to apply for this funding?	Not-for-profit religious institutions that are prequalified in SFS can apply. However, no portion of the Project financed with grant proceeds shall be used for any of the following purposes: sectarian instruction or study, or as a place of devotional activities or religious worship, or as a facility used primarily in connection with any part of the program of a school or department of divinity for any religious denomination, or the training of ministers or other similar persons in the field of religion. The Project or program shall be open to all individuals eligible to avail themselves of the Project or program without regard to religious affiliation, ethnicity, race, or sexual preference. The Grantee shall take affirmative steps to ensure that information regarding the Project or program is widely disseminated to the public, which information shall include a statement that the Project or program is funded in whole or in part with public funds and that the Project or program shall be open to all eligible persons without regard to religion, ethnicity, race, or sexual preference. Schools are not eligible to apply.
Eligibility	Does this round provide funding for splash pads and playgrounds projects that do not include a pool or upgrades to a pool.	Splash Pads and Playgrounds are considered ancillary projects. The RFA defines ancillary projects as project costs related to the construction or renovation of swimming facilities that do not expand access to swimming facilities and are not required by State Sanitary Code. Ancillary costs cannot make up more than 10% of the total Grant amount. Please see section 4.4 in the RFA.
Eligibility	If two municipalities share a property through an inter-municipal agreement, could they each apply for separate project within the shared facility location?	It would depend on the terms of the intermunicipal agreement. Additionally, only one NY SWIMS application is permitted per project location. If the two municipalities each have separate distinct swimming facilities at two different locations on a shared property, each could potentially apply.
Eligibility	Our municipality does not own a swimming facility but partners with a local school to make swimming available on certain days. We do not have site control as the school owns the property. Is the nonprofit school eligible to apply for a NY SWIMS grant?	This RFA is limited to municipalities and prequalified not-for-profit entities providing swimming facilities. Per Section 2 of the NY SWIMS RFA, the term municipality shall only mean a County, City, Town, Village or Indian Nation. Schools, either public or private, are not eligible to apply.

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Grant Disbursement Agreement	Are there any prevailing wage requirements for project funded by this program?	While there is no prevailing wage requirement for the SWIMS program, all applicants are expected to follow their own procurement policies. The receipt of NY SWIMS funding is not a waiver to any existing laws, regulations or requirements.
Grant Disbursement Agreement	Are there any MWBE participation goals required for funded projects?	There is no specific MWBE target for the SWIMS program. Applicants are expected to use their best efforts and good faith to utilize MWBE and SDVOB vendors and contractors if possible.
Other	For the terms larger and smaller swimming facilities as referenced in the chart on page 10 of the RFA, what is the definition of the size of larger and smaller facilities? Is there are particular square footage range for each?	Larger swimming facilities or smaller swimming facilities should be based on the total project cost rather than size of pool.
Other	When filling out the application, there is one question that goes blank every time I move to the next question. How do I fix that it won't take any input. How do I get the answer to record?	If you're unable to fill in the application electronically you can print it out and fill it out by hand. You must then scan it back to yourself and send it via email with your other documentation.
Other	Does a "non-pool applicant" that is planning to secure a partner to run and manage the pool need to have the partner secured at the time the application is submitted? Or is a demonstration of a search process adequate?	If a municipality or not-for-profit entity intends to hire an outside manager to facilitate operations of their swimming facility, that is not prohibited. However, the applicant entity must maintain full site control of the facility. They cannot transfer site control, either by sale or lease to another organization and the swimming facility would have to retain its public purpose as described in the application. The executed contract with a manager would not necessarily be required with the application for the construction of a new swimming facility, but the use of one should be disclosed as part of the project narrative. For an existing swimming facility that currently uses an outside manager, that information should be included in an application.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	Do we need to have matching funds in place when the grant disbursement is made, or can we build the matching funds over three years time?	All applicants will need to show how they are providing match funding when submitting their application. The most competitive applications will clearly demonstrate committed funding in the amount necessary to fully fund the Project as described. For any applicant that is still in the process of securing their match and/or additional funding, whether it be through pledges or other grant applications, if they are awarded a NY SWIMS grant, they would need to be in full possession of these funds prior to receiving a Grant Disbursement Agreement. Please refer to Scoring Matrix: Financial Review: #3 as well as RFA Section 6.2.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	Can we use these funds to install a solar array which would heat our pool?	Ancillary features to a Swimming Facility, are eligible for reimbursement, but can only account for up to 10% of the total Grant amount. Please refer to RFA Section 4.4.

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Project Funding/ Match Requirement	If we dedicate the match requirement through rainy day funds, and later receive State dollars from county- or district-level representatives, can it be traded?	Yes, matching funds can be from other State sources, as long as those other sources permit the use of their funds as a match for another State funding program. For example, the State and Municipal Facilities Program expressly prohibits the use of SAM funds as the match to another State program. Therefore, SAM funding cannot be used as a match for NY SWIMS.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	Why is additional funding worth as many points as the required match? This puts equal weight on additional funding, and it would be better to increase the match requirement if additional funding is an expectation.	As indicated in the Scoring Matrix, applicants will receive 10 points for the 20% match if identified match items in budget meet or exceed 20% of total project budget and cost estimates provided support budget numbers. The additional funding will need to be provided to show that the applicant has the funds in hand to cover the 20% match and any other project cost beyond the requested grant amount.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	What does it mean that the grantee needs to pay for all eligible project costs? Does this mean pay a portion through the match? Or demonstrate capacity to pay for all eligible project costs prior to potential award of funding from NY Swims?	NY SWIMS is a reimbursement grant program. Eligible Project Costs are required to be paid <u>directly</u> by the Grantee. Applicants will need to show that they have funding available to cover the 20% match and any cost beyond the grant amount. See Section 4.2, 4.4 and 6.2 of the RFA.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	Can in-kind work on project be considered as part of the 20% needed to fill grant requirements?	No. In-kind work on project cannot be considered part of the 20% match. Please refer to section 6.2 Matching Funds Requirement and Additional Funding Sources.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	Is the match based upon the total project cost or the amount of NY SWIMS funds that are requested? We currently have close to \$5,000,000 in anticipated funds (SAM, LoCAP, CREST) for an anticipated \$6.5M project.	The 20% match should be based upon the entire project cost, not just the requested NY SWIMS funding. See section 6.2 Matching Funds Requirement of the RFA. Additionally, please note that the SAM program expressly prohibits the use of SAM funds as a match for any other NYS funding program. SAM cannot be used as a source of match funds for NY SWIMS.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	Can LoCAP or CREST grants be considered in the match?	Yes, LoCAP and CREST can be used as matching funds for a NY SWIMS project, as long as the LoCAP or CREST grant funds were awarded to fund the same distinct pool project. See Section 6.2 - Additional Committed Funding Sources of the RFA.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	Can donations that have been spent on preconstruction drawings, etc. be considered part of the match?	Expenditures already made by the Applicant may be counted as Matching Funds so long as such expenditures occurred after April 1, 2025, and would otherwise be Eligible Project Costs. See Section 6.2 Matching Funds Requirement of the RFA.
Project Funding/ Match Requirement	In addition to serving the local community, our organization serves a special needs population (i.e., deaf). Is there a way to factor our ability to serve NYC's deaf population into the needs equation?	Section 4 (Project Impact) of the Application provides Applicants an opportunity to describe how their project would be used in their community.



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Project Funding/Match Requirement	If a NYS Senate, discretionary grant has been recently received for the purposes of improving the pool, can this grant be used as a match? Are we able to use NYS government funds as a match?	As long as the Senate grant funds were awarded to fund the same pool project. Additionally, please note that the SAM program expressly prohibits the use of SAM funds as a match for any other NYS funding program. SAM cannot be used as a source of match funds for NY SWIMS. Please also see Section 6.2 Additional Committed Funding Sources of the RFA Section 6.2 Additional Committed Funding Sources.
Scoring/ Review Process	Some project locations are in large parks that are surrounded by DAC census tracts in all directions and serve DAC populations, but these project sites can't get +5 DAC points because no one lives in the park; the park does not have a population that could be considered a DAC. Is it possible for the methodology to be adjusted for this item?	The disadvantaged communities' criteria established by the Climate Justice Working Group identifies 1,736 census tracts across New York State, representing only 35% of all census tracts. A successful grant proposal is not expected to meet all of the criteria. A DAC Designation accounts for 5 points of a section total of 50 points for Community Need and Project Planning, but only a maximum of 40 points may be awarded. Please refer to the Scoring Matrix: Section 2 and in the RFA Section Five: COMMUNITY NEED AND PROJECT PLANNING (STEP TWO).
Scoring/ Review Process	The 'Application Project Purpose Priority' (page 10 of the RFA) refers to new and existing swimming facilities in regard to project priorities. Would the development of new amenities such as bathhouses, pool entrances, or first aid stations constitute "new facilities", even if they are being established at an existing pool? Or does the existing pool qualify any such improvements as "renovations of existing facilities"?	If the pool or swimming facility already exists and is not being completely demolished and reconstructed, it would be considered a renovation of an existing facility. Per Section 1.2 of the RFA, the purpose of NYS SWIMS program is to expand swimming opportunities for New Yorkers.
Scoring/ Review Process	We have a run-down Public Pool used by hundreds of people each day during the summer, your application implies we have to apply for \$250,000 as the lower range. Can we apply for less funding or is that the lowest starting point?	Per the NY SWIMS RFA, Section 1.2 \$250,000 is the minimum NY SWIMS award.
Scoring/ Review Process	On page 10 of the RFA, there is a chart outlining the grant funding level by Application Project Purpose Priority. What differentiates a larger swimming facility from a smaller swimming facility? Is it just the cost of the project (total project costs), or is there specific guidance for size/depth of pool, facility requirements, etc.?	Larger swimming facilities or smaller swimming facilities should be based on the total project cost rather than size of pool.
Site Control	We are an organization working on a larger community-based project to expand swimming access that includes coordination with and location at our community college. Will projects be permitted to have partners that are collaborators on the overall project? In this case, the construction would happen on land owned by the community college, but the pool expansion project is a joint venture between the YMCA and the college.	The Applicant must prove they have sufficient authorization and site control to undertake the project at the project location; be completely responsible for all contracts with vendors and contractors throughout the project timeline; incur the project costs in the first instance; and maintain site control for the duration of the lifetime the facility. If the Application does not own the project location, there must be a lease in place between the owner and applicant of at least 10 years from the application submission date. Please refer to Section 4.3 of the RFA. If need be, consult your attorney to see if you meet these requirements.

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Site Control	In the RFA, site control is noted as being in the applicant's full legal name. How is site control defined in relation to the identification of a partner to manage and run the pool itself?	If a municipality or not-for-profit entity intends to hire an outside manager to facilitate operations of their swimming facility, that is not prohibited. However, the applicant entity must maintain full site control of the facility. They cannot transfer site control, either by sale or lease to another organization and the swimming facility would have to retain its public purpose as described in the application. The executed contract with a manager would not necessarily be required with the application for the construction of a new swimming facility, but the use of one should be disclosed as part of the project narrative. For an existing swimming facility that currently uses an outside manager, that information should be included in an application.
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